



Developing Local Provision in South Birmingham

Northfield and Edgbaston Districts

The DLP initiative aims to enhance the work already being done by early years settings and mainstream schools in providing support to children in their local area.

Based on Birmingham's SEND (special educational needs and disabilities) strategy, the DLP initiative is in place in all ten districts across the city.

Schools and settings are stronger when working together to better understand context and priorities. The DLP initiative aims to further empower schools and settings to achieve solutions with support and resources with a focus on enhancing capacity; enabling access to high quality provisions locally; reducing reliance on high-cost specialist placements out of city.

Our Early Years DLP plan for phase one focused on three objectives.

*To improve early identification and support for children with additional needs by increasing the number of children that have access to a practitioner with a level 3 SENCO award.

*To build knowledge, skills and practice across the sector through coordinated professional development and networking opportunities.

*To improve early identification and support for children with additional needs by the creation of a virtual district inclusion partnership hub in each of the ten districts.

Effective communication and partnership with parents/carers is a thread running through all of these objectives, so that DLP successfully meets the needs of individual children, supporting them in their early years journey through to their chosen mainstream school where their needs will continue to be well met.

