



Checklist for parents when considering a request for statutory assessment .

The information below explains what the local authority will expect your child's school to do before a request for statutory assessment (RSA) is considered.

Requests for statutory assessment have to show that:

- The child has significant additional difficulties with either learning, communication, behaviour and social development, sensory or physical difficulties or a combination of complex needs.
- and
- The school has provided, in consultation with outside specialists, relevant and purposeful arrangements for a sustained period in order to overcome those difficulties.

Individual Education Plans (IEPs) should demonstrate that the school has:

- formulated, monitored and evaluated programmes of learning in consultation with outside specialists,
- taken action to meet and overcome learning difficulties,
- provided sustained targeted instruction and resources that are additional and different from what should normally be available in school.

How to evaluate Individual Education Plans:

- Do the targets reflect the areas of special educational need?
- Are the targets Specific, Measurable, Achievable, Realistic and Time-related? (SMART)
- Does the plan detail the level of support provided?
- Does the content of the IEP indicate that arrangements are additional to or different from those normally available for pupils at School Action +

The cycle of IEP review should:

- Show progression in planning the additional or different provision.
- Indicate the involvement of outside agencies and the changes brought about by this involvement.

What to consider at an IEP review:

- Is there clear evidence of whether the targets have been met or the progress towards meeting the targets ? Did the pupil make sufficient progress in response to the arrangements?
- Is new information taken in to account when considering future action?
- Are the IEP targets and arrangements updated as a result of the review ?

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