

SPECIAL EDUCATIONAL NEEDS DIRECTORATE



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To:

All preschools
All nursery schools
All nursery units
All primary schools
All post-primary schools
All special schools
All EOTAS

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Dear Pre-school Leader / School Leader / Principal / EOTAS Senior Teacher

SPECIAL EDUCATIONAL NEEDS (SEN) REFORM – SURVEY FOR PARENTS / CARERS

I am writing to seek your support in distributing a short survey to parents and carers in your school/setting, via your school App or email distribution list.

Please note that participation is entirely voluntary.

The survey is designed to capture the current views and experiences of parents and carers of children and young people with SEN across the entire education system in Northern Ireland. While budgetary constraints may currently prevent the full implementation of the SEN Reform Delivery Plan, it is essential to establish a clear baseline of the current position to evaluate the impact of the interventions we are implementing.

This evidence will help inform future SEN policy and will shape improvements in SEN provision, ensuring children and young people with SEN benefit from inclusive, high-quality learning environments that are appropriately supported and resourced.

The surveys will take approximately 10 minutes and your assistance in sharing the survey would be greatly appreciated.

The parents and carers survey can be accessed here -
<https://consultations.nidirect.gov.uk/de/bb52fcd0>

If you have any questions or require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact the team at SENReform@education-ni.gov.uk

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours faithfully,

SEN Reform Delivery Team