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Dear Parent/Carer

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Durham Local Authority have asked me to share with you the message below, along with the link and QR code for you to share your views on the Local SEND Reform Plan. This is an incredibly important piece of work which will shape our SEND provision for years to come. Please spare a few minutes of your time to respond if you can.

The Government is changing how SEND support works across England. These national reforms focus on supporting children and young people earlier, improving inclusion in mainstream settings, and making sure education, health and care services work better together. To plan for these changes, Durham County Council must produce a **Local SEND Reform Plan**.

We must work quickly to write a draft plan, and we urgently need to hear from parents and carers of children with SEND, children and young people with SEND as well as schools and settings, and those who support children and families with SEND such as health, care and voluntary and community organisations.

Our staff will be reaching out to have conversations over the next two weeks, and we understand that we can't talk to everybody.

So, to help us write the plan, please complete our online survey by using the QR code or by this link [Help us shape our Special Educational Needs and... | Durham County Council](#) by **8 May 2026** at the latest but the sooner you can do this, the more helpful it will be. There is a survey to hear from children and young people, so please also help your child or children to have their say too.

Thank you for your help and we look forward to preparing a strong plan based on what needs to happen in County Durham to best meet the needs of children and families with SEND.

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Yours sincerely

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