

Where to go for more information

Contact the school

If you have any questions about the support your child is receiving, or about SEND more generally, please speak to your child's class teacher or the Oaklands Junior School SENCo, Mr Holland
Contact: senco@oaklands-jun.wokingham.sch.uk

See our website

The school's SEND policy and information report set out more detailed information about the support available for children with SEND. It also provides information of local support and groups. You can access this information on our website.

<https://oaklandsjunior-school.org.uk/info/send/>

External links

The government's SEND Code of Practice and a related guide for parents have more information about the topics outlined in this leaflet:

SEND Code of Practice: 0 to 25 years, GOV.UK – DfE
<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/send-code-of-practice-0-to-25>

SEND: a guide for parents and carers, GOV.UK – DfE
<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/sendguide-for-parents-and-carers>

Wokingham's Local offer and SEND support can be found here:

<https://www.wokingham.gov.uk/schools-and-education/education-and-special-educational-needs/>

ASSIST Team (Autism Spectrum Service for Information Support and Training): <https://directory.wokingham.gov.uk/kb5/wokingham/directory/service.page?id=GjGnkwmhel>

IPSEA is a charity that helps parents and professionals to support children with SEND:

<https://www.ipsea.org.uk/>

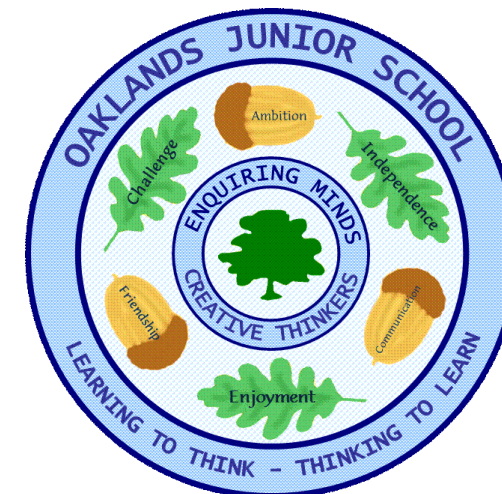
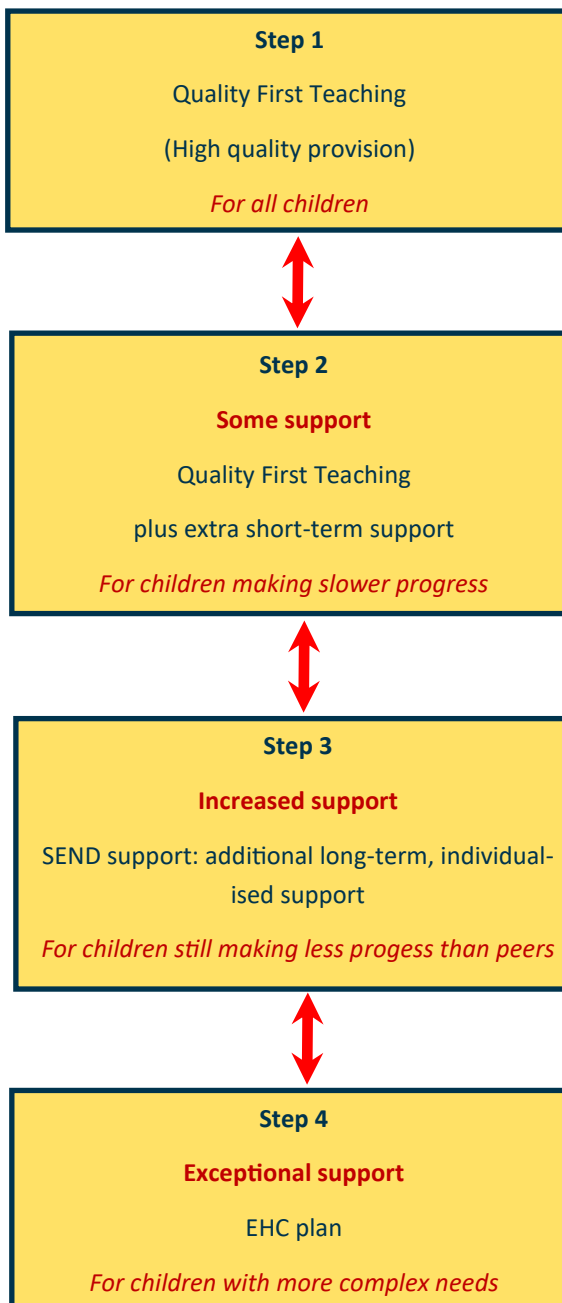
It also provides model letters to aid writing EHC applications and checklists to prepare for meetings:

<https://www.ipsea.org.uk/model-letters>

Parenting Special Children offers a range of services to support children and families

<https://www.parentingspecialchildren.co.uk/>

Stepped approach to identifying the support best suited to each child



SEND Support

at

Oaklands Junior School

What is SEND? (Special Educational Need)

Some children find learning more challenging than others and may need extra support to achieve their full potential. For example, they might have difficulty within the four broad areas of Special Educational Needs (SEND):

- Cognition and Learning
- Communication and Interaction
- Sensory and Physical
- Social, Emotional and Mental Health

They may present with difficulties in expressing themselves, interacting with others, controlling their emotions, sensory seeking, physical mobility, poor focus/attention or an inability to maintain the pace of daily lessons.

These difficulties can be barriers to learning. Schools assess all children to identify their strengths, needs and how they can be supported.

Children who need extra help with their learning may receive additional support under one of the following categories:

- **SEND support**

What is SEND support?

SEND support describes the additional help that assists children to access the curriculum.

This might include:

- Extra help in the classroom
- Small group or one-to-one learning
- Support from specialists/professionals such as SALT (Speech and Language Therapists), OT (Occupational Therapist), EP (Educational Psychologist), Educational Psychotherapist or Foundry.

Schools must work with parents when agreeing what support to provide and what it will achieve.

What are EHC plans?

Your child may need an Education, Health and Care needs assessment if the extra support they are receiving is not sufficient as they have severe or complex needs.

If the Local Authority in which your child lives agrees that your child needs to be assessed then the whole process takes 20 weeks from beginning to end. The Local Authority in which the child lives will write an Education, Health and Care Plan for your child. This plan will set out what is required to further support your child.

FAQs

How do I know if my child needs SEND support?

If your child is not making expected progress for his/her year group, he/she may need SEND support. The class teacher will discuss your child's needs with you, and about the support your child requires. We also follow guidance from the SEND Code of Practice (2015) pg. 94-97.

How will the school decide what type of support my child receives?

Every child's needs are different, and may change over time. The school will assess each child's needs closely to identify which support suits him/her best.

It is the school's responsibility to make 'reasonable adjustments' to meet the needs of your child and to provide quality first teaching.

Some children may need a little support and will access interventions at Step 2. While others may require lots of support over a longer period of time, Step 3. School may need to involve other professionals to develop individualised support. As the parent, you will be involved in all these decisions and referrals.

A small number of children make progress much slower than others, but if this is in line with their unique starting point they may stay at Step 3 provision.

Some children (1% of the population) may struggle to make progress and require an Education Health and Care needs assessment (EHC), which may result in obtaining an Education Health Care Plan (EHCP).

School will always act upon advice from outside agencies and will implement strategies and/or therapy plans. We can request advice (with parental consent) from other professionals to support your child and identify barriers.

FAQs

My child has been diagnosed with a medical condition will they receive an EHC plan?

Some children can be diagnosed with medical conditions such as ASD or ADHD. They do not automatically receive an EHC assessment. Their needs are assessed in line with school policy.

My child has been identified as requiring SEND support, what should I expect?

Where children are requiring Step 3 support, a PSP (Pupil Support Plan) may be written to support learning, and the views of you and your child will be taken into account. It will have some small step targets to achieve and it will show what interventions school are providing to meet your child's needs. It will be reviewed on a regular basis, usually every six months.

When accessing Step 3 support your child will be placed on the SEND register following formal diagnosis. This is nothing to be concerned about – this allows school to monitor the provision for your child and ensure he / she reaches their full potential. Some children may close the gaps in their learning and they can be taken off the register, through discussion at any time.

What if I think my child needs further support?

The first person you should consult is your child's class teacher. If you would like further advice please speak to Mr Holland, who can discuss your child's needs. This may result in a request for specialist support or assessments

Glossary of terms:

SEND	Special Educational Needs and/ or Disability
EHC	Education Health Care assessment
EHCP	Education Health Care Plan
SENCo	Special Education Needs Coordinator
PSP	Pupil Support Plan