

A great place to

bring up *your family*

We want Nottinghamshire to be a great place to bring up a family so that children get the best possible start in life. Support will be provided to those who need it most, to ensure that children remain safe and healthy.

Working in partnership with early years providers, schools, colleges and our universities, we will make sure that people have the opportunity to acquire the skills and qualifications they need to build a rewarding life and career.

We will focus on encouraging those children who are high performers, whilst supporting those who are not yet achieving their full potential, for whatever reason. We want all children to have the same opportunities and life chances.

Commitment 1:

Families prosper and achieve their potential

We want all children to have the chance to realise their potential so they can enjoy a happy and prosperous life, where high aspirations are the norm.

Children and young people who are healthy are more able to enjoy life, achieve their ambitions and carry this success into adulthood. We will support families to make informed and healthy lifestyle choices for their children.

We want Nottinghamshire to be a thriving place where families have access to a wide range of jobs and good quality housing.

Success means:

- Young people will have improved physical and mental health
- More families will be in work
- More families will live in good quality housing
- More children will achieve a good level of development by the end of reception year.

90% of Nottinghamshire's schools are graded **Good or better** by **Ofsted**



Commitment 2:

Children are kept safe from harm

All children and young people need to be safe and secure so that they can achieve their full potential.

We know that sometimes parents need support to help them through problems, so our services will help vulnerable families to face these challenges and move on with their lives.

We will work with our partners to ensure that our most vulnerable children and young people get the support and protection they need to be secure and happy. We will ensure that the County's Looked After Children live in safe and stable homes and will support them to pursue their ambitions.

We will continue to provide accessible, good quality youth provision and recreational facilities across Nottinghamshire, giving young people opportunities to spend their free time in a positive way.

Success means:

- Children at risk are appropriately identified, supported and protected
- Improved outcomes for children, young people and families accessing our safeguarding and family services, as a result of high quality interventions
- Looked After Children and care leavers are well supported through improved placement provision, health services and learning opportunities
- Continued good quality, targeted youth services

Commitment 3:

Children and young people go to good schools

We want all children to attend good schools, where they can enjoy their learning and achieve their potential, regardless of their background. We will work to ensure there are sufficient school places so that parents have choice. We believe all local schools should be able to achieve at least a "good" standard, as judged by Ofsted, and we will work with our schools and academies to achieve this. Where schools are not hitting this target, we will stand up for parents and children by challenging the schools to improve quickly, offering the necessary support for them to do so.

We will continue to support children and young people who have special educational needs and disabilities. We will help to break down barriers and encourage greater independence, by working closely with families, schools and partners in the health services.

When young people leave school, it is important that they move on to a destination which suits them and enables them to get a good job. We will work with our schools, colleges, universities and training providers to ensure that our young people have a range of education and employment options, so that they can choose the direction which best matches their particular talents and interests.

Success means:

- Children and young people are provided with sufficient early years provision and school places in their local communities
- Vulnerable children are less likely to miss education
- Educational outcomes for vulnerable children improve
- More than 90% of Nottinghamshire schools are classified as "good" or "outstanding" by Ofsted
- Fewer young people are not in education, employment or training (NEET)

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Our Families

172,796 children and young people under 19

17% of children and young people live in a household with an income at least 60% below the UK average

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90% of Nottinghamshire's schools are graded "Good" or better by Ofsted

97% of 16-17 year olds are in education, employment or training

89% of children live in households where at least one adult is in work