



PARENT LINK- INFORMATION SHEET no 1

SCHOOL ACTION

Getting Extra Help in School - a guide for parents and carers

What can I do if my child is struggling at school?

Children who are falling behind or not making progress at school are given extra help through **differentiation**.

This means that the class teacher will teach your child in a different way. The method used should be suitable for the way your child learns. Children get help through differentiation even if they don't have a learning difficulty.

How will I know that this is helping?

Your child will make progress.

What will happen if differentiation doesn't help my child?

The school will give them special educational needs (SEN) help. The first stage of this is **School Action**.

How will I know my child is getting SEN help?

The school will tell you and give you a copy of the School Action plan (see the IEP helpsheet.)



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What kind of help will my child get at School Action?

It will be extra to, or different from, the school's usual differentiation. They might be given different work to the rest of the class. The same work might be taught in a different way. They may be given a homework club or some help from a classroom assistant.

Who will decide what kind of help my child gets?

The class teacher, the Special Educational Needs Co-ordinator (SENCo), anyone else who works with your child will decide in consultation with you how best to help your child.

What kinds of difficulties can School Action help with?

Children can be helped with academic work (reading, writing, maths); sensory or physical problems; emotional or behavioural difficulties; problems with communication or interaction (speech and language, autism.)

How long will my child have help through School Action?

If your child begins to make adequate progress, they may be taken off School Action and move back into the school's usual differentiation.

If your child doesn't make adequate progress at School Action, the school may decide to move them onto **School Action Plus**.

