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## QUESTIONS TO ASK YOUR CHILD'S SENCO Special Educational Needs Coordinator

As a parent, carer or guardian, speaking with your child's special educational needs coordinator (SENCo) can be quite daunting. There are times when you might be unsure what to ask or how to ask questions that will get your child the best possible support.

Here are our list of questions that can help you engage in constructive discussions with the SENCo and the school to ensure your child receives the best possible support and an inclusive education.

**Top Tip:** Take a look at the **School Information Report**, you will find this on the school website. This will document what the school does to meet the needs of children with special educational needs.



How often will my child's progress be reviewed, and what methods will be used to measure their progress?

Is there any individualised education plans (IEPs) or support plans in place for my child? If so, can you explain my child's targets for this term and how you aim to help them achieve these?

I believe my child may have SEN. What is the process for identifying and assessing my child's specific educational needs?

How will my child's SEN be communicated to their teachers, and how can we ensure that all teachers are implementing any strategies in place for them to achieve?

Are there any specialist staff or external agencies that provide additional support for children with SEN in the school?

How do you involve me, as a parent, be in in the decision-making process regarding my child's support and education?

Does my child participate in any interventions at school? If so, what are these interventions and how are they supporting my child? Can you share their progress with me?



Do you have a Provision Map for my child's additional support? If so, can this and my child's progress be shared with me?

How many cycles of intervention have been completed with my child?

What strategies and accommodations are in place to ensure my child can fully participate in all aspects of school life, including extracurricular activities?

What is the school's procedure in addressing bullying or discrimination against children with SEN?

What assistive technology or resources are available to support my child's learning?



Are there any local or national resources or organisations you can recommend for further support and information?

We don't feel that our child's needs are not being met adequately; we would like to request additional support or adjustments.

Can we have regular meetings (every term/half term) to ensure our child's needs are being met effectively?

Have there been any changes in my child's progress?

How can I support my child's progress at home?