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local school, and those with more complex needs will have specialist support available and more options for college or training as they approach adulthood.

- Aspiration for all: We want every child to feel welcome, supported and able to learn in a place that works for them.
- Preparing for the future: Children are supported to plan for the future with help to understand the options available to them and services will plan for children's next steps.
- Strong foundations: A skilled, trained and supported workforce to communicate with families in an accurate, compassionate and timely manner. Leaders will continuously explore new technologies and seek innovative solutions to make processes more efficient and increase time staff can spend supporting children and families.

The consultation is due to start on Friday 14 November and will run until 6 February. Children and young people, parents and carers, and professionals in schools, health, and social care are invited to share their views to help refine the strategy and identify priorities for action.

- Read Hertfordshire's draft SEND strategy and find out how to take part in the consultation: www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/SENDstrategy

Council runs 'Stop Means Stop' campaign to raise awareness of school crossing patrols

As reported by BBC Look East, BBC London, BBC Three Counties Radio, Yahoo! UK and Southend Echo motorists across Hertfordshire are being reminded to stop whenever they are asked to do so by school crossing patrols, as part of the latest Hertfordshire County Council countywide 'Stop Means Stop' campaign. Across the county there is a network of 150 school crossing patrols on hand to help children and their parents cross busy roads before and after school. By law, motorists are required to stop whenever the distinctive 'lollipop' sign – which is clearly marked 'Stop' – is raised. Body camera footage that showed drivers failing to stop when children were on a zebra crossing has prompted a council to try and raise safety awareness. Hertfordshire County Council has equipped school crossing patrol staff with body cameras to help identify drivers who ignored crossing rules.

UK Youth Parliament

SfYP is currently exploring building on its existing 'voice of young people' opportunities by enabling young people in Hertfordshire to participate in the UK Youth Parliament. This would provide Hertfordshire's young people with a national platform to influence change, complementing and enhancing the existing Hertfordshire-wide SfYP youth councils. Young people aged 11-18 can express their interest now.

- [See full details and find out how young people can get involved](#)

Hertfordshire is a Breastfeeding Friendly county!

Another one joins the Breastfeeding Friendly movement! And this time, our new Breastfeeding Friendly company is also a Best Foods Gold Award recipient. Herts Responsible Food Award celebrates businesses that offer healthier food choices and adopt sustainable practices – a perfect partner scheme with the Breastfeeding Friendly scheme. They both aim to build trust with customers and be recognised for doing the right thing.

2026/27 Budget Survey

as in previous years -there is a survey which will allow the public to have their say and help shape our budget for 2026/27 has been launched.

[The survey appears on our website and will be open until Sunday 7th December](#). There is also an "easy read" version.

A [press release](#) gives more information. The survey is also being promoted directly to members of our Citizen's Panel, "Have Your Say" and other groups as well as social media.

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