



BUCKINGHAMSHIRE SEND INSPECTION

Dear FACT Members and SENDIAS subscribers

We have been waiting for this since 2016 but yesterday we finally received confirmation that Ofsted and the Care Quality Commission will inspect the health, social care and education services for children and young people with SEND in Buckinghamshire between Monday 7th March and Friday 11th March.

The main aim of the inspection is to evaluate how effectively Buckinghamshire Council, the local NHS and local schools:

- **identify the needs** of children and young people with SEND
- **meet the needs** of these children and young people **so that their outcomes** and chances of participating fully in society **improve.**"

The Inspectors will meet with key officers and others on Monday and Tuesday to discuss themes picked by the Inspectors and then they will visit settings, schools and colleges on Wednesday and Thursday.

There is more information about the inspection here: [Joint SEND inspections \(www.gov.uk\)](http://www.gov.uk)

The lead inspector has spoken to us and has assured us that Parent and Carer views are essential to the process. FACT will have a representative in each of the meetings on Monday and Tuesday. There will also be meetings with FACT parent reps and one with SENDIAS. During the visits on Wednesday and Thursday parents will also be asked to offer their views about the provision being made in those settings and schools.

There are two other ways in which parents, carers, **children and young people** can contribute their views:

1. By completing the online survey from Ofsted/CQC that will be open until 11:59pm on Tuesday 8th March 2022: to do so follow this link:
<https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/BuckinghamshireCountyCouncilLASENDInspection/>

2. By emailing any and all thoughts to Lasend.support@ofsted.gov.uk.

Many of you will have recently completed the annual FACT/SENDIAS survey. Thank you! We have decided to close this survey at midnight tonight so that we can analyse your responses and present the very timely data to the Inspectors next week. Please complete the Ofsted survey as well if you can: it asks different questions and has a broader audience.

We will send updates during the inspection. Ofsted and CQC will publish their report approximately 6-8 weeks after the inspection which we will also circulate.

Please do share the details of the inspection with any individual or group with an interest in SEND Children and Young People in Buckinghamshire.

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