

## What are Special Educational Needs (SEN)?

A learning difficulty and/or disability which requires Special Educational Provision (SEP):  
**Significantly greater difficulty learning** than others the same age  
 Impairment has a **substantial long-term adverse effect** on carrying out day-to-day activities

### How are SEN identified?

- **Teachers should regularly check** whether their pupils are making progress and discuss any concerns with parents
- **Challenging/disruptive behaviour** could also be an indication of unmet needs
- If you think your child needs SEN support, **talk to the school's Special Educational Needs Co-ordinator (SENCO)**

### What is SEN Support?

**Help that is additional to/different from** support generally given to other children of the same age.

If school cannot meet the child's needs from their own resources, a request for an Education, Health and Care Needs Assessment should be made to the Local Authority (LA)

### SEN Provision should take the form of the "Graduated Approach"

This may include:

An individual learning programme (**IEP**)

Extra help from a TA and/or an **ELSA**

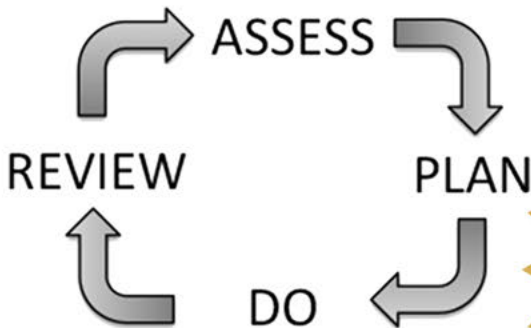
Periods of being taught in **smaller groups**

Making/changing materials and **equipment**

Advice/help from **specialists**

### Legal Framework

Schools must use their **"best endeavours"** to ensure any child with SEN gets the support they need, by making **"reasonable adjustments"** to support them in accessing their education



### SEN Support should take the form of the "Four-Part Cycle"

#### ASSESS

the child's education needs

#### PLAN

how to address those needs

#### DO

put the plan into practice

#### REVIEW

how it's going & changes needed

### Involving Specialists

**Educational Psychologists (EP)** assess difficulties children may be having with their learning

**Specialist Teachers (Outreach)** come from special schools to support inclusion for pupils with SEND

**Speech and Language Therapists (SALT)** help children who have difficulties with communication, or with eating/drinking/swallowing

**Occupational Therapists (OT)** help children who have difficulties with carrying out/completing day-to-day activities