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- 1) 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.
- 2) Your school/college has identified that you have special educational needs, this is sometimes called SEN for short. They have made this decision by talking to you and your parents/carers, looking at your progress over time and thinking about the support you need to make progress with your learning.
- 3) Having special educational needs is not something you need to worry about. Your school/college will work with you and your parents/carers to make sure you get the right support to make good progress.

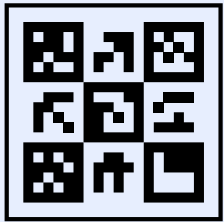
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Because you have special educational needs you have a right to get some extra help and support with your learning. This is a summary of what will happen next:

- 1) Your school/college will work with you and your parents/carers (if you are under 18) to agree some short term targets.
- 2) Your school/college will work with you and your parents (if you are under 18) to agree what extra help and support you will get in school/college.
- 3) Your school/college will meet with you at least once per term (3 times a year) to review your 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.
- 4) If things are getting more difficult for you then your school/college might talk to you and your parents (if you are under 18) 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 and the school to think about different types of support that might help you to achieve your targets.

Having special educational needs doesn't
change who you are, you are still YOU,
and you are 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/>



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