

Dear Parents & Carers,

Dudley Metropolitan Borough Council (DMBC) SEND Team is working with the Department for Education (DfE) to improve the way that we work with children and young people with a special education need/disability (SEND). The work that we have done so far shows that we do not get the right outcomes for all of our children and young people with SEND in Dudley. We really want to understand more about your experiences in mainstream education. This will help us understand areas of best practice in the SEND system and areas where we can improve, for both you and your child. We would be grateful if you could spend 15 minutes completing this survey.

**Please click on the following link to complete the survey**

[Dudley SEND Parent and Carer Survey](#)

As some of you may know, Dudley has been participating in the DfE's Delivering Better Value (DBV) in SEND programme. The programme was commissioned to identify the changes a Local Authority can make to sustainably support children and young people with SEND. The programme is keen to put children and young people at the heart of this approach, and to also understand the experiences of the partners within the SEND system, including yourselves as the parent carers.

For next steps, the information that you provide is going to be used to support the data analysis that has taken place and will be used to create the implementation plan that will be submitted to the DfE at the end of February. If successful, a grant will be awarded so that the Local Authority to implement the plan.

We know that SEND partners need to work together to support children and young people with SEND. Each local partner has valuable insights and experience that we want to listen to and understand. These different perspectives will collectively inform our decisions and shape change in Dudley. They will also help to inform national decisions and best practice for SEND by providing insight to the DfE.

The survey will close at **on 20<sup>th</sup> January 2023**.

Thank you for your ongoing support,