

# SEN FUNDING

## in mainstream schools

### What is SEN Funding for?

Schools should use some of their budget to make provision for children who need additional help. This can take many forms. For example, children with SEN might need:



A base to work in or have quiet time



Special equipment or teaching materials



The use of additional information technology



Small group work



Some changes to the curriculum



Support in the classroom

### How can I find out what support my child is getting?



Talk with your child's teacher or SENCO (Special Educational Needs Coordinator).



You can ask for a written copy of any support plan in place for your child.



If your child has an Education, Health and Care plan (EHC plan) it should set out the support and resources that are provided.

### Where does funding for SEN come from?

1

#### Element

Schools get money for each pupil at the school. Some of this money is to make general SEN provision. The Local Authority provides element 1 funding for all the schools it is responsible for.

2

#### Element

Element 2 funding is to provide SEN support that is additional to or different from the support that most other children get. The Local Authority provides Element 2 funding for schools it is responsible for.

3

#### Element

The Local Authority is responsible for managing funding for element 3. The school can request some additional funding for children with complex needs to top up element 1 & 2.