

Dear parents and carers,

Your child's school has decided to take part in the Partnership for Inclusion of Neurodiversity in Schools (PINS) project. This is a fantastic opportunity for schools, families and parent carer forums like Swindon SEND Families Voice to work together to improve the experience of neurodiverse young people in schools.

We are Swindon SEND Families Voice (SSFV), the parent carer forum in Swindon. Our aim is to support families of children with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND). You may have already met some of our parent representatives at a coffee morning — we have visited schools all across Swindon to provide support and signposting to families. Swindon SEND Families Voice Project team are all parent carers themselves, therefore have lived experience in the world of SEND.

During the PINS project, SSFV will be working with schools and parents/carers to build strong, positive partnerships committed to improving the experience of neurodiverse young people. We will listen to families and help parents develop positive communication with schools. We will support schools to identify what they are doing well and where they could make changes, and we will support schools with training or getting help from other organisations. By working together in this way, we can make a real difference to the inclusion of neurodiverse young people in our schools.

In order to help us understand the experiences of neurodiverse young people and their families in this school, please complete this short survey https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/GDCBDND

Any responses will remain anonymous and will only be used to improve the support for young people in your school. If you would prefer to tell us about your experiences directly, please contact us on the email address below.

Our aim is to build strong lines of communication between parent carers and individual settings and to help empower parent carers to know where to access support. If you would like to find out more about SSFV and what we can do to help, visit our website: https://swindonsendfamiliesvoice.org.uk/

If you would like to speak to a member of SSFV about the PINS project, or if we can help you in any other way, please feel free to contact us via the following email: swindonsendfamiliesvoice@outlook.com

We look forward to working with you to strive for a stronger partnership for Inclusion of Neurodiversity In Schools (PINS) with parent carers and schools.

Kind Regards

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