

## English Script for promotional postcards in other languages

### **What is a special educational need or SEN?**

A child or young person has a special educational need (or SEN) if they need further adjustments or support on top of what is generally given to all children of the same age.

SEN is not necessarily about a child's academic progress. Some children may have other barriers to learning. A medical diagnosis is **not** needed to be recognised as having SEN.

### **Why is it important to identify SEN and provide support?**

The earlier that additional needs are identified means that support can be put in place for a child or young person.

Support is targeted to their needs and helps them to make their best possible progress.

### **We can help you:**

To feel confident to express your views and participate in discussions.

Understand rights in relation to special educational needs and disability.

Find positive ways to communicate with school and the local authority.

With questions about your child's needs including choosing a school and the cycle of support.

Through the education health and care plan process including help with forms reports or letters.

By providing information to enable informed choices.

Where there are disagreements about assessment or support we can explore options and help with next steps, including with the tribunal process.