

CO-PRODUCTION CHARTER FOR BURY

Purpose:

This Charter describes the aims and principles underpinning co-production with children, young people and parents/carers in Bury.

Children/young people with SEND and their parents/carers have a right to:

- Those around them (adults and other children and young people) understanding their/their child's strengths and needs;
- Be respected;
- Be involved in the decisions that affect their lives;
- Object and make their voice heard if they are in disagreement or don't like something;
- Feel supported inside and outside of the school community;
- Do things/their child to do things that they enjoy, are interested by and are meaningful to them (including at school);
- Make friends/their child to make friends and have social opportunities;
- Use their voice, be heard and to make positive changes for all children and young people with SEND in Bury;
- Help shape services for all children and young people with SEND in Bury.

Children/young people with SEND and their parents/carers engaged in co-production have a responsibility to:

- Let people know how best to support them/their child;
- Be involved in reviewing progress;
- Say when they are not happy and want things to change;
- Let other know what support/services are available and to share resources;
- Use their voice and support others to do the same;
- Attend meeting/social groups and opportunities presented for them to enable them to have their voice heard;
- Find ways for people to not just listen, but take action;



- Hold people to account;
- Be involved in developing systems whereby children, young people and parents/carers are making strategic decision;
- Conduct themselves in a professional manner, adhering to their Constitution and Code of Conduct;
- Faithfully represent the views of a collective group of C&YP and parents/carers;
- Minimise wherever reasonable from talking about their personal or individual circumstances at board level, unless it supports the context of collective information gathered.

Bury Council and Bury CCG will make a commitment to co-production by:

- Listening to what children and young people, and parents/carers have to say;
- Helping children and young people to express their views using a range of communication tools;
- Involving children and young people, and parents/carers in decisions that affect them;
- Supporting children and young people to make the decisions about things that will affect their lives and future;
- Involving and valuing children and young people, and parents/carers as equal partners;
- Ensuring that children and young people, and parents/carers know what has happened as a result of their feedback;
- Involving parents/carers in reviewing and shaping services;
- Providing a clear mechanism and safe space for children, young people and parents/carers to raise issues and escalate their views.

This charter has been developed from involvement from children, young people and parents/carers across Bury and Bury staff during the autumn term 2018 and spring term 2019.

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