



PARENT LINK- INFORMATION SHEET no 10

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What is a PSP?

A detailed plan to improve a child's behaviour and stop them being excluded.

Who is involved in a PSP?

- A senior member of school staff who is responsible for inclusion
- Parent(s)
- Child
- Possibly others like the Behaviour Support Service, Special Needs Co-ordinator, Educational Psychologist, Area Reintegration Officer, social services...

Which children have PSPs?

A PSP may be necessary if the child's behaviour at school means that they

- have been permanently excluded
- might get permanently excluded
- have had several short term exclusions but their behaviour is not improving

The school may decide that a PSP is not necessary, but should still support the child. Children with behavioural problems can be supported in various ways which are detailed in the school's special needs policy and their behaviour policy. Parent Link can give you information on these things.

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How is a PSP set up?

Your child's school will ask you and your child to a meeting to discuss the following:

1. A brief description of your child's behaviour and the reasons for it
2. Targets for improvement in behaviour. These must be specific and short term, eg, 'child will be able to do..... by.....!'
3. Details of the staff and support services to be involved in the plan, and any referrals that need to be made for help.
4. Details of support strategies to be used, eg what rewards will the child be given, what warnings or punishments will they be given? How will they be helped to behave well? Who can the child talk to if upset? How can they learn to control their temper? What practical support they will have to do their work? What support will they get with relationships in school?
5. How the parents will support the plan
6. The things the child has to do to make the plan successful
7. The review date, time and place

All this will be written up in a plan, and everybody will get a copy.

How will we know if the plan is working?

Every two weeks, the parent(s), child and school should review the child's progress to see if the targets have been met, to check that support is in place, and to see if the support needs to change. It is hoped that the plan will only be needed short-term.

Who can support parents?

Parent Link can support parents to get help for their child and themselves. We can also help at meetings, with forms and letters and with talking to your child's teachers

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