

# Children and Family Services Department Plan 2024 - 2026



## What we will do

**One Vision**  
For all children and young people in Leicestershire to be safe, nurtured, loved and supported to succeed in caring and inclusive communities.

**Three Ambitions**  
We want to support all children and young people to:

- Build Strong Foundations**
- Be Safe and Belong**
- Enjoy and Achieve**

**Ten priorities**

**To support children and young people to Build Strong Foundations we will:**

- Support parents and babies, before and after birth, to create the conditions where stress is reduced, positive bonds and attachments can be formed, and language and communications skills can be developed
- Work in partnership to identify those children and young people who would benefit from support and provide co-ordinated services at the earliest opportunity
- Support children, young people and families to build strength, resilience, confidence and the skills to find their own solutions wherever possible

**To support children and young people to Be Safe and Belong we will:**

- Work in partnership to ensure risk is understood and reduced and targeted support is provided at the right time, in the right place and by the right service
- Ensure children in care and care leavers feel they have a stable, safe, loving home where they belong
- Ensure children and young people who are most vulnerable are protected, are safe from harm and supported

**To support children and young people to Enjoy and Achieve we will:**

- Ensure children and young people have access within their community to good quality, inclusive education that enables them to achieve their full potential
- Focus on learning and readiness for learning as a driver of wellbeing for all children and young people
- Ensure that children and young people who have additional needs and vulnerabilities are supported in the right place, at the right time in order to narrow the gap
- Work with schools and educational settings to ensure there is a clear understanding of the impact of poverty and trauma to ensure that children and young people are not disadvantaged from accessing education



- Strategies that will underpin delivery of the Plan**
- Achieving Excellence via Purposeful Practice 2024-2027
  - Business Intelligence Strategy
  - Care Placements Strategy
  - CFS Placement Sufficiency and Market Position Statement
  - Community Safety Strategy
  - Corporate Parenting Strategy
  - Early Help Strategy 2023-26
  - Maternity and Early Years Strategy 2023-26
  - Permanence and Adoption Strategy
  - Recruitment and Retention Strategy
  - SEND Joint Commissioning Strategy
  - Transforming SEND and Inclusion in Leicestershire
  - Voice and Influence Strategy
  - We Care Strategy
  - Youth Justice Plan 2023-26



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