

**The Parent Partnership Service** exists to provide parents of children with Special Educational Needs impartial advice and support.

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**Other information available from Parent Partnership:**

The SEN Code of Practice  
Sources of Information  
Dictionary of Terms  
Choosing a Primary School  
Choosing a Secondary School  
Helping Your Child to Learn  
School Action & School Action +  
Annual Reviews and Other Meetings  
Statutory Assessment & Statements of SEN  
Exams and Tests  
Your Right of Appeal

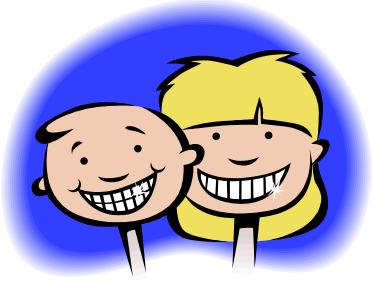
**This information is available in large print and in other languages, upon request.**



# Your Child's Contribution

*"Children have the right to say what they think should happen, when adults are making decisions that affect them, and to have their opinions taken into account."*  
Article 12, UN Convention on the Rights of the Child





Wherever possible, children and young people should be given the opportunity and encouragement to contribute to decisions about their lives.

**The right of the child to be heard has been supported by:**

- ◇ the Children Act
- ◇ the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child
- ◇ the SEN & Disability Act & Regulations
- ◇ the SEN Code of Practice 2002 (Chapter 3)

Kingston has a Participation Officer, whose job it is to ensure that disabled children's views are sought and taken seriously.

**Along with this leaflet you should find a leaflet that might help your child to make their views known.**

Most children will need some help with this activity and this should ideally be done by someone the child trusts and can be completely honest with.

This may or may not be the child's parents. It could be another family member, a close family friend, a teacher, a social worker or a therapist.

**Your child's views can be collected in any number of ways.**

**This could be:**



By asking your child to draw a picture.



A collection of photographs of things your child does and does not enjoy about school.



A short recording of your child talking about their school and how they feel about it.

There is **no right or wrong** way for your child's views to be collected, and you do not have to use the forms sent to you by the Local Authority, or by the Parent Partnership Service.