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- If someone is described as having 'special educational needs' it means that they have a learning difficulty or disability and need to have some different or extra help and support for their learning at school or college.
- Your school/college has identified that your child has special educational needs, this is sometimes called SEN for short. They have made this decision by talking to you and your child, looking at their progress over time and thinking about the support they need to make progress with their learning.

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Because your child has special educational needs they have a right to get some extra help and support with their learning. This is a summary of what will happen next:

- Your child's school/college will work with you and your child to agree some short term targets.
- Your child's school/college will work with you and your child to agree what extra help and support your child will get in school/college.
- Your child's school/college will meet with you and your child at least once per term (3 times a year) to review their progress and agree what needs to happen next. Sometimes you will decide that the support needs to stay the same but sometimes it will need to change.
- If things are getting more difficult for your child then their school/college might talk to you about getting a specialist professional involved, like a Speech and Language Therapist or an Educational Psychologist. This is nothing to worry about, they will work with you, your child and the school/college to think about different types of support that might help your child to achieve their targets.



Having special educational needs doesn't change who your child is, they are still brilliant!

If you would like to find out a bit more about special educational needs and what support is available in Wolverhampton then you can visit the Local Offer website:
<https://www.localofferwolves.co.uk/>



You can also get free advice and support from Wolverhampton Information Advice and Support Service (IASS) wolvesiass.org

The SENCo at your child's school/college is responsible for overseeing the support for all children and young people with SEN. If you have any questions or concerns then please get in touch with them:

SENCo name:

Contact details: