

5 October 2026

County Hall
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Dear Parent/Carer,

Wiltshire's SEND Reform Plan approved: What happens next and how to find out more

Wiltshire's SEND Reform Plan has been approved by the Department for Education. We are writing to explain what this means and to invite parents and carers to join a webinar in early November where we will explain more.

The plan we sent to the Department for Education was shaped by the views of children and young people, families, schools, education settings and partner organisations. In it we set out how we will improve support for children and young people with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) by making support clearer, more joined-up and available earlier when it is needed.

We know that many families have questions about what this means in practice.

What remains unchanged?

It is important to know that:

- The current SEND legislation remains in place
- Families continue to have the same rights relating to EHC needs assessments, Education, Health and Care Plans (EHCPs) and appeals
- Existing provision delivered within EHCPs remain in place
- Special schools, resource bases and specialist services remain an important part of Wiltshire's SEND system
- Families remain central to discussions and decisions about support

The reforms are intended to improve support, not reduce it.

You can read about the SEND Reforms and what this means on our Wiltshire Council Local Offer pages - [SEND Reform - what this means for you and your child - Wiltshire Council](#)

You can watch Kathryn Davis Director of Education and Skills [explain more here](#).

Join our parent and carer webinar to find out more

We will be holding an online webinar for parents and carers to provide an update on SEND Reform, key information for families and answer questions.

Tuesday 3 November

6pm to 7pm

You can register and submit a question here <https://surveys.wiltshire.gov.uk/s/k09vxw>

We will continue to share updates and information as the programme develops and will keep working alongside families, schools and partners to ensure feedback helps shape the next stages of this work.

Yours sincerely,

Kathryn Davis

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