

Some children have a disability which can mean that accessing the school building and the curriculum can be more challenging. They may need:

- ❖ Help with their hearing or vision.
- ❖ Help getting around the building.
- ❖ Help with their specialist equipment such as specialised chairs, hearing loops, radio aids, CCTV monitors, wheelchairs, feeding and special medical equipment, medication, other walking aids etc.
- ❖ Help if the child had complex physical disability or medical needs that trained members of staff to support them.

Examples of support available in our school

- ❖ Our school is made to be as accessible as possible so that children don't need to tackle stairs or other obstacles.
- ❖ We have made our schools as safe as possible by adding pegs, rails, disabled facilities (including toilets and changing rooms).
- ❖ We have specialised medical and PE equipment for those children who need it.
- ❖ We work with the Physical Support Team and the Sensory Physical Support Team
- ❖ We can hold 'fine' and 'gross' motor skills groups to develop physical development skills. This is provided through our school OT champion supported by the SEND Therapy OT department.
- ❖ We are able to make referrals to NHS Occupational Therapy departments.
- ❖ We have support from community nursing for more complex care and training needs.
- ❖ Access arrangements for Statutory Assessments e.g. additional time, scribe, rest breaks, small group provision, according to DfE guidelines

How we check it is working.

- ❖ We carry out risk assessments and reviews of children's needs regularly.
- ❖ We ask outside agencies to review our setting when we have children who have specific needs.
- ❖ We consider children's sensory and physical needs when they move to new classrooms and to new settings.

Some children will require additional support through an EHCP (Education and Health Care Plan.) Further information around EHCPs can be found on the local offer website.

<https://www.localofferbirmingham.co.uk/education-health-and-care-plan/what-is-an-ehcp/>