



Walsall's SEND Reform Plan Approved

We council are pleased to share that Walsall's Local SEND Reform Plan has been approved by the Department for Education. This is an important step towards providing earlier, better-coordinated support for children, young people and families.

A central aim of the SEND reforms is to ensure that more children and young people receive the support they need within their local mainstream school or settings. This includes helping schools access advice and specialist support earlier so that children can feel included, make progress and thrive.

The plan was coproduced in partnership with children, young people and families, together with FACE, Walsall's Parent Carer Forum, schools and settings, health services, social care and other local partners. Thank you to everyone who shared their experiences, ideas and expertise to help shape the plan and its priorities.



Families should begin to see early changes during the 2026/27 academic year. New approaches will initially be tested in selected schools before being developed more widely, using feedback from children, families, schools and professionals.

We know families want to experience real improvements, not simply hear about new plans. We will continue to listen, share progress openly and work towards a SEND system where children receive the right help, in the right place and at the right time.