

14th December 2023

Dear Parents and Carers

I would like to call your attention to a Public Consultation being run by Kent County Council.

The consultation is called '*Locality Model for Special Educational Needs Inclusion: Improving Inclusion in Kent Schools*'.

By following the link below, you will find the consultation documents including a summary version:

<https://letstalk.kent.gov.uk/locality-model-for-special-educational-needs-inclusion>

There are significant proposed changes which aim to '*. . . make improvements to inclusion . . .*' across Kent. The changes will affect mainstream schools as well as special schools.

You may have already seen the consultation, which went live on 29th November 2023 and closes on 24th January 2024, via a range of parent forums.

We all have an opportunity to respond to the proposed changes by visiting:

www.kent.gov.uk/localitymodel

Should you have any questions about the consultation, you can contact Kent County Council:
localityhnfconsultation@kent.gov.uk

In the New Year there will be a parent engagement programme which includes face to face events to explain the proposals and to respond to questions. Details of these events will be shared on the Council's website, through newsletters and bulletins to schools and directly to parent/carers. I will be sure to share information when it is made available to me.

I urge you to read and respond to KCC's proposals, which include major changes which aim to improve inclusion and ensure that all children are able to access their education locally.

Parents have a very powerful voice, so please take advantage of the opportunity to make your views heard.

Best Wishes & Warmest Regards,

Yours faithfully



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