

What should I do if I think my child may have special educational needs?

- Speak to the class teacher. They are available after school for informal conversations but can make a longer appointment with you at a time that is mutually convenient.
- If you have further concerns, contact Mrs Hill (Headteacher) or Mr Fenwick, who is the Inclusion Co-ordinator (SENCo). Appointments can be made through the office or telephone 0161 428 5445.
- In some cases Ms Ratcliffe (Pastoral Manager), Mrs Hill (Headteacher) or Mr Fenwick (SENCo) will complete an Early Help Assessment (EHA : used to be known as a CAF - Common Assessment Framework) with the parents and carers to get a fuller picture of your child's needs and to prioritise these. The EHA can then be used, with parental permission, to refer to outside agencies like Speech and Language, or Occupational Therapy, so that a more specialised assessment can be completed. In some cases, if several barriers to a child's learning are identified, then a Team Around the Child/Family (TAC/TAF) meeting will be arranged where relevant agencies are invited along with parents and carers to plan a package of support to help your child.