



Easy Read: A Guide for Children and Young People

The Literacy Service

Supporting children and young people with literacy difficulties



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In this Easy Read document, difficult words are in **bold**.

We explain what these words mean in the sentence after they have been used.



Some words are blue and underlined. These are links that will go to a website or page which has more information.



Introduction

This document is about the Education Authority's Literacy Service.



The Literacy Service helps children and young people who:

- May have difficulties in the areas of:
 - reading,
 - writing, or
 - spelling.
- Need support to access learning.



Throughout this document, we will use the term **literacy difficulties** when referring to learning difficulties in these areas.

What does the Literacy Service do?



The Literacy Service gives support to children and young people:

- At school.

We may support you by:

- Providing your school with training to support your
 - reading,
 - writing, or
 - spelling.
- Speaking to school staff and parents to highlight helpful strategies and useful resources that may help you at school and at home.
- Providing teaching to support your literacy development where appropriate in your school.



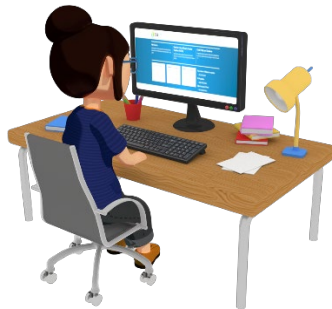
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parents, carers
and school staff:



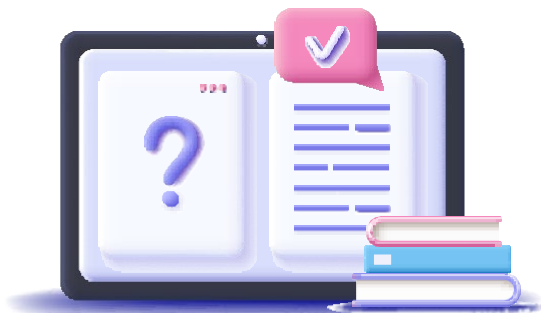
- Information.



- Advice.



- Training



- Guidance.

How to get support



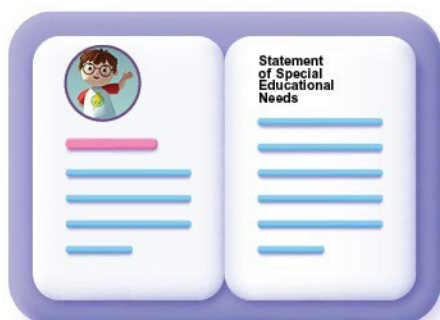
An **educational psychologist** will tell us that a child or young person needs support from us.



Educational psychologists have been trained to understand how children and young people behave and learn.



We can help children and young people with or without a **Statement of Special Educational Needs**.



A **Statement of Special Educational Needs** is a document that describes a child's needs and the special help they should receive.

School Aged Children



An educational psychologist will tell us about school aged children who need support.



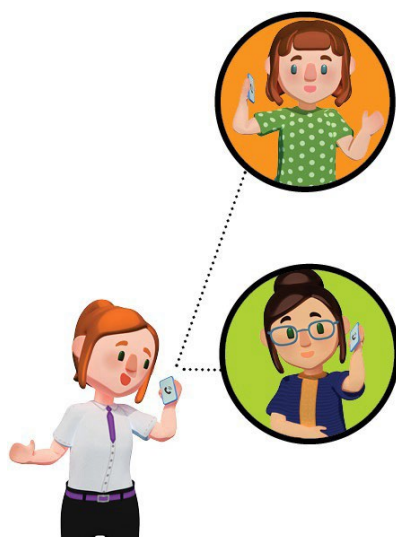
When the educational psychologist or the other service tells us about a child, we will try and get in touch with your parents within 8 weeks.

What happens next?



When we hear about your child, we will assign a member of our team to help.

They will:



- Talk to your school about your literacy needs.

- Signpost the school to appropriate training and resources.

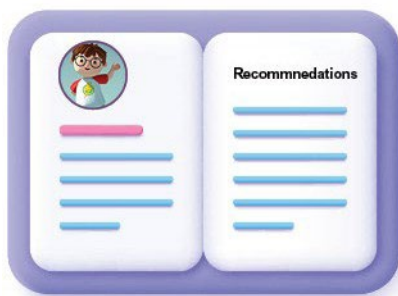


- Discuss a pathway of support for you.



Once we have all the information, we will provide your school with **recommendations** on how to support you. Recommendations are ideas on how to help you.

This may be in the form of:



- Information and advice about how school staff can help you in school.



- Guides, videos and training.



- Working directly with you on learning new skills.

How much support will you get?



To make sure we give the right support, we will listen to the opinions of:



- You



- Your teachers



- Your parents or carers



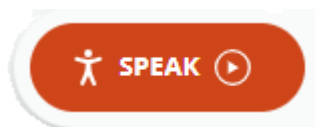
The support we give you will be tailored to your needs.

For more information

You can look at our website:



[Literacy Service](#)



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If you or your parents need more information, please contact us by:



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