

SEC General Election 2019 Asks

SEC believes the next Government must...

On funding:

- Fully fund the provision for children with SEND in early years settings, schools and colleges;
- Make real terms increases to high needs funding, school budgets and specialist Support services.

On Education Health and Care Plans:

- Ensure that all EHCPs meet the legal requirements, including input from health and social care services alongside education;
- Introduce a new national template to make plans easier to understand and improve transition between schools.

On SEN Support and staff skills:

- Provide better advice to schools on how to help children receiving SEN support;
- Audit and ring-fence all SEN funding to enable good quality SEN Support in all schools;
- Step up training and support for SEN specialist and support staff;
- Undertake a workforce review to enable all children and schools to be supported by fully trained specialist staff.

On rights and entitlement

- Ensure that schools are held accountable for all unlawful exclusions and off-rolling;
- Give extra powers to Ofsted to investigate and fail schools who are found to have broken the law;
- Ensure that all children and young people have a right to a full and meaningful education;
- Ensure all schools comply with their legal duties to make reasonable adjustments so that children with SEND have access to a full inclusive curriculum and are not discriminated against by school behaviour policies.

The Special Educational Consortium (SEC) is a membership organisation that comes together to protect and promote the rights of disabled children and young people and those with special educational needs (SEN). Our membership includes the voluntary and community sector, education providers and professional associations. SEC believes that every child and young person is entitled to an education that allows them to fulfil their potential and achieve their aspirations.