

# SEND Frequently Asked Questions

Q. Who do I contact if I have concerns about my child's learning?

A. In the first instance please raise this with your child's class teacher. Our SENCO Mrs Burnett regularly speaks to all class teachers and holds a coffee morning once a month to liaise with parents. Alternatively, please contact the school office to pass on a message.

Q. My child has just been diagnosed with Autism so will she now get an EHCP?

A. Getting an EHCP does not depend on having a diagnosis. They are for children who need an extremely high level of support that a mainstream school would not normally be able to provide. We do our best to support children's individual needs regardless of whether they have a diagnosis or EHCP.

Q. How does my child's new teacher know what things work for them?

A. We are currently developing our Pupil Passports so every child on the SEND register has a passport with information about them which includes their strengths, difficulties as well as strategies that may help them in school. These passports will be updated regularly and shared with parents. Teachers will use these as part of our transition in school.

Q. I think my child needs 1:1 support. Will applying for an EHCP mean that this will happen?

A. EHCP means Education Health Care Plan which details all the difficulties that a child faces across a number of different areas of learning. It identifies the support that a child will need but makes it clear that this will "not necessarily be in the form of 1:1 support." Research shows that having 1:1 support is detrimental to a child's development and independence and does not prepare them for secondary school or for later life.

Q. My child is having difficulties at home. Is there anything the school can do to support us?

A. Please do come and talk to us about this. We have a range of services that we can signpost you to including the Mental Health and Schools team (MHST) who can support parents either individually or as a group course which can be face to face or online. Mrs Burnett is able to complete a referral to this service and shares information from MHST by email and Facebook. There are parent lead support groups such as the Parent Carer Forum and ReMINDS who have a wealth of information on their website as well as Facebook groups. Mrs Burnett can also help you to find them should you need it.