

called a mediator will try and help with this.

If there is still a problem, your parent(s) can ask for an expert on education to advise your school on what they should be doing to help you.

If you have a CSP, your parent(s) may be able to appeal to three people who know about education (called a Tribunal) who can decide what extra help you need. A Tribunal can also say whether you need a CSP or not in the first place.

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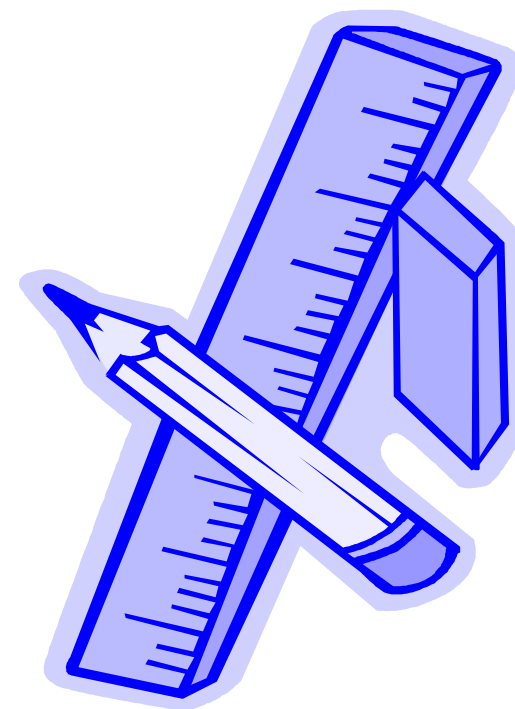
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Getting additional support at school



If you need additional support at school then the law says you should get it.

Additional Support

This leaflet is for children and young people who need extra help at school.

Need some extra help ?

Some children need extra help at school. You might need extra help if you have problems with learning or understanding or remembering things. You might need help because English is not your first language. You might need extra help because you have a disability, or problems at home. Whatever the reason is, your school should try to give you the extra help you need.

How can I tell ?

Your parent(s) can ask the school to help decide whether or not they think you need some extra help.

What should my school do ?

If you need extra help at school, your school should try to make sure that you get the extra help you need. Your teacher(s) may be able to give you some extra help or you might get help from other staff at school as well.

Sometimes, this means organising extra help from other people too - like nurses,

therapists, educational psychologists or social workers.

Some children who need help with their education from other people may have a Co-ordinated Support Plan (or CSP). A CSP explains why you need extra help, the kind of help you need, and who from.

What if I can't get help ?

If you need extra help, but you don't get it, you should ask your parent(s) to talk to the headteacher or an education officer. Sometimes, a person