

## Appeals

Your parent(s) can appeal if they don't agree with your school about whether you need extra help; or if they want to change what your Record of Needs says.

In an appeal, someone else (a committee or an inspector) gets to decide about the extra help you need and what the school should be doing to help you. You should get advice before an appeal.

For details of more advice or information see the back page for details.

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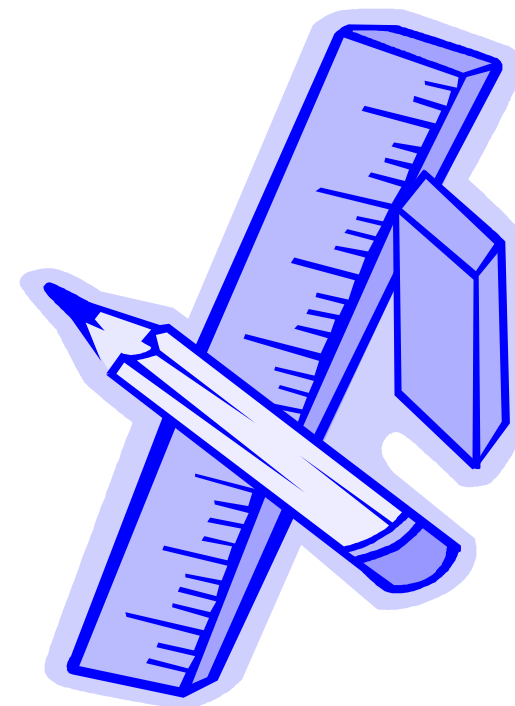
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# Getting extra help at school



If you need extra help at school - the law says you have to get it.

## **Extra help at school**

This leaflet is for children and young people who need extra help at school. It is also available in Braille, audio and other languages.

### **Need some extra help ?**

Some children need extra help at school. You might need extra help if you have problems with learning or understanding or remembering things. Or, you might need extra help because you have a disability which means you have problems to do with school.

### **How can I tell ?**

Your parent(s) can ask the school to decide whether or not they think you need extra help.

Some children have a Record of Needs. A Record of Needs explains why you need extra help and the kind of help you might need.

### **What should my school do ?**

If you need extra help at school, your school are supposed to make sure that you get the extra help you need.

Sometimes, this means organising extra help from other people too—like nurses, therapists, educational psychologists or social workers.

### **What if there's a problem ?**

If you think that you need extra help, but the school don't think so; you should ask your parent(s) to talk to the school.

Your parent(s) can ask the school to find out whether you need extra help. If the school still don't think you need extra help you can ask your parent(s) to appeal.