

Walsall Local Authority and Partners, SEND Co-production and Engagement Agreement with Parents, Carers, Children and Young People.

- We will establish a shared understanding of the importance of meaningful co-production and engagement, based on honesty, transparency and compassion, to improve outcomes for all children, young people and young adults with SEND in Walsall.
- Before any piece of work goes ahead, all parties will agree on how we will involve children, young people and their parents or carers in the work.
- We will develop a framework to promote and support effective and inclusive engagement and participation. This guidance will be available to all professionals and families on the Local Offer website.
- We will provide training on an on-going basis, for staff, children, young people, and their parents or carers, to develop their skills around participation and co-production.
- We will make sure information about the services available for children, young people and young adults with SEND, is accessible.
- We will ensure that parents or carers who are experts in relation to SEND, are able to both contribute to the current improvement programme and inform future developments by sharing their families' experiences of SEND provision.
- We will create and support a SEND young people's forum, to facilitate their involvement in producing a participation and co-production policy, its implementation, and on-going activities.
- We will work closely with parents and parent support groups (Walsall's Parent Carer Forum – FACE / Parent Partnership Group), to ensure that parents and carers participate in strategic decision-making relating to all aspects of SEND.
- We will focus on restorative practice opportunities to redress differences and achieve improved relationships going forward.
- We will collect and share good practice case studies and evidence-based research, to demonstrate good practice nationally and locally.
- We will review this agreement annually.

How will we know it is working?

- Children, young people and their families feel that they are listened to, and that their views are routinely sought and valued.
- SEND provision is informed, designed, and reviewed, with children, young people, parents and carers.
- Plans for children and young people are created with them and their families.
- Children, young people and their families feel supported to speak up and expect to be involved.

