

Tips for talking to the school about your child's support



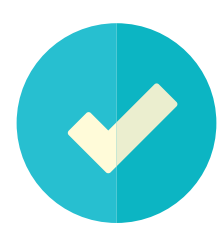
What we are hearing...

The last two years have been difficult for pupils, families and schools. In many areas, covid is still having an impact on the way that local authorities are able to provide or staff additional support for learning in schools.

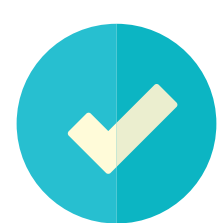


It's important to remember that what support looks like can change but children with additional support needs have the legal right to "adequate and efficient" support that meets their needs.

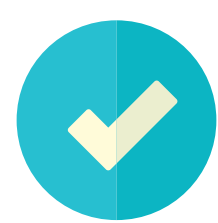
Things you can do if your child's support is being changed or reduced:



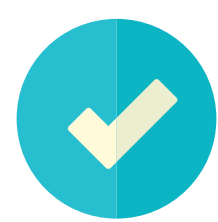
If you have concerns, speak to the person who is responsible for learning support in the school and ask how your child's individual needs will be met following any changes.



If the changes are significant for your child ask for a review of their support plan (if they have one). Or you can ask for a support plan if you think they need one.



Ask for a follow up meeting or phone call to check how the different support is working for your child.



If you feel the different support is not meeting your child's needs and have discussed your concerns with the school, you can contact your local authority Additional Support for Learning Officer.



Your Parent Council cannot deal with issues about individual pupils but if the changes are affecting a number of pupils you can ask for the issue to be raised at the next Parent Council meeting.



For more information about resolving disagreements, download our 'Avoiding and solving problems' factsheet.

More information:

For advice and information about additional support for learning contact Enquire on 0345 123 2303 or visit our website: www.enquire.org.uk

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