

A Graduated Approach to Identifying and Planning for Special Educational Needs in the Early Years in Ealing

Wave One - Universal

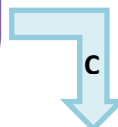
When emerging concerns are raised by parent or staff in an early years setting the SENCO will:

- Talk to the key person and other staff that work with the child
- Consider what is happening in the child's life by talking to the parents / carers
- Carry out observations of the child in their everyday play and activities
- Think about what is developmentally appropriate considering age/stage
- Consider the environment and routines, including reasonable adjustments that can be made to ensure inclusive practice

This may result in one of three following options A, B or C



Concerns resolved, no further action



B

Some areas of concerns identified.

Actions may include:

- Meeting with parents / carers and keyperson to discuss concerns and gather the views / understanding of the parents
- Focussed observation and assessment
- Use of some targeted strategies to support access to learning; Makaton, Now and Next Board, Visual Timetable, Turn Taking Games
- Agree measurable and timebound targets for the child and monitor progress
- May consider initiating an EHAP
- May consider referrals to external agencies such as Children's Centre and Early Start SEND for parent support and /or SALT



Wave Two – Targeted

Significant areas of concerns identified.

Actions may include:

- Meeting with parents / carers to discuss identified concerns and plan next steps
- Support families to access the Local Offer
- EHAP is initiated
- Child is placed on SEN register at SEN support
- Referrals to external agencies, such as SLT, CDT, EP service, Early Start SEND
- Individualised learning plan is put in place with regular review dates, keeping records of the Assess, Plan, Do, Review,



- Continue Assess, Plan, Do Review, Cycle
- Implement strategies given by external partners
- Monitor progress and impact of targeted support
- TAF meeting to bring together parents and external agencies
- Referral to Early Start SEND for inclusion funding and support



Child makes progress, continue SEN Support and monitor



Wave Three – Specialist

Child continues to make little or no progress, presenting needs are increasingly complex.

Actions may include:

- Referral to external agencies such as CDT or EP service if not already made
- Continue Plan, Do, Review cycle in collaboration with the parents and guided by advice from external agencies
- Request an Education, Health and Care Plan by completing the ERSAs
- Consider referral to CIN Nursery Panel for specialist provision



Child begins to make progress, continue support and monitor



Child makes progress, continue SEN support using the Assess, Plan, Do, Review cycle. The setting may consider closing the EHAP