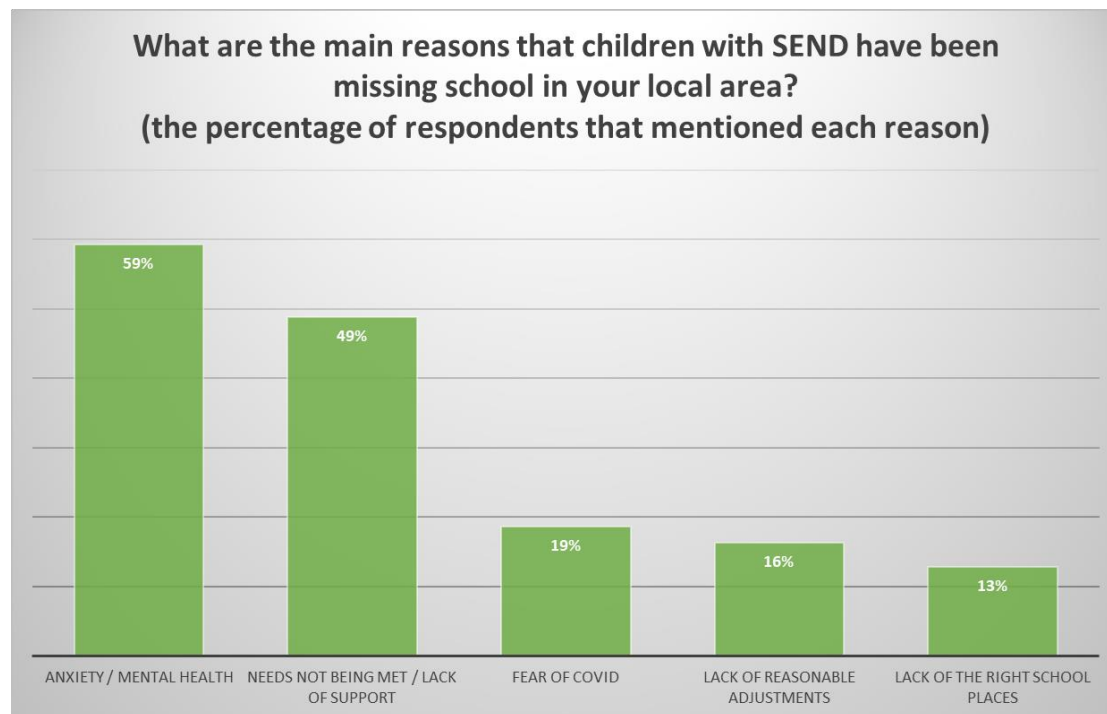


# What are the main reasons that children with SEND are missing school in your local area?



Between the 22<sup>nd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> November we asked parent carer forums to answer this question in a flash survey. We had 89 responses. The graph shows the percentage of respondents that cited a particular reason. Only those reasons cited by more than 10% of respondents are shown.

- ▶ We asked forums to name the top 3 reasons in their local area.
- ▶ Two reasons were identified by significantly more forums than any others:
  - ▶ 59% mentioned anxiety and mental health concerns
  - ▶ 49% of respondents cited a failure to meet needs and a lack of the right support for CYP with SEND
- ▶ Some topics (notably fear of Covid and difficulty in getting the vaccine) did not feature as prominently as we expected.



# What could local and national government do to support more children and young people with SEND attend school more regularly?

- ▶ We also asked our members for their ideas on what could be done differently.
- ▶ We had over 200 ideas.
- ▶ The main themes were:

More reasonable adjustments	More holistic focus on pupil wellbeing	More support for anxiety	Improved coproduction	Better understanding of medical challenges	Improved training and awareness for school staff
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Part time timetables</li> <li>•Flexible uniform policy</li> <li>•Blended learning</li> <li>•Making mainstream schools more inclusive and welcoming</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Not just a focus academic, behaviour, attendance and catch up</li> <li>•Value and celebrate different achievements</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•More understanding from schools</li> <li>•Better access to therapies</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Listen to families and CYP</li> <li>•Work with families and CYP</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Impact of disability on attendance</li> <li>•Number of medical appointments</li> <li>•Mental health issues</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•SEND and autism awareness</li> <li>•Sensory issues</li> </ul>