

# Parents Guide to SEN

## Special Educational Needs (SEN)

A child or young person has SEN if they have a learning difficulty or disability which calls for special educational provision to be made for them.

## What is a learning difficulty or disability?

A child of school age or a young person has a learning difficulty or disability if they:

- have a significantly greater difficulty in learning than the majority of others of the same age, or
- have a disability which prevents them from making use of resources of a kind generally provided to other children/pupils of the same age in mainstream schools or mainstream post 16 institutions.

## Special educational provision

This is educational provision that is additional to or different from that made generally for other children or young people of the same age by mainstream schools.

SEN support: support  
ALL pupils can access

Sometimes your child may need extra help in class, but this does not necessarily mean they have SEN

The majority of children identified as having SEN can be supported without the need for an Education Health and Care Plan (EHCP), this is known as SEN support

Class teachers will regularly check on children's progress and identify any barriers they may have

Teachers adapt their teaching to meet individual needs if your child is not making expected progress