

The nursery or school must:

- use their best endeavours to make sure your child gets the support they need to meet any SEN your child may have
- assess your child's skills, progress and levels of attainment by collecting information they have, you and child provide or which is published nationally by for example the Department for Education (DFE)
- talk to you and your child about their strengths and weaknesses
- Discuss and agree with you and your child the outcomes the child is to achieve to be successful in the different phases of their education and to prepare for adult life
- Discuss and agree with you and your child what they will be doing to support your child in achieving the outcomes agreed
- Take action to remove barriers to your child's learning
- If they consider your child needs additional support to help their learning, they must put in place support known as SEN support for your child and tell you they are doing this What you can expect if SEN support is provided for your child

The SEN support should follow a four-part cycle:

- Assessing your child's needs based on the teacher's experience or through assessment by an educational psychologist, speech and language therapist, an occupational therapist, health professional or other relevant professional
- Planning what adjustments, interventions and support will be put in place as well as the expected impact on progress, development and or behaviour
- Implementation of the agreed SEN support
- Reviewing the effectiveness of the SEN support and adapting it if the child is not making expected progress

What happens if my child is not making expected progress with the support the school has put in place?

If despite the support the school puts in place your child is not making expected progress you or the school can apply to your local authority (The Council) for an education, health and care assessment of your child's needs.

If the council decides your child has SEN which requires more support than the school is able to put in place it may issue your child an Educational, Health and Care Plan (EHCP)