**Doncaster Council**

**Key Principles for Inclusion**

Principles for the development and delivery of services that support children and young people with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities and additional needs

**Overall aims:**

To realise our ambition to be the most child-friendly borough in the country.

To improve outcomes for children and young people ensuring that the following principles are at the heart of everything we do.

**Key principles:**

* Children and young people should be able to access the right educational setting for them, at the right time;
* Wherever possible children and young people should be educated close to their home within Doncaster;
* The voices of children and young people are at the centre of all decision making and planning and we will work together to ensure that their needs are met;
* Partnership working is essential for the effective provision of early intervention to maximise chances of success for children and young people;
* Mainstream and specialist education settings should share responsibility for supporting all our children and young people;
* A ‘whole person, whole life’ approach is essential to enable all children and young people to realise their ambitions and aspirations, increase their independence and positive life outcomes; and
* Services to support children and young people must be effective and provide value for money for the public purse.