

How do we identify and assess children with SEN?

Most children and young people will have their special educational needs met in mainstream schools through good classroom practice. This is called **Quality First Teaching**.

At Southwick Community Primary School, we follow a graduated support approach which is called "Assess, Plan, Do, Review". This means that we will:

- **Assess** a child's special educational needs
- **Plan** the provision to meet your child's aspirations and agreed outcomes
- **Do** put the provision in place to meet those outcomes
- **Review** the support and progress

As part of this approach, we will produce a SEN Support Plan that describes the provision that we will make to meet a child's special educational needs and agreed outcomes. Parents and carers will be fully involved in this process.

A small percentage of children and young people with significant learning difficulties might need an assessment that could lead to an Education, Health and Care Plan. Full details can be found on the Local Offer website.

A special educational need can be a number of different things.

For example, a child may be having problems with reading, number work or behaviour, which can be helped by putting extra support in at school and by working in partnership with parents. It may also be due to a disability which makes it harder for a child to use the same educational facilities that the school provides for the majority of children. For some children this may be a temporary difficulty, while others may have a long term need for special help.

At Southwick, we have children with different types of special educational needs. These include:

- General Learning Difficulties - children whose learning progresses at a slower pace
- Speech and Language Difficulties
- Behavioural Difficulties
- Dyslexia (difficulties with reading, writing and spelling)
- Dyspraxia (problems with motor skills, organisation)
- Autism
- ADD (Attention Deficit Disorder - ADHD (Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder)
- Downs Syndrome
- Cerebral Palsy
- Other Physical or Medical Needs

If you would like to discuss your SEND requirements in detail please contact the school to arrange an appointment.