

SEND Overview

Special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) can affect a child or young person's ability to learn. They can affect their:

- behaviour or ability to socialise, for example they struggle to make friends
- reading and writing, for example because they have dyslexia
- ability to understand things
- concentration levels, for example because they have attention deficit hyperactivity disorder (ADHD)
- physical ability

Who to talk to

If you think your child may have special educational needs, contact the SEN co-ordinator, or 'SENCO' in your child's school or nursery.

[Contact your local council](#) if your child is not in a school or nursery.

Your local [Information, Advice and Support \(IAS\) Service](#) can give you advice about SEND.

Support your child can receive

Your child may be eligible for:

- [SEN support](#) - support given in school, like speech therapy
- an **education, health and care (EHC) plan** - a plan of care for children and young people aged up to 25 who have more complex needs