



Dear Parents

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

Leicester City Council is seeking feedback about the funding awarded to support children and young people with special education needs who attend mainstream schools.

For some children and young people with special education needs and disabilities (SEND) who attend a mainstream school, the council provides the school with additional funding. This is known as “element 3” or “top-up” funding. The funding is for children and young people with SEND who do not have an Education Health and Care Plan (EHCP) as well as for those who do have an EHCP.

We will continue to provide this funding to mainstream settings. However, presently this funding is not being shared equally between all schools. This means that some schools are getting less funding for special education needs than others.

We think it is important that our funding model is fair and makes sense to everyone. We want to ensure that:

- schools that need funding have access to it on an equal basis,
- the funds are used for the purposes that they were intended for, and
- the processes to apply for funding are plain and clear for everyone.

We want to get your feedback and discuss how we can use this funding to deliver the best outcomes for children and young people. We will use your feedback to shape the proposals we develop. When we have developed these proposals, we will offer you the chance to comment on them in a formal consultation during the autumn term this year.

To find out about how you can share your views, please speak to your school, or follow the link consultations.leicester.gov.uk/sce/element3review

Yours sincerely

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