

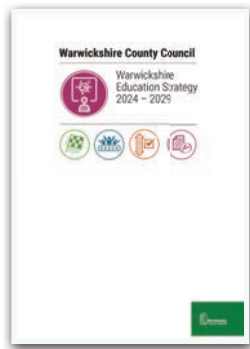


Warwickshire Education Strategy

Our plan to make sure all children
and young people in Warwickshire
get the best education
2024 to 2029



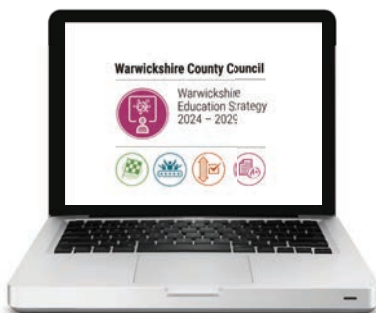
About this easy read



This is an easy read version of the bigger plan called **Warwickshire Education Strategy 2024 to 2029**.



This easy read plan tells you about the main things in the bigger plan.



If you want more information, you can find the bigger plan on our website:

www.warwickshire.gov.uk/schoolandlearningstrategies



This easy read is still quite long. You do not have to read it all at once if you don't want to.



You might want to take a break or just read the bits you are most interested in.

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What is education

We are Warwickshire County Council.



We work together with services in our area that give children and young people an **education**.



An **education** is learning that people get. This might be at a nursery, school or college.



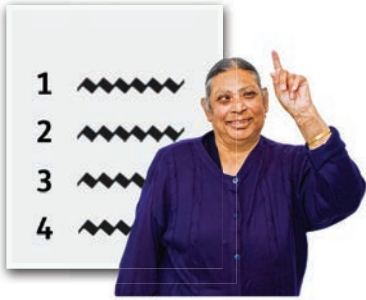
A good education can help children and young people to do well in life.



We have written a new plan. It says how we will make sure all children in Warwickshire get the best education.



Our plan says what we want to do over the next 5 years.



There are 4 important things we want to do when we work on our plan.

Big thing 1: Make sure all children have the best start in life



From when a child is born until they are 5 years old is a really important time for them.

They grow and change a lot in this time.



There are services for children aged 0 to 5. Services like childminders, nurseries or some schools.

These services are called **early years** services. They can help children to grow and learn.



Parents can get some money from the government to help with paying for these services.



This helps more parents be able to go to work.

To make sure all children in our area get the best start in life, we will:



- Make sure there are enough childminders and nurseries.



- Make sure parents know what money they can get to help with paying for early years services.



- Support early years services so that they can offer good quality childcare and education.



- Give early help and support to children and families when they need it.

Big thing 2: Support children and young people with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities



Some children and young people may find it harder to learn than children the same age. They may need extra support at school or college.



We say children who need extra support to learn have **Special Educational Needs and Disabilities**. We call it **SEND** for short.



Some children with SEND only need a little bit of support and some children need a lot of support.



At the moment we have places in schools for children with SEND who need extra support. This might be things like working in smaller groups or 1 to 1.



Across our area there are more children with SEND than there used to be.



We have to support more people with the money we have.



This means there is less money to go around.



We are finding it hard to give everyone the right support with the money we have.



The law says we must give the right support to children with SEND.

It is really important we find a way to make this work.

To support children and young people with SEND well, we will:



- Make sure schools across all of our area meet children's needs in the best way. To do this we will:



- Look at the children's needs.



- Listen to **experts** who know a lot about SEND.

An **expert** is someone who knows a lot about something.



- Look at good ways of working.



We will:

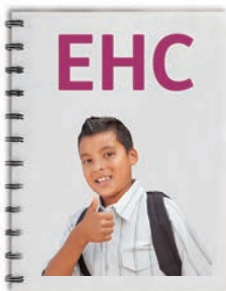
- Have more support for children with SEND in schools.



- Have more places for children with SEND who need extra support.

We want to have 500 places by 2028.

Education, Health and Care Plans



An **Education, Health and Care plan** is a special plan for some children who have SEND.

It is called an **EHC** plan for short.



An EHC plan lists a young person's health and care needs. It says how to support the person at school or college.

To support children and young people with SEND well, we will:



- Make sure we follow what the law says about EHC plans.



- Write plans for children and young people at the right time.



- Have meetings with parents to talk about any decisions about EHC plans.

Big thing 3: Make sure we have enough school places for children in our area



Children usually start school when they are around 4 years old.



They go to school until they are 16.



When they are aged 16 to 19, young people can get a job, stay in education or do some training. This might be at a school or college.



We need to make sure that there are enough places in our schools and colleges for children and young people.



There are more and more children and young people in our area.



We have already built some new schools and set up new places.



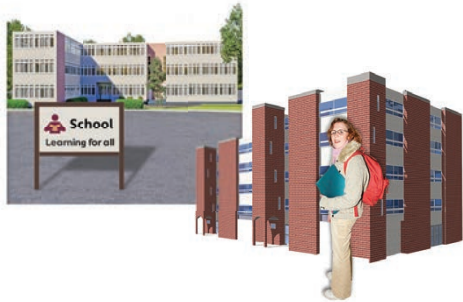
But we will need even more school places in the future.



We will also need more **transport** so that children can get to school.

Transport means things like buses, trains and taxis.

To make sure school places are offered in the right place and at the right time, we will:



- Make sure there are enough school places for children and young people when they need them.



- See if there are any of our schools that we can make bigger. We will think about if we need to build any new schools.



- Give parents the information and support they need to decide the right school for their child.



- Work in a better way when we offer school places.

We will make it easier for parents to apply for places, school meals and transport to school.

Big thing 4: Support good education across our area

Doing well at school

Schools help children to learn and do the best they can in tests.



We know that children in our area do better at school than in other areas.

But some children do not do as well as others.

This might be because of things like missing school, having SEND or not living at home with their families.





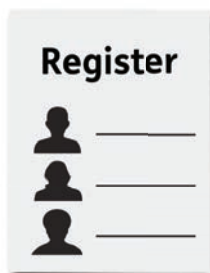
Children who miss a lot of school

For lot's of different reasons some children miss school a lot.

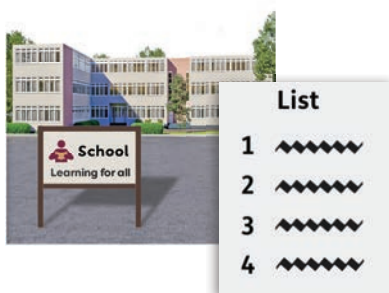


Children in some areas of Warwickshire miss school more than children in other areas.

Children who are not registered with a school



To go to school or college, children and young people should be registered.



Registered means signing up to be on the list of a school or college.



Some children and young people in our area are not registered. They do not go to school or college.



We do not know if they are getting a proper education.



Schools and colleges help to keep children and young people safe from harm and **abuse**.



Abuse is when someone does or says something to hurt you or make you feel bad.



It is really important that we know which children are not registered.



This will help us to make sure these children are safe. And that they get the education that they have a right to have.

Other types of education

Some children cannot go to school.
This might be children who:



- Have been **excluded**. **Excluded** means you are not allowed to come to school. This might be because you have broken the rules

or



- Are too ill to go to school.

These children might be able to get their education in a different place.
Places like:



- A youth centre.



- A forest school. This is where you learn outside in a wood or forest.



- Online.



We really want more children to go to school and stay in school.



We want to work together with schools to find out why some children are excluded.



We want to give these children early support to try to manage their needs.



Children who are taught at home

More children are being taught at home by their parents.



We want to make sure these children are getting a proper education.

Young people aged 16 to 19

We support young people to have education or training after age 16.



We do well at this in our area.



More young people in our area are doing apprenticeships.



This is special training for young people. It means they can learn while they work.

Things like working in a garage or in an office.

To give good quality education to all children and young people in our area, we will:



- Work together with schools, colleges, the police, health and **social care** services.



Social care is care and support people might need at home, in their local community or in a care home.



- Keep children and young people safe from harm.



- Make sure all children in our area can get a good education no matter where they live.



- Make sure less children miss school.



- Give extra help and support with education to parts of our area that need it. This might be areas that:



- Have lots of children that miss school a lot.
- Have lots of children that don't do well in school.



- Make sure children have good chances for education and training when they are aged 16.



- Work together with health and care services to support children's health and wellbeing.



Wellbeing means keeping happy and healthy in your body and mind.

To do well at school, children need to have good health and wellbeing.

Checking our plan is working



It is very important that we keep checking our plan is working. We need to see it is making children's lives better.



We will work with experts, children and families to make sure that they are happy with the plan.



We will make changes to the plan if we need to.



More information

If you have any questions or for more information you can contact us:



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