

What happens at Bickerstaffe School if my child needs extra support?

Parents or carers are always welcome to invite an additional adult to accompany them when attending meetings at our school.

1 You may be asked to come in to speak to your child's class teacher regarding their progress.

2. If additional support is needed at this point the class teacher will:

- Give your child work at an appropriate level.
- Monitor their progress
- Keep you informed

At Bickerstaffe School we call this stage Wave 1.

3. If we are still concerned following a period of time (usually 6 weeks) the class teacher will discuss your child's progress with the Special Educational Needs Co-ordinator (SENCo), Mrs. Hunter. Together they will decide the next steps which could include:

- Specific targets for your child to achieve which will be discussed with your child and yourself. (This is called an Individual Education Plan (IEP.) This will be monitored by the class teacher.
- This stage is called Wave 2 support.

4. If we are still concerned about your child's progress we may need to seek further advice from an outside agency. These could include:

- A Specialist Teacher
- Educational Psychologist (EP)
- Speech and Language Service
- Occupational Therapy
- Medical services e.g. GP, CAMHs, ASD or ADHD pathway.

Mrs. Hunter will liaise with any external agency's to support your child. You will receive a copy of any reports produced. Targets or actions from these will inform your child's IEP and they will continue to be monitored regularly. This is called Wave 3 support.

Very occasionally pupils need the extra support which would be provided through an Education and Health Care Plan (EHCP). At this stage this process would be fully explained to you by the professionals concerned.

This is a fluid process whereby children's progress is reviewed regularly. If at any point you are unsure of the process you can seek advice from:

- Mrs. Hunter (SENCo).
- SENDIASS advice services for parents in your local area.
- SEND Information and Support Service 0300 1236706
- Lancashire Local Offer, available on the school website
- Rev. Andrew Housley (SEN Governor) contactable through school.