

SEND

A Quick Guide to:

-  First steps in Special Educational Needs (SEND)
-  Who can I talk to if I think my child has SEND?

At Birth

If your child has a clear or suspected disability or need from birth, you may have been alerted to this while you were still expecting, or soon after birth if it wasn't picked up in routine screening. The team who support you and your child will be able to signpost and refer you to the services available in York to support their educational journey.

Growing Older

If you think your child has SEN, there are people you can talk to. Even without a formal diagnosis you can request help; you may have noticed that your child:

- Is making little or no progress
- Is finding it difficult to make friends
- Struggles to maintain concentration
- Is not enjoying school
- Gets frustrated with reading, writing, handwriting or a particular subject
- Is finding it harder to learn than other children

Where to get help?


Depending on the nature of your concerns and the age of your child, you could seek advice from:

- Your child's class teacher, key worker, the school, college or nursery's SENCO (Special Educational Needs Coordinator) or the head teacher/manager
- Your GP or health visitor
- If your child is not yet in school, you can contact the Local Authority through the Learning Support Hub
- Your local Information, Advice and Support (IAS)
- Service York SENDIASS – York SENDIASS

They will discuss any concerns you have, share their observations, and explain to you what kind of support your child may need.

Remember

It might help to make some notes before speaking to someone so that you have clear examples of what you are worried about. It is important to check out if the difficulties are significant and, if so, how your child can be helped.



Contact the SEN team

Find out more

York SEND Local Offer website outlines the Support available for children's education, health and care needs in York. For more information, contact us:



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