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## Information Sheet 10

### HOW ARE MAINSTREAM SCHOOLS FUNDED TO SUPPORT PUPILS WITH SPECIAL EDUCATIONAL NEEDS (SEN)?

**This information sheet explains the funding arrangements in schools to meet the needs of children with special educational needs (SEN)**

The Royal Borough of Windsor and Maidenhead believe it is better for children to have support with difficulties as early as possible.

There is now a system where schools receive a higher level of funding than before to provide support for most additional needs.

This means that almost all extra support can now be met from a school's own budget. School can involve others for specialist support and advice where necessary.

#### What if my child doesn't seem to making progress?

Many children need extra help in school. Some pupils require help that is additional to or different from others.

You may have already met a teacher in school to discuss your child through an Individual Education Plan (IEP). We call this **School Action**.

Schools may also ask others for advice and support (eg Specialist Teachers or Educational Psychologists) and will involve you in this planning. We call this **School Action Plus**.

Most children make good progress with help at **School Action and School Action Plus**.

#### What if more help is needed?

Until 2006 for a small number of children, school had to apply for additional funds through a lengthy and expensive process which might have resulted in a Statement of Special Educational Needs. The Authority now provides additional funding for schools so that they can plan and provide support for more complex needs without the need for a statement. This enables appropriate action to be taken without delay.

### **Are the Authority getting rid of statements of special educational needs?**

No. If your child has a statement this will remain in place and reviews will take place as normal, even when your child moves school.

### **What about new statements and statutory assessments?**

If your child's needs can only be met in a special school, a statement will still be needed.

If your child has special educational needs, you still have the right to request a statutory assessment.

A small number of schools with children the most exceptional needs may still require additional funds from the Local Authority. Even in these situations it may not be necessary to produce a Statement.

### **How do I know my child is getting the right help?**

Schools will continue to give detailed information on the help they are providing and on a pupil's progress.

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