

Additional Support Needs - it really does help.

Have you ever been upset or worried about going to school?

It's a horrible feeling isn't it?



Sometimes I was so worried I couldn't do my work properly. I spoke to someone at school and they helped me to get the problem sorted and I got extra help to catch up.



People are now using the phrase "additional support needs" but what does it mean?

Everyone needs extra help sometimes.

Why might you have additional support needs?

Health - you may...

- have a hearing impairment
- be in hospital recovering from an illness
- be a wheelchair user
- have a mental illness
- have asthma or an allergy
- have speech difficulties.

Care & protection - you might be...

- separated from your family
- having to stay home to support your family.

Learning - things might not be right in school such as problems with an adult, class work is too easy or too difficult or you might...

- have dyslexia
- learn at a faster or slower pace than your classmates
- have fallen behind in classwork because you were off school.

Emotional difficulties - you might...

- have difficulties behaving in class
- struggle to make friends
- be unhappy at home or in school
- be being bullied
- have a drink or drug problem.

Family - you might...

- have parents who are separated or "split up"
- be dealing with a death of someone close
- have a member of your family or someone close to you who is ill
- be a school age parent
- speak English as an additional language.

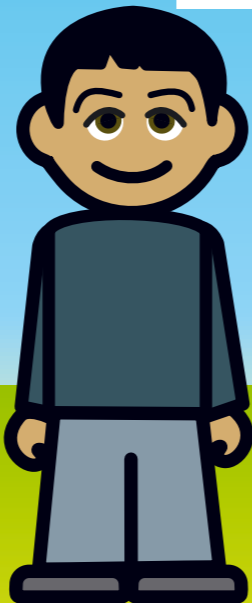
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Asking for extra help doesn't mean you lack skills or ability, it could just mean that something is affecting your learning at the moment.

Hopefully by now you understand more about additional support needs. It's important that you reach your full potential, so if you need to know more pick up the "next steps" leaflet.



Chat to an adult you can trust at school or at home.

For more information
or a copy of the "next steps" leaflet

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What are
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