# Vision Statement

The government’s vision, set out in the SEND and Alternative Provision (AP) Improvement Plan (March 2023) is to create a more inclusive society through a new national SEND and AP system that is built around the right support at the right time and high aspirations for all children and young people.  To realise this vision, the new system is intended to:

* Fulfil children’s potential: disabled children and young people, and children and young people with special educational needs (or attending alternative provision) enjoy their childhood, achieve good outcomes and are well prepared for adulthood and employment;
* Build parents’ trust: parents and carers experience a fairer, easily navigable system (across education, health and care) that restores their confidence that their children will get the right support, in the right place, at the right time;
* Provide financial sustainability: local leaders make the best use of investment in the high needs budget to meet children and young people’s needs and improve outcomes, while placing local authorities on a stable financial footing.

The SEND and AP system will be integrated across health, education and care, with these local SEND and AP partnerships working together to produce an inclusion plan that sets out how they will work together to commission and deliver identified need so that children and young people and their parent carers will have access to inclusive support through a mainstream offer or in specialist settings including alternative provision.