THE SOMERSET SPECIAL EDUCATIONAL NEEDS AND DISABILITIES (SEND) 0-25 CHARTER

HOW WE WORK TOGETHER TO DELIVER SEND PROVISION

OUR VISION

All SEND practitioners become leaders of SEND, working together to ensure that we consider and involve children and young people with SEND and their families in everything that we do and deliver excellent child and family centred provision across Somerset.

The SEND Charter is not about creating new structures or services, but establishing a cohesive, collaborative SEND provision delivered jointly by all partners. We will commit to providing high quality SEND provision by:

- Ensuring our services and staff are accessible and approachable, supporting the use of universal language wherever possible
- Working collaboratively in an open, honest and transparent way
- Nurturing and encouraging positive, flexible and solution focused attitudes
- Working and thinking creatively in a structured and organised way

OUR PRINCIPLES

Our approach to providing excellent SEND provision is based on a set of shared principles:

- First and foremost, ensuring that provision is child and family centred and that they are at the heart of everything we do and involved in processes
- All practitioners will be treated respectfully and professionally by one another in a blame-free, supportive environment offering positive challenge where appropriate
- Help will be provided early and effectively reducing the need for statutory or specialist intervention, empowering families to promote their independence
- Communication will be clear and open, ensuring information is shared effectively, helpful signposting is in place and clarity given over roles and responsibilities

OUR IMPACT

- The child’s voice is heard and acted upon
- Stronger and more efficient partnerships
- Coherent service that meets the needs of families
- Clear and meaningful planning and guidance
- Consistent use and understanding of language
- Better experiences and increased confidence in services
- Holistic approach to achieve outcomes quickly
- Improved engagement with children and families
- Empowered families with increased resilience

CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE WITH SEND HAVE THE SAME RIGHTS AND CHOICES AS ALL OTHER CHILDREN IN SOMERSET