



Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND)

The Government has asked all Local Authorities in the UK to publish, in one place, information about the services and provision they expect to be available in their area for children and young people from 0 to 25 who have Special Educational Needs and/or a Disability (SEND).

This is known as the Local Offer

Further information is available at : localoffer@cumbria.gov.uk

At Plumpton School we celebrate the fact that every child is different and, therefore, the educational needs of every child is different - this is certainly the case for children with Special Educational Needs.

In terms of what we offer children with Special Educational Needs and/or Disabilities, this is different for every child and it is important to emphasise that, as much as possible, this provision is designed by the relevant staff members working alongside the child, the child's family and where necessary, outside agencies. (e.g. a Speech and Language Therapist or an Educational Psychologist).

Until September 2014, a child with Special Educational Needs would have had an Individual Education Plan (IEP) which set out targets that were currently being worked on and what additional provision was put in place for that child. This model has been replaced with a SEND Support Plan, which will keep the features of the IEP but more closely follow the structure of an Education Health and Care Plan (EHC) with plans being outlined for health and social care as well as education, if needed. Children who currently have an IEP will move towards a SEND Support Plan as IEPs are reviewed during 2015/2016.

The content of the EHC is negotiated, is appropriate, with the child, and the child's family, with a focus on the process of "Assess, Plan, Do, Review".

For many children, targets will be connected to learning and will often be specifically linked to English and Maths. For other children, they may be to do with communicating with children and adults or overcoming physical issues (e.g. fine motor control). The most important point is this: targets depend on the needs of the children.

If you would like to discuss our Local Offer in detail please contact the school to arrange an appointment.