

Special Educational Needs (SEN) Support in Schools

You can access Impartial Information, Advice and Support (**IIAS**)

If your child's needs are clearly severe, an EHC assessment may be requested by their early years education setting (e.g. nursery, pre-school or childminder) before school age.

You, or your child's school, are concerned that your child may need extra support with learning.

Arrange to meet with your child's class teacher to discuss concerns

Before you meet: Write down your concerns and points to raise. Consider taking a friend or partner to make notes so you can concentrate on the conversation. If you would like, you could also speak with someone from Support4SEND (formerly the Parent Partnership Service) to get some Impartial Information Advice and Support (IIAS). Email on enquiries.pps@hants.gov.uk or telephone 01962 845870

Agree a plan of action together using the **Assess, Plan, Do, Review** cycle and decide together what support will be needed and whether any external advice is required. Set a review date.

Work with the school to see what services from the Local Offer website you or your child can access to help overcome any barriers to learning.

On the review date, discuss with the teacher / Special Education Needs Co-ordinator (SENCo) how the interventions are working, any changes that need to be made and a further review date.

If progress is made, continue the cycle of **Assess, Plan, Do, Review**. However, at any point, if you feel the interventions are not working, you can choose to apply for an Education, Health and Care (EHC) assessment.

There may come a point at which you agree your child has made sufficient progress and no further need for SEN support is required. However, you can ask for SEN help again at any point if you think it is needed. If you have further concerns you can speak to your child's class teacher.

Where, despite the school having taken relevant and purposeful action to identify, assess and meet the SEN of the child / young person, your child or young person has not made the expected progress, the school or parents should consider requesting an Education Health and Care needs assessment.

An EHC assessment can be requested by a parent, young person or school at any point. Again, Support4SEND (formerly the Parent Partnership Service) can help you make that request.

If your child has a medical condition it does not necessarily mean that your child needs SEN Support. Ask to see your school's policy that complies with the Government's Statutory Guidance **Supporting pupils at school with medical conditions**. Ask how these guidelines can be used to support your child, if necessary.

If you disagree with what is being provided for your child at any point, you can ask to speak to the Information, Advice and Support Service (Support4SEND) or involve the Disagreement Resolution service.