

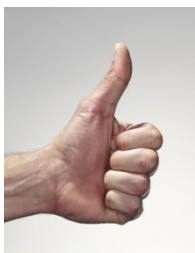
WOULD YOU LIKE TO SHARE YOUR EXPERIENCE OF SUPPORT FOR SPECIAL EDUCATIONAL NEEDS AND DISABILITIES OR WITH ALTERNATIVE PROVISION?

If your answer is yes, please read this form. A family member, teacher or assistant can help you if needed.

About the research

The Department for Education has asked RSM, in partnership with ICF, to find out how well the Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) and Alternative Provision (AP) Change Programme is working. The Change Programme tests some of the reforms set out in the Improvement Plan for SEND and AP. It includes the Early Language Support for Every Child (ELSEC) Pathfinder Pilot.

It is important that our research involves **people who have used support for SEND or AP**. We are inviting **family members of children and young people with SEND and young people with experience of support for SEND or in AP** to take part in a **Family Panel**.



When you agree to something, you are giving your **consent**. If you are a young person with SEND or in AP, your parent or guardian has to give **consent** too. Before you **consent** to take part in the research, it is important you are told everything you need to know. Take your time to read the following information.

Purpose of the research

The research will look at:

- how well the Change Programme responds to the needs of children and young people with SEND or in AP
- the views of families who have tried to access or are receiving support for children and young people with SEND or in AP
- the views of young people who have tried to access or are receiving this support.

Why have I been invited?

You have been invited to take part because you have tried to get or are receiving support for SEND or AP either for yourself or for a child or young person in your family. What you tell us will help us understand what that is like.

Do I have to take part?

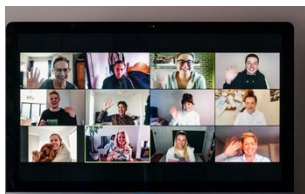


You can say yes. You can say no. It is up to you. You can always change your mind about taking part. Just tell the research team if you want to stop. Their contact details are at the end of the form.

Why take part?

Your opinions and experiences will help the government improve its support for children and young people with SEND and those in AP.

What is the Family Panel?



The **Panel** will include **6 to 8 young people or family members of children or young people with SEND or in AP**. We will ask the **Panel** to help us to plan our research.

The Panel will meet three times on a video call (Zoom or Teams) between June 2024 and September 2025. The first meeting in 2024 will get peoples' views on our research plan to make sure we ask the right questions in the right ways. Then it will meet later in 2024 and again in 2025 to discuss important lessons the research team has learned. Each meeting will last **between 60 and 90 minutes**. The discussion will be split into sections and there will be break times provided.

How can you join in?

If you want to join the **Panel**, please complete the relevant page at the end of this form and email it to the research team.

Safeguarding



If you tell us that you or someone else is at risk of harm, we may have to tell relevant authorities. This is called **safeguarding**. It is to keep you and other people safe.

Right to privacy



If you take part in the research, your **privacy** will always be protected. This means that nobody outside the research team will know that you are taking part.

Your identity will be kept private. We will make sure of this by removing personal details like your name or email address from meeting notes and recordings.

A record of our notes from the Panel meetings will be kept for six months after the project. After that we will destroy them.

What will happen to the results of this research?

The Department for Education may publish a research report with findings from all families and young people taking part, but you will not be named in it.

Support for people taking part in the Panel

If you want to, you can bring someone with you to the **Panel** to support you. Below we will ask for some information about your support needs. We will make sure we meet your support needs.

Contact Details

If you still have questions about the research or want to make a complaint you can contact the research team directly:

Hugh O'Reilly (Analyst, RSM)			
Email:	dfevaluation.consulting@rsmuk.com	Tel:	0161 830 4087

Consent to take part in research

To give consent complete Page 4, 5 or 6 of this form as appropriate.

I am willing to take part in the research study called "Evaluation of the SEND and AP Change Programme". I have been given enough information about the project. I understand what the research is about. I am happy that the information I provide can be used in a published research report. I know that I will not be named in the report and I can stop taking part at any time.

- Young people aged 18 years and over please complete and return Page 4
- Young people aged 16-17 years please complete and return Page 5
- Family members (18 years and over) please complete and return Page 6

Young people aged 18 years and over

By signing and printing my name below, I understand I am agreeing to take part in the Family Panel as part of this research:

Name (Print)

Signature

Signature of participant

Date

Please use the box below to tell us more about yourself.

Your disability/ educational need <i>(please describe briefly)</i>		
Experience of support for SEND or AP in education <i>(please describe briefly)</i>		
Please describe any support you need to take part in the panel		
Educational stage and setting	Type of setting ☐ Mainstream school ☐ Special school ☐ Alternative provision e.g. Pupil Referral Unit	Stage ☐ Secondary ☐ Post 16 ☐ Other
Postcode	 <i>e.g. AL1 1AA this will be used to choose people from different areas</i>	
Ethnic group	☐ Asian or Asian British ☐ Black, Black British, Caribbean or African ☐ Mixed or Multiple ethnic groups ☐ White ☐ Other ethnic group ☐ Prefer not to say	

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Thank you

Young people aged 16-17 years (both signatures required)

By signing and printing my name below, I am agreeing to take part in the Family Panel as part of this research:

Name (Print)

Signature

Signature of participant

Date

By signing and printing my name below, I am giving my consent for the young person named above to take part in the Family Panel as part of this research:

Name (Print)

Signature

Signature of parent/guardian

Date

Please use the box below to tell us more about yourself.

Your disability/ educational need <i>(please describe briefly)</i>		
Experience of support for SEND or AP in education <i>(please describe briefly)</i>		
Please describe any support you need to take part in the panel		
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Family members aged 18 years and over

By signing and printing my name below, I am agreeing to take part in the Family Panel as part of this research:

Name (Print)

Signature

Signature of family member

Date

Please use the box below to tell us more about your child/ young person. If you have more than one child with SEND, please choose one child when answering the questions below. This is so that we can choose a mix of people to take part in the panel. We won't stop parents from talking about their other children once selected.

Nature of <u>child/ young person's</u> disability/ educational need (please describe briefly)		
Experience of support for SEND or AP in education (please describe briefly)		
Please describe any support <u>you</u> need to take part in the panel		
Educational stage and setting of child/ young person	Type of setting ☐ Mainstream school ☐ Special school ☐ Alternative provision e.g. Pupil Referral Unit	Stage ☐ Early years ☐ Primary ☐ Secondary ☐ Post 16 ☐ Other
Postcode of child/ young person	 e.g. AL1 1AA this will be used to choose people from different areas	
Ethnic group of child/ young person	☐ Asian or Asian British ☐ Black, Black British, Caribbean or African ☐ Mixed or Multiple ethnic groups ☐ White ☐ Other ethnic group ☐ Prefer not to say	

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