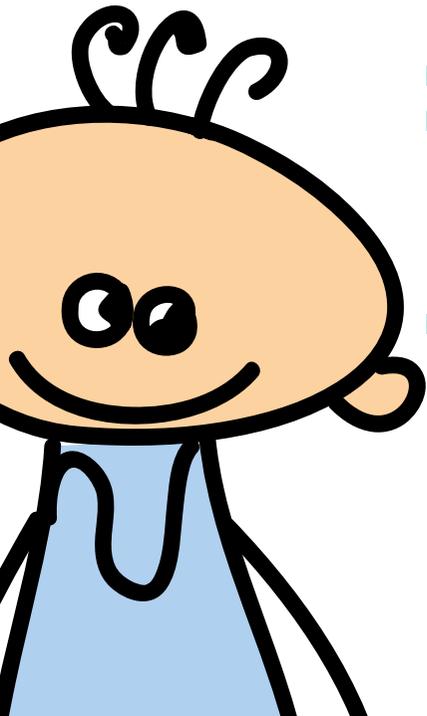


## About Telford:

- Telford and Wrekin is a place of contrasts, a distinctive blend of urban and rural areas, with green open spaces alongside contemporary housing developments and traditional market towns.
- There are clear differences across the Borough - some neighbourhoods and communities are among the most deprived areas nationally, whereas equally some communities are amongst the more affluent in England.
- An estimated population of 175,800 which is younger than the national picture, with a greater proportion of the population aged under 20 (T&W 25.2%, England 23.7%).
- Over 45,000 children and young people (aged under 20) live in the borough, around 30,000 of which are of statutory school age (4-16). The borough's younger population is projected to increase at a faster rate than nationally.

## Find out more about:

- services available across Telford and Wrekin communities by looking at our Live Well Telford directory  
<https://livewell.telford.gov.uk/>
- services we offer visit Family Connect
- Our Local offer for children and young people with special educational needs provides information on what services you can expect from local agencies  
<https://www.telfordsend.org.uk/site/index.php>
- how we work together to keep children and young people safe, visit [http://www.telford.gov.uk/info/20438/safeguarding\\_children](http://www.telford.gov.uk/info/20438/safeguarding_children)



# CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE'S PLAN ON A PAGE

Part of our programme to  
**Protect, Care and Invest**

HELPING FAMILIES SHAPING FUTURES CHANGING LIVES



**Our mission is for all our children to feel safe, loved and supported to achieve their full potential**

**Our vision is to support children to be the best they can be**

**We want to make sure all children and young people:**

- Are safe from harm
- Have the best start in life
- Reach their full potential academically
- Can access good quality education and childcare
- Have a sense of belonging and stability
- Become active members in their community
- Feel they have a voice and influence in decisions about their lives
- Enjoy healthier and happier lives

**We're passionate about:**

- Getting the basics right
- Improving outcomes for children, young people and their families
- Keeping the most vulnerable safe
- Improving practice
- Appropriately managing demand on our services

**How we'll know we've made a difference:**

- Reduction in safeguarding cases
- Reduction in children looked after and increase in those supported to live with their families where safe to do so
- Reduction in high cost services
- Increase in placement stability
- Improve achievement and close achievement gaps
- Reduction in children/young people not in education, employment or training
- Reduction in children excluded from school
- Increase in positive destinations for children with SEND

**We will:**

- Build positive relationships
- Reflect, invite feedback from others and learn from it
- Be willing to go that extra mile
- Involve children, families and young people in decisions that affect them
- Be ambitious for all of our children and young people

**We value and demonstrate:**

- **Openness and honesty**
- **Fairness and respect**
- **Ownership**
- **Involvement**

**How we'll do it:**

**Providing the right help at the right time**

We will ensure early discussions with children, their families, schools and our partners to provide timely and appropriate support to ensure children live their best lives in Telford and achieve to the best of their ability.

**Helping you to help yourself to be the best you can be**

Empower families, children and young people to achieve positive change through their own support networks and communities.

**Working with our partners**

See and listen to the voice of children and their parents/carers. Work together with children and young people and their families to achieve better futures for all.

**Being an outstanding workforce** The child will be at the centre of everything we do. We are passionate about making a difference – we will be clear, effective and positive in all that we do to support children and young people.

