

Dear Parent/Carer,

Hello from all of us at Derbyshire Parent Carer Voice (DPCV)!

We're a registered charity led by a team of dedicated volunteers – all of whom are parent carers of children and young people with special educational needs and/or disabilities (SEND). We're passionate about making a difference and ensuring that the voices of parent carers are heard and valued.

Although we are independent from the Local Authority, we work closely with services across health, education, and social care to help shape better support for families like yours. Our goal is to make sure every young person has a fair chance to thrive and reach their full potential.

We're here to empower parent carers by sharing knowledge, building connections, and making sure no one feels alone on their journey.

What is the PINS Project?

PINS stands for Partnerships for Inclusion of Neurodiversity in Schools. It's a national programme funded by the Department for Education (DfE), NHS England (NHSE), and the Department for Health and Social Care (DHSC).

The aim of PINS is to bring together health, education, social care professionals, and parent carers to support primary schools in becoming more inclusive environments for neurodiverse children. Through this project, we hope to:

- Support schools in developing a whole-school approach to inclusion.
- Strengthen relationships between schools and parent carers.
- Encourage proactive adjustments in how learning is delivered and experienced.
- Build staff confidence and skills through training and collaboration.

How DPCV Can Support You

Even after the PINS project ends, we're here for you. As a parent carer forum, we offer:

- Friendly parent/carers meet-ups and coffee mornings
- Support, advice, and signposting to helpful services
- Training workshops and informative events
- Online support through our social media channels
- Wellbeing events to help you recharge
- Opportunities to share your views through surveys and feedback

“DPCV literally threw me a lifeline. Until then, we were alone, in crisis, not knowing what to do next.”

– A Parent Carer

We’re really looking forward to working with you and your school as part of the PINS project. If you have any questions or would like to get involved, please don’t hesitate to reach out.

Warm wishes,

The DPCV Team

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