



Department
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Support for children and young people in schools and colleges

Important words in this chapter

	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• School• College• Special educational needs support• Special educational needs coordinator• Additional learning needs coordinator
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How can schools and colleges support children and young people with special educational needs and disabilities?

	<p>Schools and colleges must do their best to find out if a child or young person has special educational needs and give them the support they need to help them learn.</p>
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If you have **special educational needs**, a **school** or **college** will work out how they can support you. They will look at:

- what support you need
- what they can do to give you the support you need.



Your **school** or **college** will keep looking at the support they give you and if it is enough to help you to learn.

You might need different sorts of support at different times.



For most **children** and **young people** who have **special educational needs**, the support that a **school** or **college** can give is usually enough to support them to learn.



This kind of support is called **special educational needs support**.

What do you need to know about the support a school or college can give you?



You can have your say about what support you get at **school** or **college**.



If you go to **school**, the people in charge of making sure you are getting the support you need are:

- your teachers
- a **special educational needs coordinator**.



If you go to **college**, the people in charge of making sure you are getting the support you need are:

- your teachers
- an **additional learning needs coordinator**.

Questions you might want to ask



You might want to find out more information about the support you get in **school** or **college**. Here are some questions you might want to ask your **school** or **college**:

- What support does the **school** or **college** offer for students who have **special educational needs** or **disabilities** like me?
- What sorts of things do I need help with?
- What support can I get to help me?
- What **decisions** can I make about my support?
- Who do I talk to if I need more support?