

What is SEN?

Some children find learning more challenging than others and may need extra support to achieve their full potential.

For example, they might have difficulty with:

- Expressing themselves
- Interacting with others
- Reading, writing and maths
- Following lessons
- Controlling their emotions
- Sensory or physical mobility

These difficulties can be barriers to learning. Schools assess **all** children to identify their strengths and needs and how they can best be supported.

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

- SEN concern
- SEN Support
- An EHC plan

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
- Small group or one-to-one learning
- Support from specialists such as speech and language therapists

Schools must work with parents when agreeing what support to provide and what it will achieve.

What are EHC plans?

If your child has more complex needs, he or she might already have a statement of SEN or be assessed for an EHC plan.

FAQs

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

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

The school will assess each child's needs closely to identify which support suits him/her best.

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 his/her year group, he/she may need SEN support.

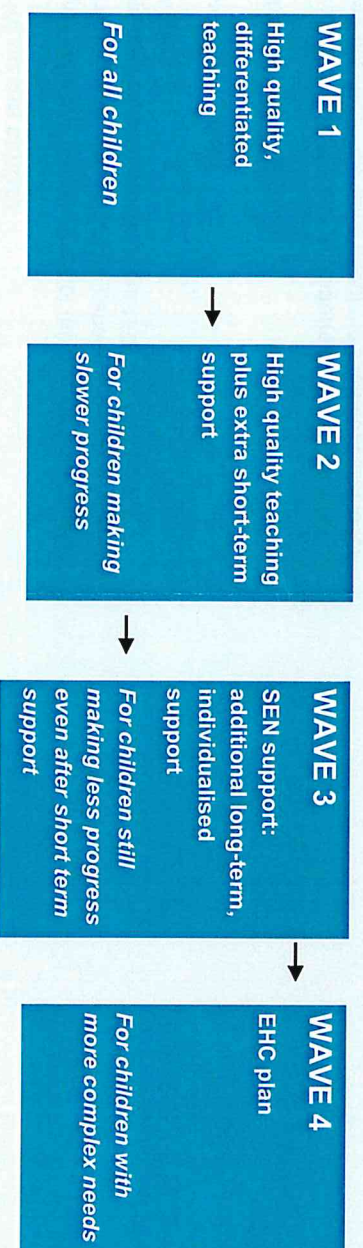
The school will discuss your child's needs with you before placing your child on SEN support.

The school will also listen to your child's voice and how they feel they could be best supported with their learning.

What if I think my child needs further support?

Please speak with your child's class teacher if you have any concerns or alternatively our Special Educational Needs Coordinator, Mrs. Standing.

At Defford-cum-Besford CE First School we use the 'wave of provision' system to determine the type of support best suited to each child:



Glossary of terms

EHC plan - education, health and care plan
LDA - Learning difficulty assessment
SEN - special educational needs
SENCO - SEN co-ordinator
SEND - SEN and disability

Where to go for more information

Contact the school

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 or our SENCO, Mrs Naomi Standing

Tel: 01386 750321

See our website

The 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.

www.deffordschool.worcs.sch.uk

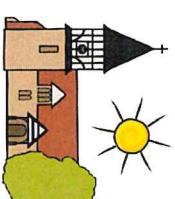
External links

The government's SEND Code of Practice and a related guide for parents have more information about the topics outlined in this leaflet:

- **SEND Code of Practice: 0 to 25 years, GOV.UK – DfE**
https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/398815/SEND_Code_of_Practice_January_2015.pdf
- **SEND: a guide for parents and carers, GOV.UK – DfE**
https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/417435/Special_educational_needs_and_disabilities_guide_for_parents_and_carers.pdf

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

- **IPSEA home, IPSEA**
<https://www.ipsea.org.uk/home>



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