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Dear Parents/Carers

Ofsted and the Care Quality Commission (CQC) are carrying out a joint inspection of Special Educational Needs and Disabilities provision in CWAC from Monday 14 February to Friday 18 February 2022.

This inspection will evaluate Cheshire West and Chester Council's effectiveness in:

- identifying the needs of children and young people with SEND
- meeting the needs of these children and young people so that their outcomes and chances of participating fully in society improve.

During this inspection, the inspectors will collect information about children and young people in the area. They will be looking at local area records, speaking to area officers and leaders at educational settings, and speaking to children, young people and parents or carers. No names will be recorded, but some of the information collected may be capable of identifying a particular child, young person or adult. Ofsted and CQC will use this information to prepare their report, and for the purposes set out in their privacy notices. No information will be published that identifies any individual in the inspection report.

### **How can local children, young people, parents and carers contribute their views during this local area inspection?**

There are several ways in which children, young people, parents and carers can engage with the inspection process and contribute their views:

1. The inspection will include a survey of Cheshire West and Chester Council parents and carers of children with special educational needs and/or disabilities. The survey will be open from 12 noon on Monday 07 February until 11:59pm on Tuesday 15 February 2022.

Parents and carers who would like to take part and share their experiences with the inspectors can **follow this link to complete the survey:**

<https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/CheshireWestandChesterCouncilLASENDInspection/>.

**It is strongly recommended that, before completing the survey, parents and carers watch the short video at the start of the survey which gives information about the inspection and what inspectors will focus on.**

2. Parents and carers can email their contributions to [Lasend.support@ofsted.gov.uk](mailto:Lasend.support@ofsted.gov.uk).

3. Details about the local area SEND inspection will be available on CWAC's website and distributed through the local area's Clinical Commissioning Group/s (CCGs). Information about how children and young people with SEND can share their views about the local area's effectiveness should be included in the local offer.

### **Important information for parent and carers**

While it is understood that many parents and carers may have views on their experiences that extend back several years, the focus of the inspection is on the effectiveness of the local area since the introduction of



reforms in September 2014. It is important that the views that are shared with inspectors relate to experiences from this date onwards.

Ofsted/CQC would also like parents and carers to understand that they will not be able to follow up or comment upon individual cases. The inspection team will consider all communication from parents as part of the evidence when evaluating the effectiveness of the local area.

Information on local area duties toward children and young people with SEND can be found on the Department for Education's website: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/send-guide-for-parents-and-carers>.

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D Rose', written in a cursive style.

Duncan Rose  
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