

Children and Young People Plan 2020 – 2024



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The Children and Young People Plan (CYPP) sets out our partnership vision and priorities to support and help young people in the Royal Borough of Greenwich.

We developed the CYPP with children, young people, parents, carers and the professionals and volunteers who support them.

This plan covers a wide range of organisations that are committed to making children's lives better.

These organisations include:

- the NHS
- the voluntary sector
- the Royal Borough of Greenwich
- the Police.

All children and young people in Greenwich, regardless of their background or circumstances, deserve to have a safe, healthy and happy childhood where they enjoy family life and school and feel a part of the community.



We think Greenwich offers young people a great start in life.

Since our last plan in 2017 there have been lots of achievements.



92% of Greenwich schools judged to be good or outstanding, compared to a national average of 86%.



Greenwich children get the very best start to their education with 78% achieving a good level of educational development in 2019 - the sixth highest in England.



At Key Stage 2, Greenwich children were ranked joint ninth in England in reading, writing and mathematics combined.



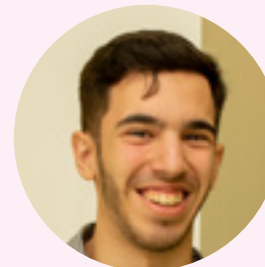
41.3% of Greenwich young people achieved a strong pass grade of 5 to 9 in English and maths at Key Stage 4, compared with the national average of 39.8%.



More Greenwich care leavers go onto higher education – nearly double the national average with 11% compared to 6% for England.



More children are able to stay with their families. The number of children in care has reduced. (495 at the end of quarter 4, 2016/17)





Reduction in persistent absence and fixed term exclusions from school have taken Greenwich below average for England.



Low levels of young people not in employment, education and training (3.7% as at end of quarter 4, 2019/20)



3% reduction in under 18 pregnancy conception rates per thousand, which continue to decrease.



19% reduction in proven criminal reoffence by young offenders. (from 35% to 16%)



Local rates of early access to maternity services are above London and England averages (66.8% at end of quarter 3, 2019/20).

Our young people have told us...

We want to make sure young people living in Royal Greenwich have a say in their lives, so we asked what is important to them and these are some of their suggestions...

Enhanced support

- Easier access to support for young people with special educational needs and disabilities or challenging behaviour.
- Clear range of development opportunities and options at school and beyond.

Mental health and wellbeing

- Knowing how to look after your wellbeing.
- Educating friends and family to know how to help.
- Knowing what support is available.
- Easy access to support.
- Having a safe space to go to, to have fun, learn and make friends.

Safety

- Feeling safe at home and in the community.
- Knowing how to keep safe online.
- Ending discrimination.

Staying healthy and active

- Knowing how to keep healthy.
- Easy access a range of healthy activities.
- Healthier and cheaper food options offered more widely.

Opportunities to achieve

- Having a say in education structure.
- Support with preparing for adulthood, including guidance on money and time management.
- More advice on relationships.



Our Vision

We want all children and young people in Greenwich to experience a safe, healthy and happy childhood where they enjoy family life and school and feel a part of the community.

Our plan aims to ensure every child growing up in Greenwich will begin, continue to develop and move into adulthood well.

What does our vision mean for children and young people?

1. Begin well

We will strive for all children to have a happy and healthy start to life - founded on support and love from parents and carers – by providing easy access to key services from the outset. We will work hard to ensure every child has a successful start to school and is ready to engage and learn from day one.

2. Develop well

We will ensure young people develop and maintain a healthy lifestyle by providing access to regular extracurricular activities. We want all children do their best in school will make sure they are supported to meet any additional social, emotional and mental health need. We will work towards every child feeling safe at home and in the community, without fear of violent crime.

3. Move into adulthood well

We will encourage young people to achieve well at Key Stage 4 and 5 by making sure they have a range of education, training and employment opportunities available to them. We will build good foundations in their early and formative years to promote a healthy and successful adulthood.



Our values and principles

Children and young people at the heart of everything we do

We will always have children and young people's best interests at the forefront of our work.

Building aspiration and resilience

Our work is family focused, promotes strengths and aspirations, compassion and independence to help yourself.

Strong partnerships

We build collaborative relationships and learn from each other. We are aspirational and promote challenging and supportive conversations that focus on the experience of the child and young person.

Safeguarding, education and health are everybody's responsibility

All partners are responsible for ensuring that children and young people are safe, healthy and engaged in education and training.

Involving children and young people

We will ensure children and young people feel they are an important part of the community and can participate in decision making processes.

Strengthen local services and communities

We make sure children, young people and families can access good quality services in Royal Greenwich through locally based providers.

Promoting equality and combating disadvantage and discrimination

We always challenge disadvantage and discrimination. We promote equality and engagement with all members of the family, ensuring boys and men are included in particular.



Our 2020-24 priorities - to make sure our children are given the tools and opportunities to have the best childhood they can and equip them for adulthood.

We will continue to build on our strengths and develop Greenwich as a place where we support all our children and young people to:

Priority 1

Good physical health and an active lifestyle

We will strive for our young people to have a healthy and active lifestyle throughout their lives to promote good future physical and mental health. We will take a life course approach and pay close attention to developing good habits in early years and equip parents, carers and schools with the right tools and advice to promote healthy choices. We will help tackle obesity by driving a reduction in poverty and inequalities.

Priority 2

Positive mental health and wellbeing

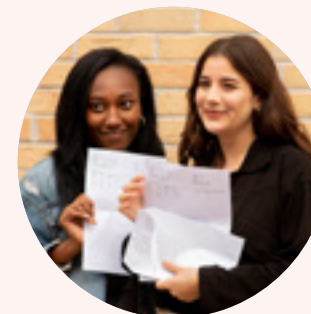
We will develop and nurture mentally healthy environments that tackle discrimination and health inequalities. We will empower our children, young people, parents and carers to look after their own mental health and wellbeing. We will give them confidence to access help when they need it, ensuring the best experience and outcomes for a positive difference now and in their future. Our services will be easy to access, with support and treatment as close to home as possible.



Priority 3

Supporting our children with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities and challenging behaviour

We will fully support and equip parents, schools and practitioners with the skills and knowledge to address challenging behaviour. We will impart a strong understanding of the reasons and how to respond so that children and young people are best supported to achieve positive outcomes. We will develop more efficient and effective pathways for diagnosis and support for those with autistic spectrum disorder (ASD) and attention deficit hyperactive disorder (ADHD), so parents and young people feel more able to cope with challenging circumstances.



Priority 4

Achieve well at Key Stage 4 and Key Stage 5 and be well prepared for adulthood

We will improve standards and positive outcomes at Key Stage 4 and 5, bringing it closer to the high achieving early years. We will encourage all students, no matter their background, to meet their academic potential. This includes tackling inequalities and closing the gap for our most vulnerable pupils. We want to develop a strong borough-wide offer to ensure we have a varied and high-quality curriculum offer at Key Stage 5, with pupils being well prepared for higher education, training and employment.



Priority 5

Protection from harm at home, online and in the community

We will support our children and young people to be safe and feel safe at home, online and in the community. We will safeguard children and young people in Greenwich by keeping practitioners, parents and the public informed and empowered to speak out and protect them. We will focus on prevention to make sure the right care and support is in place to keep young people safe from violence and crime. Promoting healthy relationships will be a priority, with increased focus on domestic violence in families and improved understanding of consent.

