

SEND Support

What is Special Educational Needs?



Special Educational Needs is a term used to define a child or young person who has a learning difficulty or disability which requires special educational provision to be made for them. The Special Educational Needs & Disability Code of Practice defines this as:

- A child of compulsory school age or a young person has a learning difficulty or disability if he or she has a significant greater difficulty in learning than the majority of others the same age **or** has a disability which prevents or hinders him or her from making use of facilities of a kind generally provided for others of the same age in mainstream schools or mainstream post-16 establishments

It is estimated that approximately 20% of children and young people will have special educational needs, but the majority of these children and young people will have their needs met within mainstream provision with provision provided at SEND support and from within Core Standards. Core Standards make it clear 'what to expect' in terms of what is provided at educational settings and are written for parents, children and young people, school staff and those who provide services to families

Inclusion is key to meeting the needs of children and young people with special educational needs in education, the majority of children and young people will have their needs met within local mainstream provision.

How will I know if my child has Special Educational Needs?



- The School will have identified that your child has a special educational need
- The School SENCO (Special Educational Needs Co-Ordinator) will have arranged to meet with you to discuss this and to provide advice and outline what support they are proposing that your child requires at SEND Support

What is SEND Support?



All children and young people will receive quality first teaching as their basic entitlement to education. However having identified that your child has Special Educational Needs the School SENCO will agree what provision is required for your child that is over and above quality first teaching, this may include:

- Individual Reading Groups
- Small Group Work (Spelling, Writing, Maths etc)
- Social Skills Group Work
- Behaviour Support
- Access to specialist equipment (e.g sloping table, work station etc)

The above list is not exhaustive and are just a few examples of the provisions that the School are able to make at SEND Support

SEND support programmes may be delivered within a classroom or in some cases your child, along with others may have part of their education delivered in a small group as part of the School's inclusion policy.

Your child will have an Individual Plan, often referred to as an IEP (Individual Education Plan); IDP (Individual Development Plan); IBP (Individual Behaviour Plan), the

plan will be reviewed regularly with the objectives, progress and provision reviewed. This is known as the ADPR (Assess, Do, Plan, Review) and forms a part of the graduated pathway.

What is a Graduated Pathway?



A graduated pathway is an approach designed to ensure that the right level of support is available to your child at the right time. If your child requires more or different support, it will build on the support that has been in place and from the ADPR cycle will understand what has been successful/unsuccessful previously.

The graduated pathway is intended to meet your child's needs at SEND Support and within their current provision.

In a small number of cases it may be necessary for the School SENCO to discuss a more formal approach to meeting your child's needs that will require a statutory assessment, known as an Education, Health, Care Assessment

Where can I get more information?



- Leaflets enclosed
 - School SENCO or SEND lead
 - The Contact Centre, Children's Services – 0300 123 2224
 - Somerset Sendias, SEND Information, Advice and Support - 01823 355578
SomersetSENDIAS@somerset.gov.uk
 - Somerset Local Offer www.somersetchoices.co.uk
 - IPSEA - www.ipsea.org.uk
 - Contact – www.contact.org.uk
- Free helpline: 0808 808 3556