



Dear Parents

Special Education Needs – Review of funding for pupils in mainstream schools in Leicester City

Leicester City Council is seeking feedback on the proposed changes to the way we currently provide support to children and young people with special education needs.

Between April and June 2021, the local authority completed a survey asking both parents and schools to comment on whether they felt that their child was getting the support they needed for their special education needs and disability within schools and asked for suggestions on how we could make it better. The results of this engagement highlighted that both schools and parents wanted change.

As a result of the feedback received in the survey, the authority is proposing to share-out the money given to schools to support children with SEND in a different way. They also want to make it simpler for schools to apply for the money and would like to ensure that the money is only used to support the child's additional needs.

A consultation process is going to start on 8 September 2021, and we want to get your feedback and understand whether you believe the changes will better meet the needs of your child. To find out more about the changes and ask any questions that you may have, we would like to invite you to a meeting on 14 October at 6.30pm to 7pm. If you would like to attend, please jabeen.layne@leicester.gov.uk know and a meeting invite will be sent to you.

Alternatively, to find out about how you can share your views, please speak to your school, or follow the link consultations.leicester.gov.uk/sec/send-funding-review

Yours sincerely

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