

Statutory Assessments and Statements

If your child receives School Action Plus help for a reasonable time without success, and the school thinks they are showing significant cause for concern, the school should consider asking the local education authority (LEA) for a statutory assessment. If the assessment, which will take 6 months, shows that your child needs more or different help than is available through School Action Plus, the LEA will produce a Statement of Special Educational Needs. The Statement will give details of the help your child must be given and where they will go to school. Majority of children with Statements are in mainstream schools - not special schools.

If you are not happy with your child's progress you also have a right to ask the LEA for a statutory assessment. You can do this even if the school does not agree with you and thinks that your child does not need a statutory assessment.

