

PARENTAL NOTIFICATION OF ADDITIONAL NEEDS

You have answered YES to the question below on your application for admission to school

Question 1: Will your child need additional support for any reason? The support may be for health or medical requirements, learning difficulties or behaviour.

Question: Why do I need to tell you about any additional needs my child has?

Answer: This is so we can look at any extra support that will be needed and make sure that it is in place before your child starts.

Question: What kinds of additional needs should I mention in the application form?

Answer: We need to know about any concerns or assessments or treatments which might affect your child at school. Here are a few examples....

- Medical treatment
- Assessments by a speech & language therapist, medical staff, psychologist or psychiatrist
- Concerns about development or behaviour and in Nursery any concerns about the development of play (and playing for children about to go into nursery)

Question: What will happen to this information?

Answer: This information is confidential and will only be used to decide whether your child needs additional help or resources. There will normally be a meeting to discuss this. This meeting will involve parents of the child, member of school staff and anyone else involved with the child (health visitor, doctor, therapist) who can help the meeting decide on next steps.

Question: Can my child start straight away?

Answer: We will call the meeting as quickly as possible. We will listen to the information given by parents and others. The meeting will then decide whether a placement can start straight away or whether we need to look at putting in place additional support for your child. The recommendations of the meeting will then be sent to the Senior Education Officer for the school, who will confirm a placement as quickly as possible.

It is important not to feel that this is "making your child different". It is important that we put everything in place to make your child safe, well cared for and happy in school.

