



Medway Parents & Carers Forum
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Have Your Say: Two Important SEND Consultations Now Open

Dear Parent Carers,

The Department for Education (DfE) is currently running two national consultations that could influence how children and young people with SEND are supported in the future.

At Medway Parents & Carers Forum, we know that government consultations can often feel long, complicated and full of jargon. That's why we've broken them down into easy-read guides to help you understand what they're about and what the proposals could mean.

We'd love to hear your views too. Your experiences help us respond as a forum, ensuring the voices of Medway parent carers are at the heart of our feedback.

Consultation 1: Education Otherwise Than at School (EOTAS)

This consultation looks at how EOTAS should work in the future, including:

- Who should receive EOTAS
- How decisions should be made
- How provision should be monitored
- How children and families should be supported

Read our easy-read guide: [\[LINK\]](#)

Complete the Government consultation: [\[LINK\]](#)

Share your views with MPCF: survey 1: [\[LINK\]](#) | survey 2: [\[LINK\]](#)

Consultation 2: Upfront Funding for Mainstream Schools

This consultation asks whether mainstream schools should receive more SEND funding upfront, rather than schools having to apply for additional funding later.

The proposals aim to help schools provide support earlier, but the government is also asking for feedback on any risks or concerns families may have.

Read our easy-read guide: [\[LINK\]](#)

Complete the Government consultation: [\[LINK\]](#)

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Our surveys are designed to make it easier for Medway parent carers to share their experiences and opinions. We will use your responses to help shape Medway Parents & Carers Forum's official consultation response, ensuring local families' voices are represented. Whether you complete the government consultation, our survey, or both, every response helps.

Thank you for helping us make sure Medway parent carers are heard.

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