



A Guide to SEND for Parents and Carers

What is SEN?

Your child may have special educational needs (SEN) if they find learning more challenging than others and need extra support to achieve their full potential.

For example, they may have difficulty with their:

- Behaviour or ability to socialise
- Reading and writing
- Ability to understand things
- Concentration levels
- Physical ability

These difficulties can be barriers to learning. Our school will assess all children to identify their strengths and needs and how we can best support them.

Children who need extra help with their learning may receive additional support under one of the following categories:

- Special educational needs (SEN) support
 - An education, health and care (EHCP) plan
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What is SEN support?

SEN support describes the additional help that assists children to access the curriculum.

This might include:

- Extra help in the classroom- resources, visual timetables, checklists, communication books.
- Small group or one-to-one learning- interventions, daily reader, phonics groups, Use of IDL programme.
- Support from specialists such as speech and language therapists.

Our school will work with you when agreeing what support to provide and what it will achieve.

What are EHC plans?

If your child has more complex needs, they may need a more intensive level of specialist help than SEN support caters for.

In these cases, your child might be assessed for an EHC plan. Our special educational needs coordinator (SENCo) will suggest this level of need if they feel it will benefit your children progress throughout education.

An EHC plan is a legal document that sets out the support that education, health and care providers must provide.

FAQs

How will the school decide what type of support my child receives?

Every child's needs are different, and may change over time.

Therefore, the school will assess each child's needs closely to identify which support is right for them.

The school will also regularly review the support your child receives to see what is working and what isn't, and incorporate your views on this too.

How do I know if my child needs SEN support?

If your child is not making expected progress for their year group, they may need SEN support.

The class teacher will discuss your child's needs with you and the SENCo team will provide further information before placing your child on SEN support.

What if I think my child needs further support?

Please speak to SENCo team who may recommend next steps in supporting your child. This may consist of referrals to specialist or carrying out an EHC needs assessment if this is what is required.

Where can I find out more information?

Go to the school website

Our school's SEN policy and information report set out more detailed information about the support available for children with SEN and disabilities.

You can access this information on our website.

Contact us

If you have any questions about the support your child is receiving, or about SEN more generally, please speak to your child's class teacher first and then our school's SEND team will make contact with you.

External links

See the government's overview of support for children with SEND.

<https://www.gov.uk/children-with-special-educational-needs>

IPSEA is a charity that helps parents and professionals to support children with SEN and disabilities:

<https://www.ipsea.org.uk/>

The web address for the local authority is shown below and this is a useful site to gain further information:

<https://www.talkcommunitydirectory.org/localoffer>

The Special Educational Needs and Disabilities Information, Advice and Support Service (SENDIAS) can give independent and neutral advice. For more information please email:

sendiass@herefordshire.gov.uk

[Tel:01432260955](tel:01432260955)

Local authorities must publish a local offer, setting out in one place information about provision that is available for children and young people in their area who have special educational needs. You can find this at:

<https://www.herefordshire.gov.uk/family-support/local-offer-4>