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PROGRAMME UPDATE

Keeping stakeholders, parents and carers informed about Dudley's Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) Improvement Programme.

1) Message from Helen Ellis, Service Director for Early Help, Schools and SEND, Dudley Council

Welcome to our latest SEND Improvement Programme bulletin.

I am delighted to announce the [launch event](#) of the new SEND Strategy and Inclusion Charter, will take place on Thursday 30 September. This is an extremely exciting and proud moment for the partnership. The launch of the strategy is the culmination of months of hard working together to make sure that we have the right aspirations for our children and young people, so that they can achieve their potential and thrive. The day also will be a celebration of our achievements.

Attendees will get to hear about how the strategy has been developed working with young people, parents/carers and stakeholders as well as the detail of the strategy itself. Keynote speaker and local inspirational celebrity '[Blind Dave Heeley](#) will talk about his amazing achievements providing inspiration to our children and young people with SEND.

The newly independent Dudley Parent Carer Forum is looking for parents and carers across the borough to sign-up to become members. The forum is committed to engaging and empowering parents and carers of children with disabilities or additional needs so that they can influence decisions, improve services and ultimately create better outcomes for children and young people.

Dudley SENDIASS Service have a [range of events](#) taking place throughout the Autumn term. The service offers information, advice and support on all matters relating to SEN and disabilities.

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