



## Consultation Response Booklet

*Every School a Good School*

# The Way Forward for Special Educational Needs and Inclusion

The closing date for this consultation is 31 October 2009  
Your comments must reach us by this date

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Special Educational Needs and Inclusion**

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Yes

No

Your position within that organisation (if appropriate)

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**This consultation response booklet should be read alongside Every School a Good School: The Way Forward for Special Educational Needs and Inclusion in order to understand the context of the policy proposals.**

**The proposals are shown in bold throughout the consultation document; Annex A of that document provides a summary table of the proposals and their identified benefits.**

We welcome views on all aspects of these policy proposals. You are asked to consider each of the consultation points. Space is provided to allow additional comment on each of the questions posed.

Opportunity is provided at the end of this response booklet for any additional comments you would care to make. If, however, you have a particular interest in one area and do not wish to comment on the whole document, feel free to complete only those sections that are of interest to you.

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Consultation Point 1 - Inclusion

(Reference: paragraphs 3.1 to 3.8)

**1 Do you agree with the introduction of an inclusive framework based on the wider concept of additional educational need (AEN)?**

Strongly agree	Agree	Don't know	Disagree	Strongly Disagree

Any other comments:

Consultation Point 2 - Key Principles of the Proposed Policy Framework

(Reference: paragraphs 4.1 to 4.6)

**2 Do you agree with the key principles on which the policy proposals are based?**

Strongly agree	Agree	Don't know	Disagree	Strongly Disagree

Any other comments:

Consultation Point 3 - Early Identification and Intervention

(Reference: paragraphs 5.1 to 5.5)

**3 Do you agree with the proposals relating to early identification and intervention?**

Strongly agree	Agree	Don't know	Disagree	Strongly Disagree

Any other comments:

Consultation Point 4 - Pre-School Settings

(Reference: paragraphs 6.1 to 6.3)

**4 Do you agree with the proposals relating to pre-school settings?**

Strongly agree	Agree	Don't know	Disagree	Strongly Disagree

Any other comments:

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Consultation point 5 - Primary and Post Primary

(Reference: paragraphs 7.1 to 7.5)

**5 Do you agree with the proposals relating to primary and post primary?**

Strongly agree	Agree	Don't know	Disagree	Strongly Disagree

Any other comments:

Consultation Point 6 - Training and Development

(Reference: paragraphs 8.1 to 8.5)

**6 Do you agree with the proposals relating to training and development?**

Strongly agree	Agree	Don't know	Disagree	Strongly Disagree

Any other comments:

### Consultation Point 7 - Learning Support Coordinators

(Reference: paragraphs 9.1 to 9.4)

#### **7 Do you agree with the proposals relating to Learning Support Coordinators?**

Strongly agree	Agree	Don't know	Disagree	Strongly Disagree

Any other comments:

### Consultation Point 8 - Co-ordinated Support Plans

(Reference: paragraphs 10.1 to 10.6)

#### **8 Do you agree with the proposals relating to Coordinated Support Plans (CSP)?**

Strongly agree	Agree	Don't know	Disagree	Strongly Disagree

Any other comments:

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**Consultation Point 9 - Transition Points**

(Reference: paragraphs 11.1 to 11.7)

**9 Do you agree with the proposals relating to transition points?**

Strongly agree	Agree	Don't know	Disagree	Strongly Disagree

Any other comments:

**Consultation Point 10 - Developing Effective Partnerships**

(Reference: paragraphs 12.1 to 12.30)

**10 Do you agree with the proposals relating to the development of effective partnerships:**

(a) Within school and pre-school settings? (paragraphs 12.3 to 12.5)

Strongly agree	Agree	Don't know	Disagree	Strongly Disagree

Any other comments:

**10 Do you agree with the proposals relating to the development of effective partnerships:**

(b) Across educational settings & learning communities? (paragraphs 12.6 to 12.7)

Strongly agree	Agree	Don't know	Disagree	Strongly Disagree

Any other comments:

**10 Do you agree with the proposals relating to the development of effective partnerships:**

(c) Between mainstream and special schools? (paragraph 12.8)

Strongly agree	Agree	Don't know	Disagree	Strongly Disagree

Any other comments:

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**10 Do you agree with the proposals relating to the development of effective partnerships:**

(d) Between Education and Health and Social Care (e.g. Education and Skills Authority and proposed Regional Health Boards)? (paragraphs 12.9 to 12.17)

Strongly agree	Agree	Don't know	Disagree	Strongly Disagree

Any other comments:

**10 Do you agree with the proposals relating to the development of effective partnerships:**

(e) Between the Department of Education (DE) and the Department of Employment and Learning (DEL)? (paragraph 12.18)

Strongly agree	Agree	Don't know	Disagree	Strongly Disagree

Any other comments:

**10 Do you agree with the proposals relating to the development of effective partnerships:**

(f) Through the establishment of Multi-disciplinary Groups? (paragraphs 12.19 to 12.25)

Strongly agree	Agree	Don't know	Disagree	Strongly Disagree

Any other comments:

**10 Do you agree with the proposals relating to the development of effective partnerships:**

(g) With parents and carers? (paragraphs 12.26 to 12.28)

Strongly agree	Agree	Don't know	Disagree	Strongly Disagree

Any other comments:

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**10 Do you agree with the proposals relating to the development of effective partnerships:**

(h) With children and young people? (paragraph 12.29)

Strongly agree	Agree	Don't know	Disagree	Strongly Disagree

Any other comments:

**10 Do you agree with the proposals relating to the development of effective partnerships:**

(i) With voluntary organisations? (paragraph 12.30)

Strongly agree	Agree	Don't know	Disagree	Strongly Disagree

Any other comments:

### Consultation Point 11 - Outworking of the Proposed Model

(Reference: paragraphs 13.1 to 13.9)

- 11 Do you agree with the replacement of the sequential stages of 1-5 of the current CoP by the proposed 3 strand model (Within School, Within School plus External Support, Co-ordinated Support Plans)?**

Strongly agree	Agree	Don't know	Disagree	Strongly Disagree

Any other comments:

### Consultation Point 12 - Resolution and Appeal Mechanisms

(Reference: paragraphs 14.1)

- 12 Do you agree that the current informal appeal, dispute avoidance and resolution and formal appeal arrangements (SENDIST) for children with SEN should remain unchanged?**

Strongly agree	Agree	Don't know	Disagree	Strongly Disagree

Any other comments:

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Consultation point 13 - Funding

(Reference: paragraphs 15.1 to 15.5)

**13 Do you agree with the proposals relating to funding?**

Strongly agree	Agree	Don't know	Disagree	Strongly Disagree

Any other comments:

Consultation Point 14 - Monitoring, Review, Evaluation & Accountability

(Reference: paragraphs 16.1 to 16.5)

**14 Do you agree with the proposals relating to monitoring, review, evaluation & accountability?**

Strongly agree	Agree	Don't know	Disagree	Strongly Disagree

Any other comments:

## Consultation Point 15 - Roles and Responsibilities

(Reference: paragraphs 17.1 to 17.19)

### 15 Do you agree with the proposals relating to the roles and responsibilities for:

(a) The Department of Education (DE)? (paragraphs 17.1 to 17.2)

Strongly agree	Agree	Don't know	Disagree	Strongly Disagree

Any other comments:

### 15 Do you agree with the proposals relating to the roles and responsibilities for:

(b) The proposed Education and Skills Authority (ESA)? (paragraph 17.3)

Strongly agree	Agree	Don't know	Disagree	Strongly Disagree

Any other comments:

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**15 Do you agree with the proposals relating to the roles and responsibilities for:**

(c) The Department of Health, Social Services and Public Safety (DHSSPS)?  
(paragraphs 17.4 to 17.6)

Strongly agree	Agree	Don't know	Disagree	Strongly Disagree

Any other comments:

**15 Do you agree with the proposals relating to the roles and responsibilities for:**

(d) Multi-disciplinary Groups (MGs)? (paragraphs 17.7 to 17.8)

Strongly agree	Agree	Don't know	Disagree	Strongly Disagree

Any other comments:

**15 Do you agree with the proposals relating to the roles and responsibilities for:**

(e) Mainstream schools and other educational establishments? (paragraphs 17.9 to 17.16)

Strongly agree	Agree	Don't know	Disagree	Strongly Disagree

Any other comments:

**15 Do you agree with the proposals relating to the roles and responsibilities for:**

(f) The Education and Training Inspectorate (ETI)? (paragraphs 17.17 to 17.18)

Strongly agree	Agree	Don't know	Disagree	Strongly Disagree

Any other comments:

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**15 Do you agree with the proposals relating to the roles and responsibilities for:**

(g) Children's Services Directors? (paragraph 17.19)

Strongly agree	Agree	Don't know	Disagree	Strongly Disagree

Any other comments:

**Consultation Point 16 - Proposed Phased Introduction of the Policy**

(Reference: paragraphs 18.1 to 18.7)

**16 Do you agree with the proposed phased introduction of the policy?**

Strongly agree	Agree	Don't know	Disagree	Strongly Disagree

Any other comments:

### **Additional Comments**

If you have any additional comments you wish to make about the proposals please use the box below.

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