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# Support for children with special needs

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Some children may need extra help because of a range of special educational needs, such as:

- Thinking and understanding
- Physical or sensory difficulties
- Speech and language difficulties
- Behavioural, emotional and social difficulties

The special educational needs and disability service works in partnership with parents, schools and other agencies to provide additional support and resources for children and young people who have learning difficulties and disabilities.

There is a wide range of services available in Blackpool for supporting children and young people at the various stages of their education and development.

## Extra help in an early years setting/ school/ college

All settings will have a nominated person who can offer help and advice should you have any concerns.

In addition, there are a range of central services, specialist teachers for hearing, vision, autism, severe and complex needs, physical disabilities, dyslexia, early years teachers, the portage team and educational psychologists who can offer additional help and support.

## Statutory assessment

This helps us gain information about your child's special educational needs and to determine the level of support needed.

This is usually needed when a child has severe and complex needs that can't be met by the resources normally available to schools and early years settings.

We make a parent support officer available as well as giving access to an independent parent partnership officer. The statutory assessment team officers and caseworkers also help to guide parents through the process of asking for a statutory assessment.

## Local offer

All the information which relates to support for children with special needs is now found on [Blackpool's Local offer](#).

## Contact

For further help and advice please contact us on 01253 476553

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