



ASN (ADDITIONAL SUPPORT NEEDS) AT BISHOPMILL PRIMARY SCHOOL

What is ASN (Additional Support Needs)?



A child is considered to have additional support needs when, for whatever reason, they need additional support in their education to help them get the most from school. This term is used whether the additional support needed is temporary or ongoing. Therefore, many children are considered to have ASN over the course of their time in school.



What different types of needs are there?

There are many different types of additional support needs. A child may experience some difficulties or delays related to their social, emotional, physical or general development. A child may also experience difficulties with friendships, bullying, family bereavement or changes in family circumstances (e.g. new house, new baby).



What should I do if I think my child has ASN?

Please let the school know! The more we know about your child's needs the better equipped we are to support them. Talk to your child's teacher or make an appointment to see the ASN co-ordinator. Please also let us know if your child had any birth or pre-school problems (e.g. premature birth, SALT – Speech and Language Therapy), even if they have resolved. Often there can be implications for learning stemming from these earlier difficulties.



What help can be provided to support my child?

ASN teaching input or PSA (Pupil Support Assistant) time may be available. Support is sometimes available 1-to-1 but usually small groups are formed to support several pupils at once. At times, classroom assistants may also be able to help. Access to certain computer packages or other specialised resources may also be provided.



What if my child requires support the school cannot provide?

There are outside agencies who can further support children with ASN. The school can make referrals to support services such as Occupational Therapy, SALT, Educational Psychology, Behavioural Support and so on.



ASN is at the heart of trying to 'Get It Right for Every Child' (GIRFEC) so we will do our best to support your child and meet their needs at Bishopmill Primary School.