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**Voices of Hertfordshire Secondary Minutes South Herts**

**January 2025 10 – 1130am**

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| **Item** | **Discussion** | **Actions** |
| **Games to begin to help the young people get to know each other and feel relaxed in the new setting.**  | **Started with games in school groups on tables.**  | **Words for discussion:****Inclusion****Diversity****Hidden Disability****What is Inclusion** |
| **Contribution to the new Hertfordshire Inclusion and SEND strategy launching September 2025 –** Hertfordshire have had in place a SEND strategy since 2022 [SEND strategy 2022 -2025](https://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/microsites/local-offer/media-library/documents/draft-send-strategy-2022-2025-pdf-503kb.pdf) * What is SEND?
* What helps you or your friend / sibling in the classroom?
* What is Inclusion?
* What helps you to feel included?
* If one thing could help you be included in school what would it be?
 | **Children and young people created a number of art pieces, acrostic poems and other items to be included in the strategy. Others will follow Summer 2025. (Attached to email) Detail on why we need strategy:*** We do need a strategy as if there is no plan young people would not get enough support
* We do need a plan as there is still lots of discrimination towards young people with disabilities whether it is visible or hidden
* It is important to have a plan so that people recognise disability and those that are newly diagnosed are able to see wht is available to them
* We think that the word disability needs to be separate from SEN
* We think the word inclusion should come first as that reflects All children and young people, then disability then SEN
* ‘This is why I think we still need a strategy. Is that schools, businesses, council and hospitals should give more support if they have medium special educational need because it is currently lacking for those who sit in the middle’ Harrison aged 14
 | [What is inclusion – Reach Free](https://youtube.com/shorts/vFzfVEcsuS8) [What is Inclusion – Bushey Meads](https://youtube.com/shorts/8yoQmqbY5UM?feature=share) |
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