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Additional support needs

Next steps

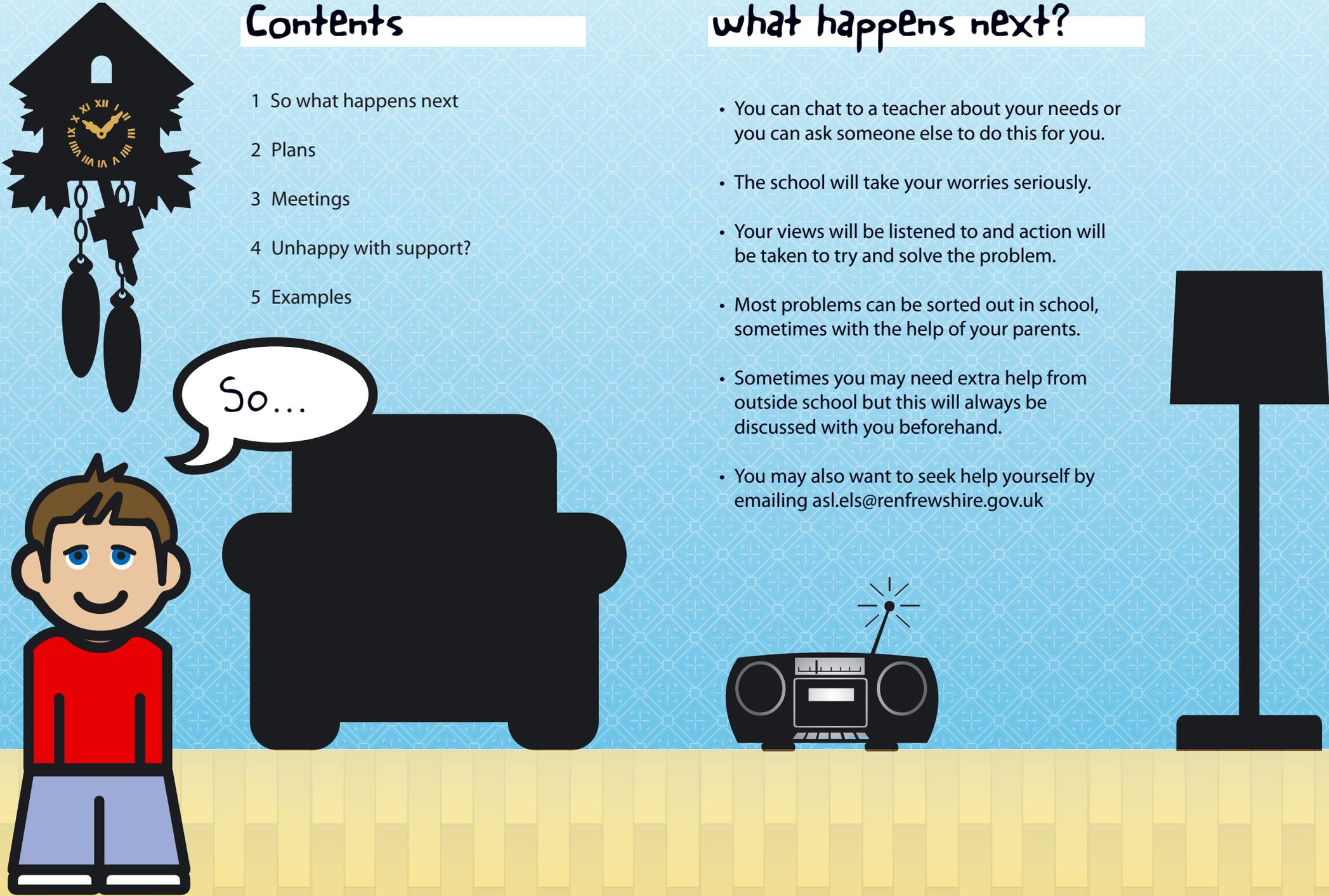
Chat to an adult you can trust at school or at home.

It really does help!



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So...

what happens next?

- You can chat to a teacher about your needs or you can ask someone else to do this for you.
- The school will take your worries seriously.
- Your views will be listened to and action will be taken to try and solve the problem.
- Most problems can be sorted out in school, sometimes with the help of your parents.
- Sometimes you may need extra help from outside school but this will always be discussed with you beforehand.
- You may also want to seek help yourself by emailing asl.els@renfrewshire.gov.uk

Plans

- If you need a lot of help, a plan might be made to sort out the support you need.
- What you think and what your parents think will always be included in the plan and the school should make sure your views have been listened to.
- This plan is often called a Pupil Support Plan (PSP).
- If there is a lot of support required from a lot of people there is a plan called a Co-ordinated Support Plan or (CSP) which makes sure that everyone works together.



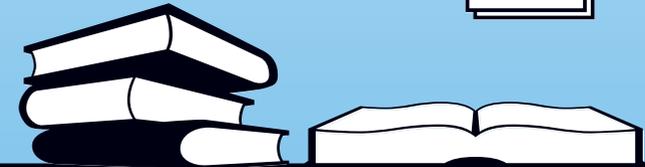
I've tried to sort things out but it hasn't worked...



Meetings

- There will be some meetings to plan how best to help. This includes helping you to move schools or to move on from school.
- What you think is VERY important and the adults want to hear from YOU!
- You can have a supporter to help you to speak up at meetings. Staff at schools will encourage you to do this.
- A supporter can be of your age eg. a friend or an adult you are comfy with who can speak for you, or support you and make sure your views are heard and taken notice of.

there are other steps you can take



Meetings continued

- Speak to someone who can help you sort this out. This should be someone you can trust who can help say what you think. It could be someone from home, school or your supporter at meetings.
- If you are still unhappy, you can ask for mediation.
- Mediation is when an adult from outside (the mediator), gets everyone together to listen to each other's point of view. Talking about the situation and understanding each other better may help to solve the problem.
- Your parents can ask for mediation if you're under sixteen. Once you are sixteen you can do this yourself.
- There are other ways of sorting problems out. These are all quite complicated to understand. If you want to talk about this some more, you can phone 0141 842 5441.



Examples

I was being picked on at school by some older girls. It was really worrying me. I couldn't do my work. I spoke to a teacher about it and now I have an older buddy in school. It's helped a lot.

My Mum and Dad drink a lot and often the house is noisy. It's really difficult to do my homework. My friends knew I was having this problem and they told the teacher and now I have extra time in school to do my work.

I was getting really bored in class because the work was too easy. I always got in trouble because I was finished first and started mucking about. My Mum spoke to the teacher on parents' night and now I get harder work and I don't get bored.

My parents moved so I had to change school just before my prelims. I was struggling to catch up with new work and had no friends to help me. My guidance teacher arranged extra notes for me, individual time with some teachers and told me about the study club. It's really helped.

