



What is SEND? A guide for children

The school's promise

Here at Rockmount Primary School, we care about all of our pupils and we always want you to feel happy and healthy at school. To make sure this happens, we have created this sheet which tells you how we will give you support, who you can talk to if you have problems and how we can work together to help you learn and enjoy school.

What does SEND stand for?

SEND stands for **S**pecial **E**ducational **N**eeds and **D**isabilities. All children with SEND are different. Some children may struggle with reading or writing whilst some children may find PE a bit tricky.

There are lots of types of SEND and also lots of ways that our school can help you if you are finding something difficult.



Things we look out for

If you have SEND, you might have already been told by an adult for example, your parents/carers or a doctor or teacher. It is the school's job to make sure that, if you have SEND, you are looked after and can still join in with activities. Staff will also try to make some changes to lessons for you to make sure you can always be included. If any pupil struggles a lot more than their friends to learn new things, they may have SEND. Pupils who might have SEND will be assessed by an adult to make sure they get the right help.

How can school help me if I am finding something difficult?

At Rockmount, there are many different ways that staff can help you. For example, you may need:

- Extra time to think about your answers
- Help from a member of staff to complete a certain task
- Someone to talk to about any difficulties you may be having
- Help from other professionals that can come into school
- Special resources or equipment such as, fiddle toys to help you concentrate or a particular pen to support you to write

If you are finding something difficult it is always good to speak to the adults in your class and they will be happy to help. We will talk to your parents/carers too so that we can all work together to support you.

Keeping happy and healthy

Our school includes everyone in activities and we want each one of our pupils to be happy and healthy. We will make sure you are happy in your lessons and will tell you who you can talk to if you have a problem or feel upset. You can talk to your classroom adults or any other member of staff about any problems you have either with your school work or with how you are feeling.

If you are struggling with your lessons, you may get support from an adult to help you understand the work or to support you with your emotions and feelings. We can also invite your parents/carers to join us and we can all talk together.

Privacy

The information the school holds about you is private. There are laws stopping the school from sharing information without telling you or your parents/carers first. This means you can be sure that only the people who need to know, or that you would like to know, are told about your needs.

