

What does being on the SEN register mean?

We all have different talents, some of us may have trouble learning some things, but there are other things that we may be very good at. All children are on a continuum of need and there are times when all children need support or experience difficulties with their learning. Sometimes this means that we have to adapt our provision in order to allow every child to flourish and make progress in their learning.

A child is considered to have a special educational need if they have a learning difference that calls for special educational provision to be made for them. The SEN Register is the record we keep of all the children who need additional support in their learning because they experience some sort of difficulty with some areas of learning. Some children are on the SEN Register for only a short time, some will need support for a few years and others will remain on it throughout their time at school.

If your child is on the SEN register it means they have a special educational need. A special educational need is defined by the 2014 code of practice as:

- A child or young person has SEN if they have a learning difficulty or disability which calls for special educational provision to be made for him or her.
- A child of compulsory school age or a young person has a learning difficulty or disability if he or she:
 - has a significantly greater difficulty in learning than the majority of others of the same age, or
 - has a disability which prevents or hinders him or her from making use of facilities of a kind generally provided for others of the same age in mainstream schools or mainstream post-16 institutions

For children aged two or more, special educational provision is educational or training provision that is additional to or different from that made generally for other children or young people of the same age by mainstream schools, maintained nursery schools, mainstream post-16 institutions or by

relevant early years providers. For a child under two years of age, special educational provision means educational provision of any kind.

Children can be placed on the SEN Register because they have difficulties in any of these areas:

- Communication and Interaction Difficulties (includes Autistic Spectrum Disorder and Developmental Language disorder)
- Learning and Cognition Difficulties (includes dyslexia, dyspraxia and specific learning difficulties)
- Social, Emotional or Mental Health Difficulties (includes anxiety, depression and behavioural difficulties)
- Sensory or Physical Difficulties (includes Hearing or Visual Impairment and sensory processing difficulties).

With some children their area of difficulty is clear. With other children the actual difficulty is less clear and may need more investigation but, because they are not making good progress, additional support needs to be put in place. For some children their needs or difficulties may be in more than one area.

At Trent Young's each child on the SEN register has an Individual Education Plan (IEP), which helps the child achieve small steps of learning. These IEPs are reviewed and updated termly. A child may stay on an IEP for the whole of their schooling with us, or alternatively they may be removed from the SEN register and cease to be supported by an IEP when the need is no longer present (ongoing support will continue in class).

There are two different stages of need on the SEN Register: SEN Support and Education, Health and Care Plan (EHCP).

If you wish to find out more, the government document [Special educational needs and disability: A guide for parents and carers](#) explains SEND in greater depth.

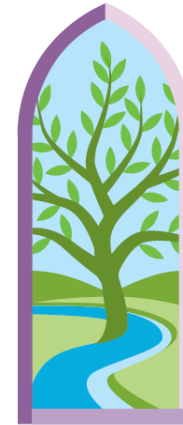
Information about the school's SEND policies and procedures can be found on the [school website](#).

The school's SENDCo is Miss Ros Baker. She works closely with parents, teachers and external advisors to help with any special educational needs.

Appointments can be made to meet with Miss Baker through the school office (01935 850496) or you can email her on:

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A parent's guide to SEND



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