



Are you a parent or carer of a child with additional support needs?

We are looking for parents and carers to help shape a new resource for early learning and childcare staff, teachers and education professionals.

What is the project?

Children in Scotland is a national charity working to improve the lives of children and families. We have been funded by the Scottish Government to produce a range of online training materials for education professionals.

The resources will help education staff to consider how they communicate with parents and carers of children with additional support needs and how they can fully involve them in their child's learning. [Additional support needs](#) can be anything from having English as an additional language to being a young carer; having a physical disability to experiencing communication difficulties.

How can I help?

Children in Scotland is looking for parents and carers of children with additional support needs to contribute to the resources by recording some short videos (2 minutes long) that will be included as part of the training materials.

The videos will focus on the positive experiences of working with teachers, nursery practitioners or other education staff.

Parents and carers who are chosen to take part will receive a **£15 one4all gift voucher** as a thank you for their contribution. Details of how to register your interest can be found below.



How will the filming work?

The video will be filmed on Zoom at a time that suits you, with full support from a member of Children in Scotland staff.

A member of staff from Children in Scotland will ask you some simple prompt questions, and your responses will be recorded and edited to create the short film. Questions will be provided in advance so that you can think about your answers before the filming session.

We expect each Zoom session to take no longer than 30 minutes. You don't need any special equipment to take part, just access to a computer or tablet and an internet connection.

What do you want parents/carers to speak about?

We are looking for parents/carers to speak about one or more of the following topics.

1. The positive impact of being actively involved in planning your child's support at their school or nursery.
2. Finding out your child has additional support needs and how this affected how you felt and how you responded to education staff
3. How regular communication from teachers helps you to feel more involved in your child's school and learning, and what type of communication works best for you.
4. How your child's school has created a supportive environment for all learners and made children with additional support needs and their parents/carers feel included.
5. How your child's transition to secondary school was a positive experience and what support from teachers and education staff made it work so well

Why should I get involved?

We hope these training resources will help to improve communication between parents/carers and education staff and ultimately improve outcomes for children with additional support needs.

It is important that a range of parents' and carers' views and experiences are included as part of these resources.

In addition to this, you'll receive a **£15 one4all gift voucher** for taking part.

How can I get involved?

If you would like to be involved or if you have any questions, please contact David Mackay, Policy & Projects Manager (dmackay@childreninscotland.org.uk / 07935 382858)