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

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.

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** (see Helpsheet)

What if School Action doesn't help?

If your child doesn't make adequate progress at School Action, the school will consider increasing this to **School Action Plus**.

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.



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How is School Action Plus different to School Action?

At School Action Plus the school should seek specialist help about your child.

Who will they ask for advice?

It will depend on your child's individual needs. Some examples are: Educational Psychologists, Language and Learning Support Services, Behaviour Support Services etc.

What kind of advice will the specialists be able to give?

They can advise the school on different targets for the Individual Education Plan (see Helpsheet .); conduct a special assessment; advise on teaching style or work with your child themselves.

What will happen if my child makes enough progress?

They will either move back to School Action, or to the school's usual differentiation.

What if my child doesn't make sufficient progress?

The school might consider applying for a **statutory assessment** for a **Statement of Special Educational Needs**.