



Easy Read: A Guide for Children and Young People

SEN Inclusion Service (SENIS) Moderate Learning Difficulties

Supporting children and young people with a moderate learning difficulty (MLD)



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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 Moderate Learning Difficulty Service.

The Service helps children and young people who:

- Have a moderate learning difficulty.
- Need support to access learning.

People with a moderate learning difficulty may struggle communicating, learning, and interacting with other people. Throughout this document, we will use the term MLD.



What does the Moderate Learning Difficulty Service do?



We give support to children and young people in school.



We speak to school staff and parents about helpful strategies to support you.



The support we give will be tailored to your needs.

We can give
parents, carers and
school staff:



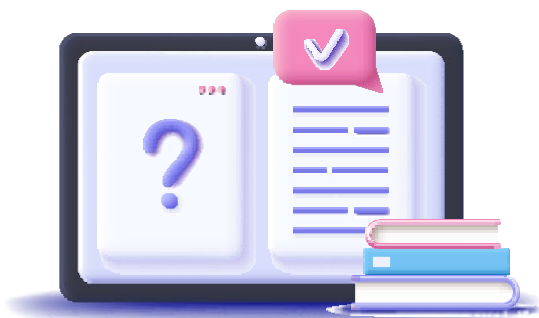
- Information.



- Advice.



- Training.



- Guidance.

How to get support



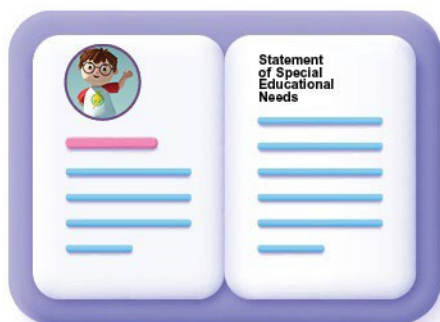
An **educational psychologist** will tell us that a child or young person needs support from us.



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 your needs and the special help you should receive.

School Aged Children



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



If the educational psychologist tells us about you, we will try and get in touch with your parents within 16 weeks to begin an assessment.

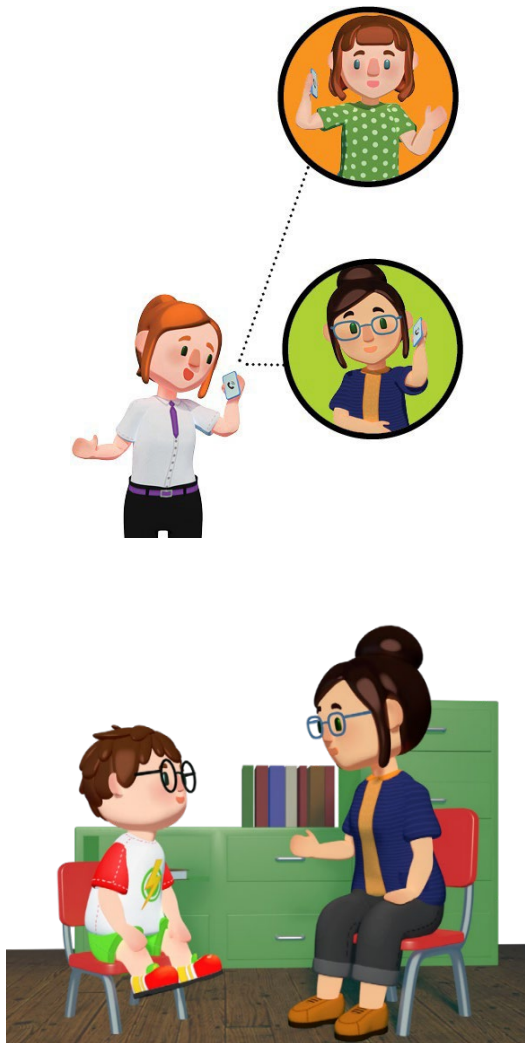
What happens next?



A member of our team will be assigned to help.

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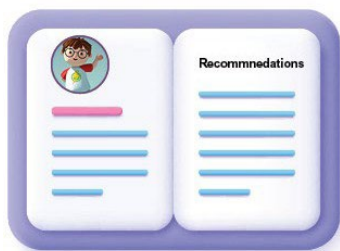
- Talk to your parents.
- Talk to school staff who know you.
- Talk to healthcare professionals involved with you.
- Talk to you. Your feelings and ideas matter too!





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 opinions of:



- You



- School staff and healthcare staff



- Parents or carers

For more information

You can look at our website:



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