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Dear Parents & Carers,

**Local provision for Children and Young People with SEND – a chance to have your say!**

East Sussex County Council is looking to improve the outcomes and life experiences of children and young people with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND). As a part of the development of the new SEND strategy for East Sussex, we are undertaking a needs assessment to look at the needs of our local population, and the extent to which these are being met by current provision and support services. The findings from this needs assessment will directly inform how we approach future provision in the county.

The knowledge, insight and lived experiences of our parents and carers means that, in order to get this right, it's crucial your voices are heard. As a key part of the needs assessment the East Sussex Parent Carer Forum, East Sussex County Council, the CCG and Amaze have worked together to develop a survey to ask parent carers for their views. We want to understand what is important to you, what is working well to support you, and where there are gaps or there is improvement needed to local provision.

The following link will take you to our local survey, which will run from 16 February to 9 March and should take about 15-20 minutes of your time to complete:

<https://consultation.eastsussex.gov.uk/public-health/send-jsna/>

We very much appreciate that, particularly with the circumstances of the current pandemic, your time is limited, so we have tried to design the survey in such a way that the impact on your time is as limited as is possible. Your views will be treated with utmost confidence and anything you say will not be directly attributed to you in the final report.

The needs assessment will be published in full on the [East Sussex JSNA website](#) in the Spring of 2021.

If you have any queries please email [ISENDProjects@eastsussex.gov.uk](mailto:ISENDProjects@eastsussex.gov.uk).

Thank you for taking the time to complete this survey.

Kind Regards,

East Sussex SEND Team



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