

## Where else can I get advice about SEND?

### Derby SEND Local Offer

This is an online one-stop shop for parents to find out about services and support on offer for children with SEND in Derby. It includes details of activities on offer and advice for parents.



### Derby SENDIASS

SENDIASS can provide free, confidential, impartial information, advice and support for parents and children about provision for Special Educational Needs and Disabilities.

Derby SENDIASS number: 01332 641414

Email: [SENDIASS@derby.gov.uk](mailto:SENDIASS@derby.gov.uk)



### Derby Parent Carers Together C.I.C Forum

'Parent Carers Together' are a group of parents/carers with children with SEND in Derby City. They run support groups and advice sessions for parents/carers of children with SEND. You can find them on Facebook, or email [admin@parentcarerstogogether.com](mailto:admin@parentcarerstogogether.com)



## Support for Special Educational Needs and Disabilities: Quick Guide for Parents

### What is SEND?

**SEND** stands for **Special Educational Needs or Disabilities**.

It is when children have significantly greater difficulty in learning than most of their peers or when children have a disability or health condition which makes it significantly harder to access school. This could be over a short period of time, or in the long-term. Lots of children have SEND at some time.

Children may have particular challenges in:

- Communicating and interacting with others
- Cognition and learning
- Social, emotional and mental health
- Sensory or physical needs

At Hardwick, our motto is **CARE**, and we really do care about working with our parents to support children with SEND.

Hopefully, this quick guide will help you to understand who and how we can support your child in school.



## Who can I talk to in school about SEND?

If you are worried about your child and know or think that they may have a special educational need or disability, there are lots of people in school who can help you.

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**Your child's class teacher:** they are the best person to speak to first and can talk to you about how your child is getting on and what extra support they may need.

2

**Our school SENCo—Mrs L. Smith:** Mrs Smith coordinates support for children with SEND across the school and will work with you, teaching staff and external professionals where needed to help your child.



3

**Our Head of School—Mrs. R Sandhu:** Mrs Sandhu can help to resolve any queries or concerns you may have about your child's SEND or support for them in school.



4

**Our SEND Governor—Mr A. Repesa:** Mr Repesa is our SEND governor and helps the school to provide excellent care and education for our children with SEND.



**Contact Details:** You can ask to speak to any of these via the school office on 01332 272249, or can email Mrs Smith at [senco@hardwick.derby.sch.uk](mailto:senco@hardwick.derby.sch.uk)

## How will the school help my child with SEND?

### A graduated approach

We will work with you to continually **assess** how your child is getting on and identify any special educational needs or disabilities they may need support with, **plan** how can best support them in school, **put in place** their support and **review** how this is going and what next steps might be.

### MEPs

If your child has a special educational need or disability that they need further support with in school, we will talk to you about this. We will add them to our SEND register and will write a multi-element plan (MEP) for them. This will describe the child's key targets and the support that will be put in place to help them achieve this. MEPs may also include any targets set by other professionals, such as speech and language therapists. We will review existing targets, write a new MEP and discuss this with you once a term.

### Extra support in school

Extra support in school may include things such as: differentiated learning, small group support from a teacher or TA, extra interventions to work on key areas or additional or different resources to help children access learning.

### Working with Professionals

At Hardwick, we work closely with other professionals to help understand children's needs and how to support them. These professionals include: speech and language therapists, educational psychologists and paediatricians.