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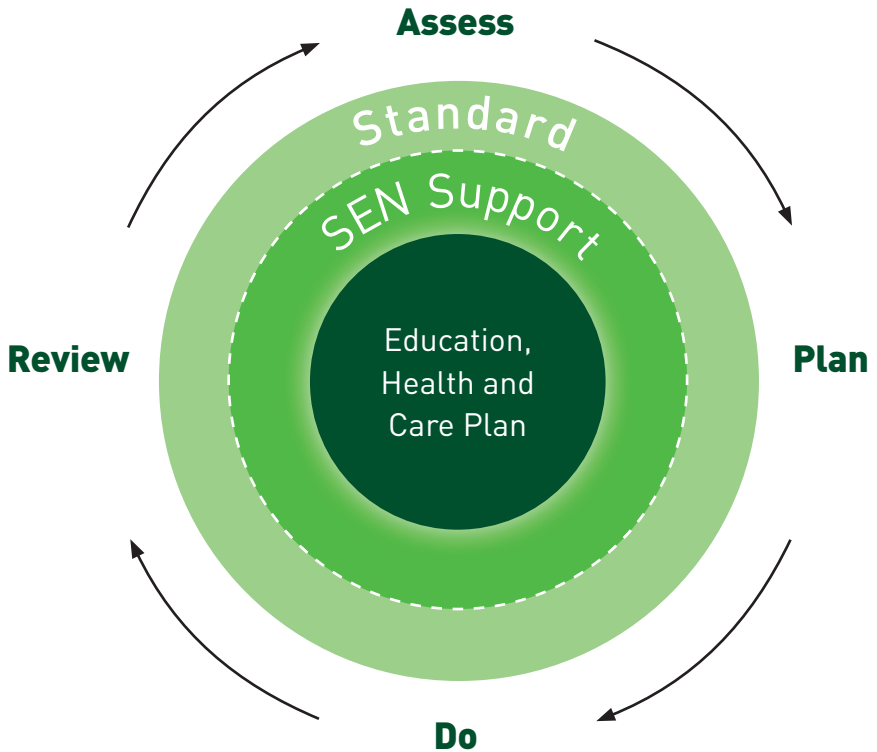
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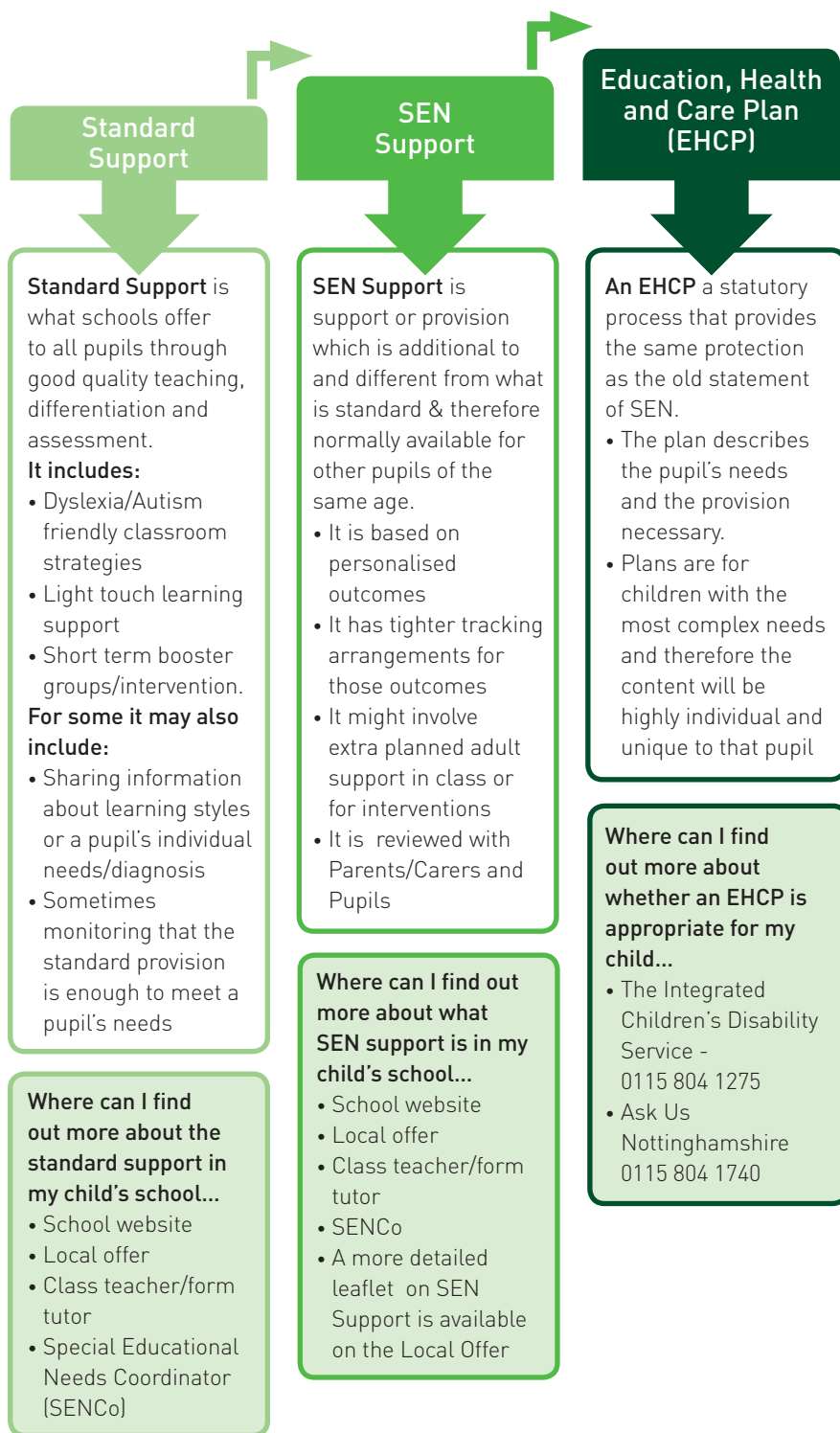


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Every child with a special educational need (SEN), who requires provision which is additional to or different from the support generally available to other children of the same age, should receive SEN Support in order to overcome barriers to learning.



The purpose of SEN support is to help children achieve the outcomes or learning objectives set for them by the school. Schools should involve parents and the child in this process.



"By Involving me regularly in reviewing the strategies that worked for my child we could address issues effectively and avoid unnecessary anxiety."
...parent of mainstream secondary school pupil.

"I was worried that my child would need lots of extra help but he gets everything he needs in the classroom"
...parent of an early years mainstream pupil.

SEN Support in Mainstream Schools

- The SEN Support category replaces the previously used School Action/School Action plus and Early Years Action/Early Years Action Plus categories.
- Parents/carers of young people must be informed if their child is placed in the SEN Support category.
- Once a pupil is identified as needing SEN Support, schools should work through a four part cycle of assess, plan, do, review & should involve parents.
- SEN Support should be reviewed with parents/carers, & where appropriate the pupil, three times yearly.
- Pupils' needs do not remain static and it is possible that some pupils will move between different levels of support at different times in their school career.

"It's really important to share positive feedback on your child's performance"
...parent of a child working at a pre formal level in a mainstream setting.

"Talking to SENCo was really helpful in working out what needed to be done next"
...parent of a child with physical needs.

Useful links and contacts...

- Nottinghamshire Local Offer nottinghamshire.sendlocaloffer.org.uk which contains further information about:
 - SEN Support
 - Education, Health and Care Plan Pathway
 - Questions for parents to consider when talking to school about their child's SEN.
- ASK Us Nottinghamshire on **0115 804 1740**
- Nottinghamshire Parent Carer Forum (NPCF) - enquiries@nottspcf.org