**Blackburn with Darwen’s Special Educational Needs and/or Disabilities (SEND) Inspection**

Between Monday 17 June 2019 and Friday 21 June 2019 Ofsted and the Care Quality Commission (CQC) will carry out a joint inspection of your local area.

The inspection will evaluate how effectively the local area:

* identifies the needs of children and young people with SEND
* meets the needs of these children and young people so that their outcomes and chances of participating fully in society improve.

The local area includes the Local Authority (LA), Blackburn with Darwen’s Clinical Commissioning Groups (CCGs), public health, NHS England for specialist services, early year’s settings, schools and further education providers.

The views of children and young people with SEND, and the views of their parents and carers are really important to the inspection process and during the inspection, Ofsted and CQC inspectors will be keen to speak to as many children and young people and their parents and carers as possible. There will be visits to a number of early years settings, schools, colleges and specialist services to do this, **but don’t worry if your setting isn’t being visited there are other ways for you to share your views and experiences.**

These are:

1. an online recorded webinar to allow Blackburn with Darwen parents and carers of children with SEND to contribute. **The webinar will take place from 12 noon on Monday 10 June 2019 until 11:59pm on Tuesday 18 June 2019**.

Parents and carers who would like to take part in this webinar can follow this internet link to register: <http://bit.ly/LASENDWebinarBlackburnwithDarwenBC>.

2. There will be an opportunity for parents to come along and meet inspectors to share their views during the inspection week. Once arrangements have been finalised parents and carers can contact their local Parent Carer Forum to request information on how they can attend the discussions and the local authority will also provide the details on the [www.bwd-localoffer.org.uk](http://www.bwd-localoffer.org.uk) newsfeed on the homepage.

3. Parents and carers can also email their contributions to Lasend.support@ofsted.gov.uk.

Whilst those involved in the inspection realise parents and carers may have views on their experience before the introduction of the reforms in September 2014, it is important that this inspection gathers evidence about the impact since the reforms. The inspection team 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.

You can view a copy of the inspection notification letter here.