

BARNET

Children and Young People's Plan 2023 – 2027

SUMMARY



Caring for people, our places and the planet



Vision

Children and young people in Barnet to live their lives successfully with the right support. We want Barnet to be the best place in London to raise a child and for all children to thrive and achieve their potential – socially, emotionally, and academically.

Our ambition is to create a family-friendly borough, where children and young people's rights are respected: a place where the voices, needs, priorities and rights of children, and those who care for them, are considered and taken seriously as an integral part of public policy, programmes, and decision-making.



What's different about this plan

Our conversations and discussions with children and young people have established key drivers that are crossing cutting themes underpinning delivery.

**Great Partnerships:
Participation &
co-production**

Inclusion

**Great Outcomes:
Tackling the gap
and fighting
inequalities**

**Children and
young people
having fun**



Our themes and objectives



Family and belonging

- Support our children in care and care experienced young people to live their lives successfully
- Support children and young people with SEND to achieve well, be confident individuals, live fulfilling lives
- Provide support to young carers in carrying out their roles
- Provide support that encourages and builds resilience
- Children and young people develop a positive sense of identity
- Enable environments to allow children to have fun, play and explore the world



Safe and Secure

- Ensuring children have the space and opportunity to build trusted relationships
- Ensure the most vulnerable are protected
- Children and young people are safe and helped to make good choices
- Ensure that there is sufficient placement choice that provides safe and secure homes for our children in care



Health and Wellbeing

- Improve children's life chances by supporting their health and wellbeing from very early age and through to their transition into adulthood
- Promote good mental and emotional health across all ages and different communities and work together to prevent severe mental illness, substance misuse and suicide
- Improve choices for physical activities locally for all ages and abilities, and ensure residents know how to access it
- Provide integrated care by joining up services across health and social care



Education and Skills

- Improve the educational progress and outcomes for all children and young people
- Diminish the differences in attainment and progress between the most disadvantaged and vulnerable pupils and their peers
- Ensure the provision of high quality local placements and support for children and young people with special educational needs and disabilities
- Ensure there are sufficient high quality school places to meet the needs of Barnet children including progress into Higher Education, Apprenticeships or Employment
- Ensure that every school and setting is good or outstanding





Family Friendly Index

How we monitor progress



There is a strong social care service that builds resilience



Children and young people feel that Barnet is a family friendly place to live



Children and young people are involved in decision making



There are good outcomes for children with SEND



All schools are good or outstanding and children get good educational outcomes



There are low figures of crime involving children and young people



Health outcomes for children and young people are good



There are low rates of children and young people living in temporary accommodation or unsuitable housing



Families are able to access the benefits and financial assistance that they need