



Special Educational Needs and Disability

This is called **SEND** for short



About Special Educational needs and Disability



If your child has **SEND** it means they need extra help to be at school and learn.



Your child does not have to have a disability to have special educational needs.



Special educational needs are split up into 4 different types.

1. Communicating and interacting



This is when a child or young person finds it hard to speak or understand people.



2. Cognition and learning

This means a child or young person might learn more slowly than other people the same age.



They might have trouble remembering things or find numbers or writing very hard.

3. Social, emotional or mental health issues

The child or young person might:



- find it hard to get on with other people



- be very quiet or shy
- behave in a way that some people don't understand

4. Sensory or physical needs

This means the child or young person may not be able to:



- see or hear very well or cannot hear or see at all



- use parts of their body. They may need extra equipment to help them



Some children have more than 1 type of special educational need or disability.

What to do if you think your child has special educational needs



The first thing to do is talk to your child's nursery, school or college.



The nursery, school or college should have a special member of staff who can help.

This member of staff is called a **SEND Coordinator** or **SENDCO** for short. We say SENDCO as **send-co**.



The SENDCO will talk to you about the best way to help your child.



If your child does not go to a nursery, school or college, talk to your doctor.

Find out more



Here are some websites where you can find more help and information.

Help for children aged 0 to 5 with SEND



www.bristol.gov.uk/web/bristol-local-offer/how-early-years-providers-support-send

Help at school for children with send



www.bristol.gov.uk/web/bristol-local-offer/guide-to-school-support-for-children-with-special-educational-needs-sen-

Help with SEND for young people aged 16 or older



www.bristol.gov.uk/web/bristol-local-offer/education-options-after-16