

What is the SEN Register?

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 institution*

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.

At times in any child's natural development they may find topics or areas or learning a challenge. However they do not always need to be placed on the SEN register. This also applies to children having a medical diagnosis such as ASD. Such diagnosis does not always required extra or focussed interventions outside of the class teacher's normal practice and therefore will not automatically require a child to be placed on the register. Each child's provision will be assessed by their class teacher and the teaching required will be their responsibility as it would be for any child in their class.