

Priority five



Investing in our future

We want Nottinghamshire to be a place where everyone is able to enjoy a good quality of life. Ensuring that children, young people and families are supported is an investment in our future, for all residents in Nottinghamshire. This investment needs to ensure that services that support attainment and achievement are primarily focussed toward those young people, families and communities in greatest need.

Educational attainment has been a priority for Nottinghamshire for many years and exam results are progressively improving for all age groups. However, there are still inequalities and the outcomes for some groups of pupils are not as high as they could be. We are committed to securing excellence in education for all and we want to enable all young people in Nottinghamshire to fulfil their potential. We also want to support young people to choose the right learning pathway for them – whether this is, further education, higher education, apprenticeship or employment.

We will work with all schools to encourage strong partnership working and a focus on outcomes. We will prioritise significant funding to invest in schools to ensure the provision of school places where they are most needed. We will continue to fund the refurbishment and renovation of our school buildings to ensure they provide a safe and suitable learning environment.

We aim to tackle child poverty and social exclusion by working with parents-to-be, parents, carers and children to promote physical, intellectual and social development of babies and young children so they have the best start in life. Youth services enable young people to have a voice and a positive place in their communities and society and provide young people in Nottinghamshire with something to do, somewhere to go and someone to talk to in the form of young groups, mobile youth projects and events.

What we will deliver

outcome

how we will measure progress

role of the Council

Our children and young people will attain higher educational standards than the national average in good and outstanding schools

Increase the % of children achieving 5 or more A* to C grades at GCSE - including both maths and english

We will work with schools to challenge poor standards and provide support to help deliver improvements

The attainment gap in education continues to close for all ages

Narrow the attainment gap at ages 11 and 16 between pupils eligible for free school meals and the rest

We will ensure that support is targeted where there are the most profound gaps in educational attainment

Additional school places will be available where they are most needed

Increase the number of children getting their first choice primary school

We will identify areas with the greatest pressure and demand for school places and prioritise these schools for future investment

Children and young people receive the help and support they require to be safe and thrive

Increase the proportion of children achieving a 'good level of development' in the Early Years Foundation Stage

We will target our resources to provide services that help children and young people to thrive to areas of greatest need

Young people are supported to reach their potential

Reduce the % of children not in education, employment or training (NEET)

We will ensure that effective advice and guidance is available to support children in choosing the most appropriate career pathway