

Frequently asked questions for parents and families about the Wokingham Borough PINS project.

What is PINS?

PINS stands for 'Partnerships for Inclusion of Neurodiversity in Schools'.

It is a project that helps schools to improve the experience of children who are neurodivergent so that they feel welcomed, supported and able to take part in all aspects of school life.

PINS is a national initiative led by the Department for Education and NHS England.

30 primary schools in Wokingham Borough are taking part in the project.

How will PINS help my child?

PINS will help your child by improving their school environment and helping schools adapt the way they do things to meet your child's needs (which could include mental health, speech and language and physical and sensory) to help them learn and take part in all aspects of school life. PINS will help all pupils in school – children don't need a formal diagnosis to benefit from this project.

How will PINS help parents?

PINS will help parents to build strong relationships and improve communication with their child's school so that they can have more confidence in how the school is supporting their child's needs. Parents' views and experiences are a vital part of this project. [SEND Voices Wokingham](#), the local parent carer forum, will hold forums like coffee mornings and other events for parents so that they can share their feedback, knowledge and ideas with other parents and their child's school. By working together, parents/carers and schools can support each other to give children the best experiences of school.

What schools in Wokingham Borough are taking part in the project?

30 primary schools in the Borough are taking part in the PINS project. They are:

Alder Grove CofE Primary School, All Saints Church of England Primary School, Bearwood Primary School, Beechwood Primary School, Charvil Piggott Primary School, Earley St Peter's Church of England Primary School, Emmbrook Junior School, Evendons Primary School, Gorse Ride Infants' & Junior School, Grazeley Parochial Church of England Aided Primary, Hatch Ride Primary School, Highwood Primary School, Lambs Lane Primary School, Nine Mile Ride Primary School, Polehampton Church of England Infant & Junior Schools, Radstock Primary School, Rivermead Primary School, Saint Sebastians Church of England Primary School, Shinfield Infant and Nursery School, Shinfield St Mary's CofE Junior School, St Nicholas Church of England, Primary, St Paul's CofE Junior School, The Coombes Church of England Primary School, The Hawthorns Primary School, Walter Infant School, Wescott Infant School, Willow Bank Infant School, Windmill Primary School, Winnersh Primary School, Woodley CofE Primary School

What does neurodivergent mean?

A neurodivergent person's brain processes, learns, and/or behaves differently from what is considered "typical" (referred to as neurotypical) by society. Neurodivergent covers a range of needs, including (but not limited to) ADHD, autism, neurodiversity and anxiety, dyslexia, dyspraxia, dysgraphia, dyscalculia, developmental language disorder, foetal alcohol syndrome, and other forms of developmental learning differences and needs (this list is not exhaustive).

What does neurodiversity mean?

'Neurodiversity' means that humans are all different in how we think, feel, and learn. That's because all our brains process information in different ways.

If a group of people includes neurodivergent and neurotypical people, or different types of neurodivergent people, that group could be called 'neurodiverse'. So, a mainstream primary school would teach pupils who are neurodiverse.

How will PINS benefit schools?

The schools that are taking part in the Wokingham PINS project will have access to education and health specialists and SEND Voices Wokingham, the local parent carer forum, to help all school staff better understand the needs of neurodivergent children and create a school environment where all children can thrive. Parents and schools will have stronger relationships and better communication with each other.

Has this been tried anywhere before?

PINS is a national project led by the Department for Education and NHS England which started in early 2024. Around 600 primary schools across England took part in phase 1 which finished in March 2025. Wokingham is part of the 2nd phase of the project which will run until March 2026.

Who do I contact for more information about the PINS project?

You can speak to your child's school, who will be happy to talk to you in more detail about the project. More information is also available on the SEND Voices Wokingham website:

www.sendvoiceswokingham.org.uk/pins

You can also contact SEND Voices Wokingham by emailing info@sendvoiceswokingham.org.uk.

They will be holding coffee mornings and other events during the project that you can attend to find out more about the project, as well as talk with other parents.

There will also be updated in the Wokingham Borough Council SEND Local Offer Newsletter. To subscribe to the newsletter, visit: [WBC SEND Local Offer Newsletters](#)