



SEN Support

Who is this leaflet for? Children who are in secondary school, or at college. It will help you understand the support you receive at school or college

? What is SEN Support?

SEN Support stands for Special Educational Needs Support. Sometimes, some children or young people need some extra help at school or college to help them **progress**.

! What does progress mean?

Teachers are always monitoring how pupils are doing at school and in college. Some pupils might find some things harder than others, maybe reading, or writing or maths. When this is noticed, some **extra help should be put in place**.

? What kind of things might be put in place to help?

Sometimes it's something simple, like making sure you are seated in a place where you can see and hear the teacher more easily. Sometimes you might need your work altering a bit - this is called differentiation. You might need some help with organisation, and remembering things. Sometimes you might have some extra help from a teaching assistant. This might be in the classroom, or for some individual work, or in small groups.

! How do I know if this is helping me?

For pupils who are supported with SEN Support, your progress is regularly reviewed. This should include your parents or carers meeting with your teacher, or the **SENCO** regularly. You could ask to be part of this meeting.

? What is a SENCO?

A **SENCO** is the Special Educational Needs Co-Ordinator, and there is one in every school or college. They are the person who makes sure that the support for pupils with SEN is carried out and reviewed.



? Will other pupils know I have special educational needs?

A lot of support for special educational needs isn't obvious. There are probably more pupils receiving help than you realise too!

! Will anyone else support me as well as school?

Some pupils might have some support from other agencies. You might have some support from Ladywood Outreach, Behaviour Support, CAMHS or another agency. These people will give your school or college some ideas of how they can support you.

? Is there any other information about SEN Support?

You can look on Bolton's online local offer for the SEND Handbook. In the SEND handbook there is a chapter about SEN Support. You can see what kinds of help might be put in place. It might be a good idea to look at this with your parent or carer, or SENCO.

! What if I am still finding it hard to progress?

Some pupils might have a lot of support in place and still find it difficult to progress. When this is the case, school college might consider requesting an **EHC Needs Assessment** for you.

? What is an EHC Needs Assessment?

An Education, Health and Care needs assessment would look at all the support you have and consider if you may need an EHC Plan - an Education, Health and Care Plan. Only a small number of pupils in mainstream schools and colleges have EHC Plans. They enable a setting to put more support in place for a pupil, on top of what they already do. Bolton Council assess who may need an EHC Plan.