

Early Years Graduated Response

How to support children from 0-5 years in Surrey

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Introduction

Welcome to Surrey's Early Years Graduated Response. The aim of this document is to provide clear and consistent guidance to Surrey's expectations of the different thresholds for additional needs and disabilities, in an early years setting. We want to ensure children's needs are identified at the earliest stage possible, and the most appropriate support put in place. This will enable all children to progress and realise their individual potential. This document provides a clear, graduated framework for all settings and stakeholders to provide well-coordinated early intervention and support.

The principles in this document are underpinned by the SEND Code of Practice. Most children with additional needs and/or disabilities will achieve their outcomes through arrangements which can be implemented without the need for an EHC Plan. This can be achieved through differentiation, making reasonable adjustments, taking a person-centred approach and by liaising with a range of multi-agency partners.

It is designed for practitioners working with children aged 0 – 5 and covers children birth to Reception Year (Year R) at school. This aligns with the Early Years Foundation Stage curriculum. It can be used by anyone who delivers the EYFS, whether that is a childminder, large nursery chain, independent nursery or nursery attached to a school. Some of the referrals and funding streams listed within the 'Assessment and Planning' and 'Intervention and Support' sections are not available for children in their Reception Year at School, so please read with some caution. It is the Interventions that are listed within these sections that may be appropriate for some children in their Reception Year if they are not making expected progress.

What is a Graduated Response?

The SEND Code of Practice expects barriers to learning to be removed and measures put in place to enable effective educational provision to be available and accessible to all. Where a child is identified as having an additional need and/or disability, a cycle of support must be in place. This cycle includes four stages, which are Assess- Plan- Do - Review. By following this cycle, you will be able to continuously adapt support to meet the child's needs and secure good outcomes. This defines a graduated approach.

The SEND Code of Practice advises that you should have a clear approach to identifying and responding to a child with additional needs. The benefits of early identification are widely recognised – identifying need at the earliest point, and then making effective provision, improves long-term outcomes for children. By using a graduated approach, you will develop a greater understanding of a child's individual needs and be able to provide a person-centred response.

How to use the Graduated Response

The Early Years Graduated Response has two parts.

Part One

The Profile of Need (Assess)

This is divided into four areas of need:

- Communication and Interaction
- Cognition and Learning
- Social, Emotional and Mental Health
- Physical and Sensory Needs (including Hearing Impairment, Visual Impairment and/or Multi-Sensory Impairment)

You can use the Profile of Need at any time when an overview of a child's development is needed. This can be achieved by highlighting the sections which most accurately reflect the child's development at the time. By completing this task, you will create a visual summary of where the child sits on the Profile of Need. This will enable you to identify if the child is mainly sitting in Universal, Setting Support, Specialist Support or Statutory Assessment.

- **Universal**- support and access to services that enable all children and their families to be healthy, stay safe, enjoy life, and achieve their full potential. This includes everything you do in an early years setting for all children.
- **Setting Support**- the majority of children will have their needs met through an early year's provision which adapts to meet individual need. This may include an application for Early Intervention Funding (EIF) or differentiating the curriculum or your approach to meet their needs.
- **Specialist Support**- where a child continues to make less than expected progress, despite evidence-based support and interventions highlighted in Setting Support, you should consider making referrals and seeking specialist support from multi-agency professionals. This may again include an application for Early Intervention Funding (EIF).
- **Statutory Assessment**-where, despite relevant and purposeful action has been taken to identify, assess and meet the additional needs of the child, the child has not made expected progress with the involvement of multi-agency professionals. It may be necessary for special educational provision to be made for the child in accordance with an EHC plan. The early years setting and parents should consider requesting a statutory assessment.

The statements in the Profile of Need are broad indicators and should not be used as a comprehensive assessment tool. The assessment tools can be found in the assessment and planning section and intervention and support sections.

Part Two

This is divided into three sections:

- Assessment and Planning-Plan
- Intervention and Support-Do
- Evaluating Progress and Review-Review

Assessment and Planning-Plan

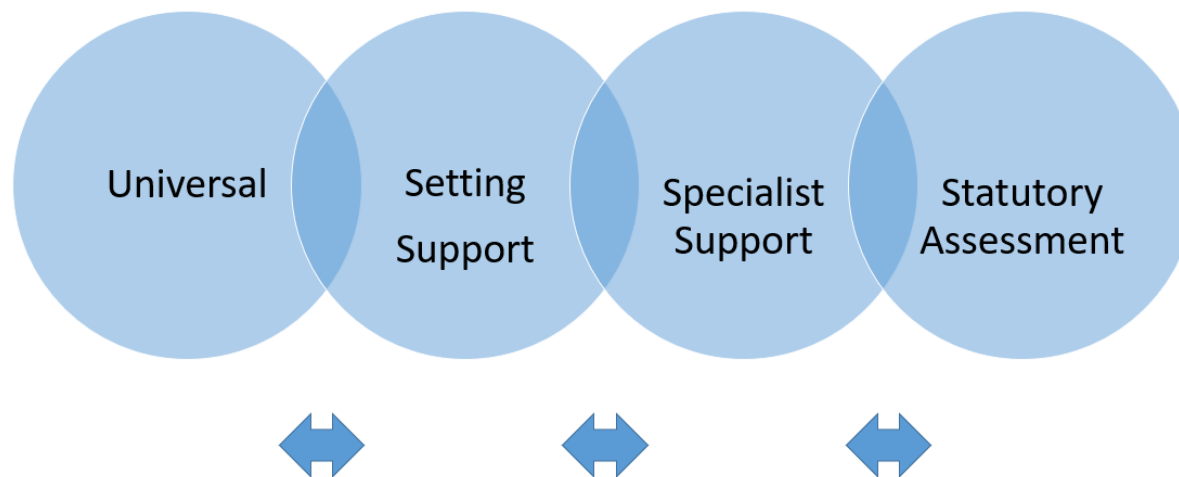
The Assessment and Planning section provides advice and guidance regarding what you need to be thinking about next. This will depend on the child's profile of need.

Intervention and Support –Do

The Intervention and Support section helps you identify what you need to do in response to completing the Profile of Need and after considering the assessment and planning section. You will find options and suggestions regarding the type and range of support and interventions which you could put in place for the child.

Evaluating Progress and Review-Review

The Evaluating Progress and Review section enables you to assess progress and decide next steps. Remember that a child can travel across the Graduated Response either way.



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Part One

Communication and interaction

Profile of Need (Assess)

Universal	Setting Support	Specialist Support	Statutory Assessment
Child is broadly working within the appropriate developmental learning phase, using assessments and the EYFS as guidance	Child exhibits some difficulties within Communication and Interaction. Assessments indicate the child is working just below an age-appropriate level. This is beginning to affect access to the EYFS.	Child is showing significant difficulties across Communication and Interaction. Assessments indicate this is significantly affecting access to the EYFS.	Child displays sustained difficulties within Communication and Language. Assessments indicate this is having a significant impact on access to the EYFS.

Listening and attention

Universal	Setting Support	Specialist Support	Statutory Assessment
Child may require support from time to time for specific areas of need but generally makes expected progress as a result.	Child has some difficulties and may require additional adult intervention to support progress. Additional Funding may be needed to enable this. EYFS and EY SLT resource pack are used to put appropriate strategies in place.	Child shows significant difficulties and needs a high level of intervention and support. The child is referred/has input from EY SLT Team and setting are incorporating advice into Surrey Support Plan. Additional Funding is being accessed to enhance staff ratios to enable a structured, individual support programme.	Child has sustained difficulties and requires individualised support incorporating advice where appropriate from the EY SLT Team to prevent the gap widening between the child and their peers.
Child is aware of and responds to cues typically used to gain attention e.g., adult using their name and getting down to their level.	Child is having some difficulties with active listening and attention and may need additional support from adults and/or small group intervention.	Child is showing significant difficulties with active listening and attention which is impacting on their speech and language development and will require a referral to an EY Speech and Language Therapist.	Child exhibits sustained difficulties with active listening and attention which is impacting on their speech and language development. The gap between the child and their peers is widening.

Universal	Setting Support	Specialist Support	Statutory Assessment
Child responds to and uses eye contact appropriate to their age, stage, and culture	Child has some difficulties with responding to and using eye contact. He/she may stare or only use eye contact when responding to something they like. The child may look in the direction of other people without using eye contact.	Child is exhibiting significant difficulties responding to and using eye contact. Child's eye contact is poor and fleeting even after EY S&L resource ideas have been used.	Child is still using fleeting or inappropriate eye contact when responding to adults or peers. Despite specialist intervention and an enhanced ratio, they have sustained and significant difficulties.
Child responds to their name as appropriate for their age - turning and looking in the direction of adults and peers when their name is called.	Child has some difficulties responding to their name despite universal support being in place.	Child is showing significant difficulties responding to their name even with adult intervention. The child is unaware of others trying to interact with them and engrossed in their own play. They may appear stubborn.	Child is engrossed in their own world and has sustained difficulties responding to their name even with a high level of adult intervention.
Child listens and attends to adults and peers for a gradually increasing length of time as appropriate for their age.	Child has some difficulties listening and attending to communication by adults and peers. The child may join an activity but be quickly distracted by noise or movement and often need adult support to refocus.	Child has significant difficulties listening and attending to communication from adults and peers. Adult needs to use visuals such as now & next and high attention activities to engage the child.	Child has sustained difficulty listening and attending to communication from adults and peers and may demonstrate a need to move constantly, even with a high level of intervention and an enhanced ratio.
Child is able to access the setting environment independently. He/she can sustain focus on self-chosen activities and resources.	Child has some difficulty accessing the setting environment and may be easily distracted. He/she may need some adult support to sustain focus on self-chosen activities and resources.	Child is exhibiting significant difficulty accessing the setting environment. The child is easily distracted and flits between activities or finds it difficult to move on. He/she needs a high level of intervention through enhanced staffing to enable them to access nursery environment, choose activities and sustain focus. Child may appear to enjoy more physical play, such as chasing games.	Child has sustained difficulty accessing the nursery environment and is unable to focus on own interests and play. Despite an individualised programme of support and a high level of intervention the child is showing a sustained delay in their play skills and the gap between the child and their peers is widening.

Universal	Setting Support	Specialist Support	Statutory Assessment
<p>Child is able to listen, attend to and participate in adult led songs, stories, and group activities with use of general aids such as song box and puppets to help with engagement.</p>	<p>Child displays some difficulty listening, attending to, and participating in adult led group session including songs and stories. Child may spend time watching or touching others or staring into space. Some adult support needed to refocus e.g., using visuals such as now & next board.</p>	<p>Child is showing significant difficulty listening, attending to, and participating during group times such as songs and stories. Child may fidget constantly, get up or try and engage adults or peers in conversation or 'zone out'. Child needs an enhanced ratio to enable small groups, to sit and refocus or to back-chain involvement and increase attention skills. Child's progress within the EYFS is delayed due to poor listening and attention skills.</p>	<p>Child has sustained difficulty listening, attending to, and participating in group sessions such as songs and stories. Child is reluctant to attend adult led groups and will listen and attend for only a very short periods of time even with adult support. The child may sit down but quickly get up again and move off or 'zone out'. The child may need short, individual/small group interventions. This is likely to include differentiated stories and songs using a multi-sensory approach with visuals to aid focus.</p>

Language

Universal	Setting Support	Specialist Support	Statutory Assessment
<p>Child is able to follow visuals of familiar routines independently or with age-appropriate support.</p>	<p>Child needs some adult support to follow routines due to some difficulty understanding instructions. Adults need to support child to follow routines using tailored visual support.</p>	<p>Child has significant difficulty understanding and following routines and instructions without an enhanced ratio. Child requires individual visual aids such as Now & Next and sequenced storyboards for daily routines i.e., washing their hands and snack time.</p>	<p>Child has sustained difficulty understanding and following routines and instructions despite an individualised programme of support and a high level of intervention.</p>

Universal	Setting Support	Specialist Support	Statutory Assessment
<p>Child is able to understand and follow age-appropriate instructions.</p>	<p>Child has some difficulty understanding and following age-appropriate instructions and needs some adult support with the use of visual aids. Adults need to simplify language used.</p>	<p>Child is showing significant difficulty understanding and following age-appropriate instructions. The child requires a high level of intervention through an enhanced ratio to enable the use of visuals such as now& next boards and Makaton. Staff need to simplify language, model and coach correct response.</p>	<p>Child displays sustained difficulty understanding and following age-appropriate instructions, despite an individualised programme of support and a high level of intervention. Child may need increased use of individual visual aids. Professional advice has been followed for an extended period however, child has made little progress. The gap between child and peers is continuing to widen.</p>
<p>Child is able to use age-appropriate gestures, signs, key words and/or appropriate vocabulary.</p>	<p>Observations indicate child has difficulty communicating with others.</p>	<p>Child is showing significant difficulties communicating with others SLT assessment indicates moderate – severe delay.</p>	<p>Child displays sustained difficulties communicating with others. SLT assessment indicates a severe and sustained delay. Child may be dependent on adult to interpret wants and needs using additional aids.</p>
<p>Child responds appropriately to language used by adults and peers.</p>	<p>Child has some difficulty understanding and responding appropriately to language used by adults and peers.</p> <p>The child may copy the responses of peers in/out of context.</p>	<p>Child has significant difficulties understanding and responding appropriately to language used by adults and peers. They need a high level of intervention through an enhanced ratio.</p>	<p>Child is showing sustained difficulties understanding and responding appropriately to language used by adults and peers. This is despite having an individualised programme of support and a high level of intervention.</p>

Social Communication

Universal	Setting Support	Specialist Support	Statutory Assessment
<p>Child is aware of social cues and responses i.e., seeks contact with others, joint attention, can take turns and is interested in other children's play as age appropriate.</p>	<p>Child has some difficulty engaging with peers and adults. They may demonstrate a lack of awareness of social cues such as limited eye contact.</p>	<p>Child exhibits significant difficulty engaging with peers and adults. They may make eye contact during a high attention activity such as bucket time, but this can be quite fleeting.</p>	<p>Child displays sustained difficulty engaging with peers and adults. During high attention activity such as bucket time the child avoids all eye contact even when objects are held at the adult's eye level.</p>
	<p>Child may have difficulty playing alongside others and they may prefer to play alone. They rarely initiate interactions with peers. Child may appear to follow their own interest but will accept some adult ideas, when it is something they like, with use of visuals such as now and next.</p>	<p>Child shows significant difficulty interacting with others. They may prefer to play alone and when other children come close may move away, physically move others or vocalise. Child follows their own interest and appears unaware of others. Play may be repetitive, and the child may experience difficulty transitioning between activities.</p>	<p>Child has sustained difficulty interacting with others. He/she plays alone and follows their own interests. Play is repetitive, and the child experiences sustained difficulty transitioning between activities. An adult needs to use specific strategies to engage with the child.</p>
	<p>Child has some difficulties playing imaginatively by themselves or with others. Child may need adult support to model and coach simple sequences of play.</p>	<p>Child is showing significant difficulties playing imaginatively by themselves or with others. Child needs an adult to model and coach simple sequences of play. An adult will be implementing strategies from professionals.</p>	<p>Child has significant difficulties playing by themselves or with others. They need a specialised programme of support to make progress.</p>

Universal	Setting Support	Specialist Support	Statutory Assessment
	Child shows some difficulties during unstructured times and during changes in routine.	Child has significant difficulties during unstructured times and during changes in routine. They may be very anxious and upset and may show unexpected behaviours unless boundaries and expectations are consistently reinforced within a structured environment.	Child has sustained difficulties during unstructured times and may be unaware of routines. Child may be very distressed during daily transitions and need an individual structured programme of support. They may be passive, withdrawn or respond physically and are unable to access the EYFS due to the severity of their social communication difficulties.
	Child is showing some difficulties with taking turns and sharing and has difficulty interacting or participating in a small group. They need adult support to facilitate and model these skills.	Child has significant difficulties engaging in structured turn-taking activities. They may have a programme of targets from outside professionals to support their progress.	Child has sustained difficulty engaging in structured turn-taking activities. They will require a specialised programme of support to make progress.
	Child shows some anxiety in group or individual activities. They may whisper or use an unusual tone.	Child shows significant difficulty with anxiety in group or individual activities, despite support from adults. The child may become overwhelmed and struggle to self-regulate.	Child shows sustained difficulties with anxieties. They learn best on an individual basis and will find group situations extremely difficult. They will need a high level of support. Child shows sustained difficulty with anxiety in group or individual activities, despite support from adults.

Dysphagia

Universal	Setting Support	Specialist Support	Statutory Assessment
The child has no difficulties with eating, drinking or with oro-motor skill	Child is showing some difficulties with oro-motor skills and excessive dribbling.	Child is regularly coughing or choking when eating or drinking and needs a referral to the Speech and Language Dysphagia Service.	Child may need changes in diet and/or thickened fluids, nasogastric feeding, or a gastrostomy.

Speech

Universal	Setting Support	Specialist Support	Statutory Assessment
<p>The child is able to make noises, babble, and use a range of different sounds and speech which are age appropriate.</p>	<p>The child may have some speech difficulties which are starting to impact on communicating their wants and needs.</p>	<p>Child has significant speech difficulties which are having a marked impact on their ability to communicate their wants and needs.</p>	<p>The child has significant and sustained difficulties with speech which are having a severe impact on their ability to communicate their wants and needs. They require ongoing individual advice and support from a speech and language therapist. This is affecting their access to the EYFS.</p>
<p>Child's speech clarity enables them to communicate their wants and needs to familiar and unfamiliar adults</p>	<p>Child's speech clarity results in them having some difficulties making their wants and needs known to familiar adults. Unfamiliar adults and children may have more difficulty understanding them.</p>	<p>Child's speech clarity results in them having significant difficulties making their wants and needs known to both familiar and unfamiliar adults. They may become frustrated at not being understood and withdraw or show more physical behaviours. The child will need support to communicate their wants and needs, for example using gestures, visuals and/or Makaton. This may be having some impact on confidence and social interaction. Referral and advice from a speech and language therapist needed.</p>	<p>Child's speech clarity results in them having sustained difficulties making their wants and needs known to both familiar and unfamiliar adults. Child's confidence and self-esteem may be low. Frustration may be increasing resulting in swift changes in behaviour or the child becoming withdrawn and unwilling to take part in activities. The development of communication, literacy and language may not be progressing. This may be having a significant impact on confidence and social interaction.</p>

Cognition and Learning

Profile of Need (assess)

Universal	Setting Support	Specialist Support	Statutory Assessment
<p>Child is broadly working within the appropriate developmental learning phase, including the Characteristics of Effective Learning., using the EYFS as guidance. Adult support varies throughout the day depending on ratio and routine, but this is managed by the child.</p>	<p>Child is showing some delay in learning in the prime areas of EYFS. Monitoring of the child's progress indicates that despite group-based interventions and support, the child is not progressing as they could be. Child tends to not learn so well when support is not in place.</p>	<p>Child has significant delay in learning across prime areas of EYFS despite differentiation of curriculum and some individual interventions targeting the needs of the child at Setting Support level.</p>	<p>Child shows sustained delay in learning across prime areas of EYFS. Gap is widening between the child and what is expected of them as this age and stage, despite interventions and support suggested by the professionals involved.</p>
<p>Child shows perseverance and concentrates on a chosen task for an appropriate period of time. Signs of deep involvement. At times may need some additional prompts. E.g., range of teaching strategies, choice board and general visuals to aid learning.</p>	<p>The child requires some planned support to sustain perseverance and focus on an activity. Differentiation allows child to extend activities to develop areas of interest.</p>	<p>Child requires planned strategies and additional support to retain, and use learned skills. The child will often lose focus at activities and need significant support to keep them on task even for short amount of time.</p>	<p>The child requires sustained support in order to engage their attention and help them play, learn, and make progress. The child will constantly flit between activities and cannot concentrate without support.</p>
<p>Child can listen and attend to an adult-led activity for a short amount of time in line with age and stage expectations. Small groups of children are encouraged in early years learning and plenty of exciting resources and props should help keep the child's attention.</p>	<p>Child needs some reminders/encouragement to persevere with an activity that is adult led.</p>	<p>The child needs planned intervention (support) and prompts to listen and attend, and to maintain attention on an activity that adult led.</p>	<p>The child needs sustained, individualised support such as verbal and visual reminders/encouragement, to attend to an activity that is adult led.</p>

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<p>Child can follow a simple one or two worded instructions (or the equivalent in-line with what is appropriate for their age) from an adult and can follow a simple routine. The child may find visuals useful. E.g., visual timetables, such as Do 2 learn Widget.</p>	<p>Child requires some additional support and prompts to listen and attend to instruction from adult and the routine. E.g., Use of a 'Now and next' board.</p>	<p>Child needs significant additional support from an adult to help listen and attend to instructions and to follow routines. Requires planned strategies to prepare for a change in routines. E.g., adult modelling and use of visuals.</p>	<p>The child requires sustained support to be able to understand instructions, listen and attend to adults and to follow the routine within the setting, despite professional led interventions.</p>
<p>Child shows curiosity and is motivated to learn. Investigates and experiences different things. Can play independently with appropriate differentiation. Joins in with others. Has a 'Have a go' attitude to learning.</p>	<p>Child has some difficulty joining in and accessing a range of activities. They may sometimes limit their play to specific interests. The child may carry around certain toys/objects and focus more on exploring certain schemas or patterns of play, such as spinning wheels and lining up toys. Differentiation by adults may be required to allow the child to learn routines, expectations, and boundaries.</p>	<p>Child's play is not age appropriate. It is significantly limited, inflexible and repetitive. Mostly likes to play on their own. They may have an obsession with certain objects, colours, toys or spinning wheels on cars or trains. Show frustration when asked to share toys/equipment.</p>	<p>Child needs sustained support and a highly differentiated approach to enable them to play, join in, share, and communicate their ideas and experiences. They are often not aware of what their peers are doing and play entirely on their own.</p>
<p>Child begins to make sense of their physical world and their community. They explore, observe, and find out about people, places, technology, and the environment.</p>	<p>Child shows some difficulty expressing an interest in significant events in their own life and understanding what makes them unique. Child does not always ask questions and think about why things happen.</p>	<p>Child shows significant difficulties in understanding their own experiences. Child shows continuing difficulties with a range of transitions.</p>	<p>Child is showing sustained difficulties in the why, how, and what concerning the world around them. They do not understand experiences and cannot learn from them.</p>
<p>Child explores and plays with a wide range of media and materials as well as sharing their thoughts, ideas, and feelings through a variety of activities in art, music, dance, role-play, and design and technology.</p>	<p>Child has some difficulties or has a particular sensory need to engage in specific activities. Requires some adult support to access other areas of the curriculum. Child has some difficulty in sharing their thoughts and ideas accurately. Some difficulty in generating ideas for imaginative play.</p>	<p>Child shows significant difficulties in exploring the properties of materials and understanding their use. Needs additional support to join in, share and communicate ideas and experiences. Significant difficulty in generating ideas for imaginative play, home corner/role play. Child unaware of what other children do in their play.</p>	<p>Child shows sustained difficulties in generating ideas, initiating, and engaging in other children's play. Requires significant support to help build and maintain positive relationships with their peers. Sustained difficulties in generating ideas for imaginative play/ home corner not</p>

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			able to recreate when role modelled by the adult.

Social, Emotional and Mental Health

Profile of Need (ASSESS)

Social: making relationships

Universal	Setting Support	Specialist Support	Statutory Assessment
Child is broadly working within the appropriate developmental learning stage for Personal, Social and Emotional Development (PSED) using the EYFS as guidance.	Child is working below age-appropriate levels of development for PSED within the EYFS.	Child is working significantly below age-appropriate levels of development for PSED within the EYFS.	Child is working significantly below age-appropriate levels of development for PSED within the EYFS despite ongoing intervention.
Child is at expected level of development in being able to take turns and wait during activities.	Child shows some difficulty in developmentally appropriate turn taking/sharing and participation in group activities.	Child showing significant difficulty in developmentally appropriate turn taking/sharing and participation in group activities.	Child is showing sustained difficulty in turn taking/sharing and participation in group activities.
Child is developing a positive relationship with keyperson.	Child is showing some difficulty in developing a positive relationship with keyperson.	Child is showing significant difficulties in developing a positive relationship with keyperson.	Child is showing sustained difficulty in developing a positive relationship with keyperson.
Child is at expected stage in developing social play and interaction with peers.	Child showing some difficulty in building and/or maintaining relationships with other that could lead to isolation and/or conflict.	Child showing significant difficulty in building and/or maintaining relationships with others that could lead to isolation and/or conflict.	Child is showing sustained difficulty in building and/or maintaining relationships with others that could lead to isolation and/or conflict.

Universal	Setting Support	Specialist Support	Statutory Assessment
Child is developing an awareness of other people's feelings and responds appropriately.	Child is showing little awareness of other people's feelings.	Child is showing no awareness of other people's feelings.	Child is showing no awareness of other people's feelings despite interventions and support.
Child shows developmentally appropriate social interactions with others.	Child shows some inappropriate social interactions with others which may include including physical contact.	Child frequently interacts inappropriately with others e.g., pushing, biting, which may lead to harm.	Child persistently uses inappropriate physical contact with others which leads to an outcome of harm.

Social: language

Universal	Setting Support	Specialist Support	Statutory Assessment
Child responds to non-verbal cues in a developmentally appropriate way.	Child showing some difficulty in using and reading non-verbal cues.	Child showing significant difficulty in using and reading non-verbal cues resulting in increasing isolation from peers.	Child showing sustained difficulty in using and reading non-verbal cues.
Child is using and experimenting with social language and with support, is learning what is appropriate and socially acceptable.	Child may use some inappropriate language. (This includes all discriminatory language related to protected characteristics as defined in the Equality Act 2010).	Child has significant use of inappropriate language. (This includes all discriminatory language related to protected characteristics as defined in the Equality Act 2010).	Child has sustained use of inappropriate language. (This includes all discriminatory language related to protected characteristics as defined in the Equality Act 2010).

Sense of Self

Universal	Setting Support	Specialist Support	Statutory Assessment
Child is confident to try new activities and explore their environment.	Child appears hesitant, lacks confidence and is sometimes withdrawn which may impact on how they access the environment and social times.	Child appears hesitant, lacks confidence and is frequently withdrawn which significantly impacts on how they access the environment and social times.	Child appears to display sustained and persistent hesitancy, lacks confidence and is persistently withdrawn. which significantly impacts on how they access the environment and social times.

Universal	Setting Support	Specialist Support	Statutory Assessment
Child has a positive sense of self and is able to cope when things don't go to plan. They will persevere with an activity.	Child sometimes shows low self-esteem which impacts on their ability to cope when things don't go to plan. They may give up with an activity.	Child frequently shows low self-esteem which impacts on their ability to cope when things don't go to plan, and they will usually give up with an activity.	Child persistently shows low self-esteem which impacts on their ability to cope when things don't go to plan. They will always give up with an activity.
Child is confident to take developmentally appropriate risks during their play and learning.	Child sometimes lacks ability to risk assess their own safety which may cause them to be overly cautious or have little regard for danger.	Child frequently lacks ability to risk assess their own safety which may cause them to be overly cautious or have little regard for danger.	Child persistently lacks ability to risk assess their own safety which may cause them to be overly cautious or have little regard for danger.
Child is able to transition from child chosen play to adult led activities or routines with adult support.	Child has some difficulty in transitioning from child chosen play to adult led activities or routines with adult support.	Child has significant difficulty in transitioning from child chosen play to adult led activities or routines with adult support.	Child has sustained difficulty in transitioning from child chosen play to adult led activities or routines with adult support.
Child is able to make age-appropriate choices and decisions and to begin to show personal preferences.	Child has some difficulty in making age-appropriate choices and decisions and to begin to show personal preferences.	Child has significant difficulty in making age-appropriate choices and decisions and to begin to show personal preferences.	Child has significant difficulty in making age-appropriate choices and decisions and to begin to show personal preferences.

Developing Independence

Universal	Setting Support	Specialist Support	Statutory Assessment
Child is able to manage their personal care routines in an age-appropriate way.	Child has some difficulty managing their personal care routines in an age-appropriate way.	Child has significant difficulty managing their personal care routines in an age-appropriate way.	Child has sustained difficulty in managing their personal care routines in an age-appropriate way.

Universal	Setting Support	Specialist Support	Statutory Assessment
Child is able to tolerate a range of tastes and textures.	Child has some difficulty tolerating a range of tastes and textures.	Child has significant difficulties managing a range of tastes and textures.	Child has sustained difficulties in managing a range of tastes and textures.
Child is able to manage their own personal safety in an age-appropriate way.	Child has some difficulties managing their personal safety which could result in harm to self or others.	Child has significant difficulties managing their personal safety which can result in harm to self or others.	Child has sustained difficulties managing their personal safety which can result in harm to self or others.

Understanding and Regulating Emotions

Universal	Setting Support	Specialist Support	Statutory Assessment
Child is able to express emotions in a range of developmentally appropriate ways.	Child expresses emotions (fear, frustration, excitement etc.) through some incidents of pushing, hitting, kicking, biting and non-deliberate harm to others.	Child expresses emotions through frequent incidents of pushing, hitting, kicking, biting and non-deliberate harm to others.	Child expresses emotions through persistent incidents of pushing, hitting, kicking, biting and non-deliberate harm to others.
Child is able to understand the expectations of the setting and can adapt their behaviour accordingly.	Child has some difficulty in following setting routines e.g., difficulty coping with boundaries, difficulty in coping with changes in routine/staff etc.	Child has significant difficulty in following setting routines e.g., difficulty coping with boundaries, difficulty in coping with changes in routine/staff etc.	Child has sustained difficulty in following setting routines e.g., difficulty coping with boundaries, difficulty in coping with changes in routine/staff etc.
All children aged 0-5 years need support from adults to regulate their emotions (Co-regulation). With adult support children are able to manage and regulate their emotional responses.	Child has some difficulty in managing and regulating emotions, even with adult support, resulting in avoidant behaviour or conflict with others.	Child has significant difficulty in managing and regulating emotions, even with adult support, resulting in avoidant behaviour or conflict with others.	Child has sustained difficulty in managing and regulating emotions, even with adult support, resulting in avoidant behaviour or conflict with others.
Child is able to use a range of coping strategies to remain calm when managing everyday challenges, for example transition times and separation from parents/carers.	Child displays some anxiety and has difficulty in remaining calm when faced with everyday challenges, and this may impact on their emotional wellbeing	Child displays anxiety and has significant difficulty in remaining calm when faced with everyday challenges and this may impact on their emotional wellbeing	Child displays a high level of anxiety and has persistent difficulties in remaining calm and this may impact on their emotional wellbeing.

Universal	Setting Support	Specialist Support	Statutory Assessment
Child is able to cope with overwhelming and stressful situations in a developmentally appropriate way.	Child sometimes displays behaviours that could cause harm to self or others as an emotional response to an overwhelming or stressful situation	Child frequently displays behaviours that could cause harm to self or others as an emotional response to an overwhelming or stressful situation	Child persistently displays behaviours that could cause harm to self or others as an emotional response to an overwhelming or stressful situation
Child is able to regulate their emotions in an age-appropriate way to remain on task during a developmentally appropriate activity.	Child has some difficulty in regulating their emotions and this impacts on their ability to remain on task during a developmentally appropriate activity, even with visual prompts	Child has significant difficulty in regulating their emotions and this impacts on their ability to remain on task during a developmentally appropriate activity, despite ongoing individualised interventions.	Child has sustained difficulty in regulating their emotions and this impacts on their ability to remain on task during a developmentally appropriate activity, despite ongoing individualised interventions.

Physical and Sensory Needs

(There is a wide spectrum of sensory, multi-sensory and physical difficulties. This section relates to delay or difficulties with fine and gross motor, difficulties with movement, balance, co-ordination, taste/smell sensitivities and spatial awareness).

Profile of Need (assess)

Universal	Setting Support	Specialist Support	Statutory Assessment
The child is broadly working within the appropriate developmental learning phase, using the EYFS as guidance.	The child is not making the expected progress within the EYFS in one or more of the prime areas. This needs some targeted support. However, this might not be a persistent difficulty.	The child is showing a significant delay in one or more of the prime areas and has specialist interventions and approaches in place. Is making some progress but with a high level of intervention.	The child has a sustained developmental delay and is making little or no progress despite interventions through Specialist Support.

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<p>The child may require support from time to time for age-appropriate activities and tasks, (e.g., gross motor, fine motor, self-help tasks) but generally makes the required progress as a result.</p>	<p>The child may need some targeted adult support and direction to access gross motor, fine motor, or self-help activities. This may include signs, gestures and visuals, hand over hand or adult role modelling, (e.g., eating, handwashing, dressing and when age-appropriate working towards using the toilet independently).</p>	<p>The child has a significant delay or physical condition/diagnosis/disability that considerably impairs their fine motor and/or their gross motor skills and requires specialist intervention and strategies to support them accessing the curriculum.</p>	<p>The child has a sustained developmental delay or physical disability/ condition/diagnosis that has a sustained impact on their ability to learn.</p>
<p>The child has an awareness of and can attend to the daily routines with some additional prompts i.e., using visual timetable.</p>	<p>Daily routines may need to be altered for example the child may require more time outside or regular sensory breaks. (e.g., movement breaks or calming area/resources)</p>	<p>The child's sensory difficulties significantly prevents them from playing, learning, and participating in daily routines unless they are individualised (i.e., affects or can have a sensitivity to sight, hearing, touch, vision, or taste).</p>	<p>The child's physical or sensory impairment affects their learning, communication, social interaction, and interaction with the learning environment over a sustained period. Routines are highly individualised to meet the child's needs.</p>
<p>The child can access and use age-appropriate resources independently within a clearly labelled and organized environment, (signs/symbols of where resources should be e.g., shadowing).</p>	<p>The child may have some difficulties with fine motor activities and require differentiated resources and activities.</p>	<p>The child requires a significant level of adult support to access activities and additional time for completion of tasks. This may include hand over hand support, leading by the hand or access to specialist equipment and resources.</p>	<p>The child will require significant and sustained modifications and adjustments made to resources and the environment, making it easier to access the curriculum and become more independent.</p>
<p>The child can spend a short amount of time in age-appropriate group activities (with the use of interactive visual aids such as story sacks, song bags, actions, puppets).</p>	<p>The child can spend a short amount of time in group activities when they are differentiated to meet the child's multi-sensory needs, (this may include more active time prior to and during the activity, backward chaining or offering a fiddle toy or smaller groups).</p>	<p>The child requires significant differentiation and / or some modification to be able to participate in some group activities. A child will need planned support for their sensory or physical needs, which may include sensory breaks or adult support to participate.</p>	<p>The child will require highly structured and individual play and learning with sustained and significant intervention from the adult with sensory breaks which will be the usual way of playing and learning.</p>

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The child is engaged with other people and their environment, can be seen to be playing and exploring, is an active learner and can create and think critically, with adult support at times.	The child may find some aspects of the nursery day or the learning environment overwhelming and needs adult support and direction to access quieter areas or support at certain times of the day.	The child may have significant difficulties and/or a diagnosis that affects their physical and/or sensory development, which impairs their ability to interact with others, the routine, the learning environment and EYFS curriculum.	The child has a diagnosis that affects their physical, sensory, or multi-sensory development or sustained difficulties that has affected their expected progress despite interventions through specialist support level.
The child accesses the physical environment independently and uses resources that promote physical development.	The child may require additional support to access the physical environment and some differentiation of activities to support their physical development.	The child has a physical disability or ongoing physical difficulties that require significant on-going support and/or equipment, (this may include a specialist chair, standing frame, splints, walking frame), to ensure they have the same opportunities as their peers. In addition, child requires additional adult support for self-help skills, (dressing, hand washing, feeding, and using the toilet independently if appropriate).	The child has sustained physical disability or ongoing physical difficulties that affect their expected progress despite interventions at specialist level.

Hearing Impairment (HI) or Visual Impairment (VI) and/ or Multi-Sensory Impairment (HI and VI)

Children may have a multi-sensory impairment that affects both their vision and hearing. Information relevant to multi-sensory impairment learners will also be within the hearing impairment and visual impairment sections of the profiles of need.

Profile of Need (assess)

Universal	Setting Support	Specialist Support	Statutory assessment
The child is broadly working within the appropriate developmental learning phase, using the EYFS as guidance.	The child is not making the expected progress within the EYFS assessments in one or more of the prime areas because of their hearing and/or vision difficulties. This requires some targeted support. However, this may be a transient difficulty.	The child is showing a significant delay in one or more of the prime areas and has specialist interventions and approaches in place. Is making some progress but with a high level of intervention.	The child has a sustained sensory impairment and is making little or no progress despite interventions through Specialist Support.

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<p>The child may require support from time to time for specific activities and tasks but generally make the required progress as a result.</p>	<p>The child may have a combination of clinically identified hearing and vision impairment (e.g., eye patch, grommets). This may be unilateral (affect one ear or eye) or bilateral (both) and will affect some aspects of learning. Some of these difficulties may be transient (e.g., glue ear or a squint) or more persistent difficulties which could affect some aspects of learning.</p>	<p>The child is clinically identified with permanent hearing and/or vision impairment which significantly affects learning: Hearing loss may be moderate (41-70dB) to severe (71-95dB). Vision is not within the normal range (6/6 to 6/12) despite wearing glasses, contact lenses or following surgery.</p>	<p>The child has sustained vision impairment and/or hearing impairment: There is a severe/profound impairment of vision with visual acuity measured at between 3/60 to 6/60 with a considerable reduced field of vision. There is a severe hearing loss more than 95dB.</p>
<p>The child has an awareness and can attend to the daily routine with some additional prompts (snack time, hand washing, story time) i.e. using visual timetables e.g., Do 2 learn Widget.</p>	<p>The child may need some differentiation and/or some modification in some routines that include signs, gestures and enlarged visuals or adult's role modelling, repeating simple instructions, or providing hand over hand support.</p>	<p>The child requires significant and frequent support and/or adjustments to provision for participation in routines.</p>	<p>The child has sustained difficulties that affects their ability to participate in routines independently and requires consistent adult support and adjustments to the provision, as recommended by other professionals.</p>
<p>The child can mostly complete tasks and participate in learning activities (e.g., small group times, free play, and independent play) but may need a small amount of adult intervention and differentiation at times.</p>	<p>The child may require some additional support and differentiation of tasks and activities as they may tire more easily specifically with visual and hearing tasks.</p>	<p>The child will need significant amount of differentiation and/or some modification and planned support to participate in tasks and activities with communication being clear and supported with appropriate visual or tactile reinforcement (e.g., keywords, pictures, objects)</p>	<p>The child has sustained difficulties in participating in tasks and activities that require specific strategies, aids technology as recommended by professionals, this may include exceptional differentiation and in individual or small group teaching to support language extension and re-enforcement.</p>

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The child can mostly follow group instructions but may sometimes appear to disregard or misunderstand and requires individual reinforcement or instructions.	The child may need instructions to be delivered in individually and in small steps to ensure they can be processed and followed that include signs (Makaton), gestures or visuals. This may be more noticeable in situations of more background noise.	The child will need significant use of aids and technology and may use visual communication systems (BSL, SSE) to process information and follow instructions.	The child requires sustained use of fully modified adjustments made to materials to follow instruction. This may include Braille or Moon tactile diagrams, 3D representations or BSL.
The child may have slightly reduced interaction with peers and adults.	The child may have more noticeable reduced interaction with peers and adults. May have difficulties with friendships.	The child has significant adult support to initiate and maintain interaction with adults and peers.	The child may be registered blind/deaf, and experiences sustained difficulties with social interactions due to missed incidental learning and play experiences.
The child is responsive to adults and their peers and uses age-appropriate gesture, signs keywords and/or appropriate vocabulary.	The child may have speech and language delay and gaps in vocabulary or difficulties with social interaction or being understood.	The child has significant speech and language difficulties due to diagnosed hearing and or vision impairment that requires intervention from specialists.	The child has sustained speech and language difficulties associated with HI and/or VI that requires modified adjustments, additional adult support and the use of technology daily.
The child can mostly access resources independently and move around a clearly labelled and organised learning environment.	The child may experience some difficulties: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - in seeing resources which may result in reduced engagement with the learning environment. - in negotiating the physical environment and may bump into or trip over obstacles - with visual difficulties heightened by the glare of bright lights -in participating in fine/gross motor activities which leads to a lack of motivation and frustration 	The child has significant difficulties with visual impairment and/or hearing impairment that impedes access to the learning environment and resources and may require a high level of support to access the curriculum.	The child has sustained difficulties associated with HI and/or VI and requires a highly structured and individualised play and learning environment, significant intervention, specialist equipment and/or adjustments

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -with concentrating on their vision leading to a distinct head or eye position - adhering to routines, instructions, and behaviour boundaries 		

Part 2

This second part of the Graduated Response document has the following sections:

- Assessment and planning
- Intervention and support
- Evaluating progress and Reviewing

It is written for all children, and you may find that by reading through the sections that this will give you different ideas about how to support a child and interventions that you may not yet thought about. This will ensure you are taking a holistic approach, considering all options, and applying a person-centred approach. We would recommend reading through because each child is unique and will benefit from individualised support. This does not necessarily mean that each child requires one to one support but may need additional adult support at specific times of the day.

We have added a key into this revised version of the Graduated Response to help you identify assessments and interventions that will support a child with a particular need.

Key

Colour key	Area of need
	Generic information, covering all areas of need
	Communication and Interaction
	Cognition and Learning (please see the generic information for all areas of need)
	Social, Emotional and Mental Health (SEMH)
	Physical and Sensory Needs
	Hearing Impairment (HI) OR Visual Impairment (VI) OR Multi-Sensory Impairment (VI and HI)

Assessment and Planning (plan)

A cycle of assessment and planning will need to be carried out regularly and should be clearly evidenced within the child's records. Any assessment that has been completed should be reviewed at least termly or more frequently to meet the individual needs of the child.

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<p>Practitioners should gather information from parents about their child by using tools such as the 'One Page Profile'. This can be found in the Surrey Support Plan (SSP) or Early Years Passport (under 'Transitions'). Key Person to support parent and child with transition into nursery using information gathered.</p> <p>Practitioners should use a child's starting point and observations to develop and plan learning intentions.</p> <p>Practitioners should use a range of observation and assessment tools such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 'Progress Check at Age Two' (under Universal Resources 'EYFS Progress Check at Age Two') • Summative assessments • A variety of observations to help with Early Identification, such as timed observations, narrative, tracking and frequency 'Early Years Observation and Assessment Tools' • Regular parent conversations 	<p>When a child is not achieving the planned learning intentions, practitioners should use their own knowledge of child development and Development Matters Observation Checkpoints to identify if a child is not meeting age related expectations.</p> <p>For some children who are not making expected progress, practitioners will need to plan for their learning needs and this is when the Surrey Support Plan (SSP) should be used as a working document to record the child's progress, shared outcomes and targets. This should be a joint plan between the setting and parents.</p> <p>Practitioners and the SENCO should discuss any concerns as soon as they are identified with the child's parents and involve them in planning future support on a regular basis.</p> <p>To support with early identification, specific assessment tools should be used. These can help you assess and plan for the individual child and Include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Early Language Monitoring Tool 	<p>Practitioners should update the child's support plan using the information gathered from observations and assessment tools. Include specialist advice and add recommendations to the child's Surrey Support Plan (SSP) in the Specialist Support section.</p> <p>Practitioner to talk to parents about the Disability Living Allowance for Children (DLA). If a child is eligible for DLA, they will then be entitled to Funded Early Education for Two-Year-Olds (FEET), Early Intervention Funding and Disability Access Funding (DAF). DAF Available only for 3- & 4-year-olds.</p> <p>If a SEND Support Notification (SSN) has been received, the SENCO must follow the advice on the notification letter and act as key point of contact for the child. An Early Years SEND Advisor will contact you to discuss the support arrangements you have in place.</p> <p>Practitioners to consider attending a SEND Surgery or completing a 'Request for Support' for advice from an Advisor</p>	<p>Consider, with parents and other professionals, whether a request for a Statutory Assessment is appropriate for the child by reviewing the child's Surrey Support Plan and progress made against their outcomes.</p> <p>Practitioners should discuss and record the views and aspirations of the child and their parents in the Statutory Section of the Surrey Support Plan.</p> <p>Practitioners should make parents aware that part of the statutory assessment process will consider whether alternative provision might be appropriate for their child. Practitioners should share Finding and apply for school information with parents.</p> <p>Practitioners should advise parents to continue to apply for a mainstream school place through the School Admissions process, even if they are considering alternative provision.</p> <p>Practitioners should make parents aware that a statutory assessment will</p>

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<p>Practitioners to use the 'Statutory Framework for the Early Years Foundation Stage (2021)' which outlines the 'Assess, Plan, Do, Review' cycle. Practitioners to refer to non-statutory guidance documents such as Development Matters (2021) Birth to 5 Matters (2021) to inform their assessments. Practitioners can also inform parents about the 'What to Expect When?' document. (Under Universal Resources)</p> <p>Practitioners to refer to the 'Characteristics of Effective Teaching and Learning' (within the EYFS Framework) to understand the individual child's approach to learning.</p> <p>Practitioners to consider if the provision meets the need of the unique child:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Appropriate expectations • Appropriate age and stage resources • Enabling/Inclusive environments • Routine <p>Child may need planned access to groups to promote inclusion and development of friendships.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Teaching Talking Early Years Profiles https://www.gla-assessment.co.uk/products/teaching-talking • Sensory Workbook (contact SEND Advisor) • Activities of daily living checklist <p>These are additional to the assessments used at Universal level and should continually be used and updated in partnership with the parents.</p> <p>Practitioners to use the information gathered from the assessment tools to plan support for the child that is appropriate, and to ensure that the provision is meeting the child's individual needs.</p> <p>Practitioners plan a cycle of 'assess, plan, do and review' as outlined in the Code of Practice for SEND 2014.</p> <p>Practitioners should use Early Years Speech and Language Therapies Resource Packs and Occupational Therapy Early Years Resource Packs to support assessment and planning. These can be located under the 'Setting Support Resources' heading.</p>	<p>from the Early Years SEND Team for individual children.</p> <p>Consider whether an Early Help Assessment would be appropriate, this may be required to be shared with outside agencies. If outside agencies are required, consider completing a C-SPA Request for Support.</p> <p>If appropriate, continue to liaise with education and health professionals, the Early Support Service, social workers, community, and charity groups involved with the child as this may also contribute to the planning and assessment of the child's needs.</p> <p>Plan to organise or attend a 'Team Around the Family' (TAF) meeting to review the 'Early Help Assessment' or 'Family Support Plan' (if one is in place). Website: One-minute guide to the Team Around the Family (surreycc.gov.uk)</p> <p>Practitioners, parents and other support agencies to share information, advice and strategies, and incorporate into a Surrey Support Plan (SSP) or Health Care Plan for all to implement.</p> <p>Practitioners to plan a transition meeting for individual children with</p>	<p>not always lead to an Education, Health and Care Plan (EHCP). The information gathered during an Education, Health and Care Needs Assessment (EHCNA) may indicate ways in which the setting or school can meet the child's needs without an EHCP.</p> <p>The statutory process and time scales for EHC needs assessment are on the local offer Timeline for the Education, Health and Care (EHC) needs assessment process</p> <p>Parents can be given a copy of the One page guide to the EHC assessment and planning process. This is also a helpful visual for practitioners to understand the EHC assessment process.</p> <p>Parents of children with a final EHCP need to be aware of the school admissions process going into the Reception year of school. Guidance can be found on the local offer website: Finding and applying for a school Surrey Local Offer</p> <p>Practitioners to signpost parents to SEND Advice Surrey for support with EHC processes and mediation, if required.</p>

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<p>Practitioners must have regard to the Disabled Children and the Equality Act 2010 for Early Years (councilfordisabledchildren.org.uk)</p> <p>Practitioners plan for regular opportunities to exchange information about the child with their parents to foster a respectful partnership.</p> <p>Practitioners must be aware of all health needs and subsequent health care plans. Practitioners must plan to access relevant training to support the child, e.g., epi-pen training or administration of inhalers etc. Supporting children and young people with medical conditions (surreylocaloffer.org.uk)</p> <p>Plan for the SENCO to attend termly SENCO Networks to ensure their knowledge is up to date on practices and procedures and latest SEND information. To book a place: Surrey Early Years Support Services (surreycc.gov.uk)</p> <p>Plan for gaps in staff knowledge to promote continuous professional development and to meet specific needs of the cohort, e.g., Makaton training for whole staff team.</p>	<p>Staff should plan to attend training to meet the specific needs of individual children, for example Makaton training.</p> <p>Practitioners should assess whether it is necessary to complete a risk assessment for an individual child, to reduce risk of harm to self or others.</p> <p>Practitioners should consider whether an Early Help Assessment could be used as an information gathering tool, to identify whether multi-agency intervention and support is needed for the family. Helping families early - Surrey County Council (surreycc.gov.uk)</p> <p>Practitioners to consider requesting a SEND Surgery or completing a 'Request for Support' for advice from an Advisor from the Early Years SEND Team for individual children.</p> <p>Practitioners to consider completing an application for Early Intervention Funding (EIF) to enhance staff ratios, attend training and to implement agreed interventions and strategies identified and detailed in the Setting Support section of the Surrey Support Plan, for children with low and emerging needs.</p>	<p>identified additional needs joining the setting or moving between rooms/settings or schools. See Transition Guidance and Appendices in 'Transition' - Support and resources packs section : Graduated Response Early Years Surrey Local Offer</p> <p>If a child may need additional support around a transition, consider applying for Early Intervention Funding (Transition Funding).</p> <p>Practitioners to consider completing an application for Early Intervention Funding (EIF). Funding can be used to enhance staff ratios, access training to be able to implement agreed interventions and strategies recommended by specialist agencies and detailed in the Specialist Support section of the SSP.</p> <p>Practitioners need to regularly assess progress. If the child has made little or no progress at Specialist Support, consider, with parents and other professionals, whether a request for a Statutory Assessment is appropriate.</p>	<p>Once a Final EHCP has been issued, Practitioners should incorporate the Outcomes and Targets from the Final EHCP into the child's Support Plan.</p> <p>Final EHCPs should be formally reviewed at least annually with parents and other professionals. In Early Years, this may need to be more frequently, where EHCPs should be reviewed every 3-6 months (Send Code of Practice) Timeframe for EHCP review meeting (early years) Surrey Local Offer</p> <p>Practitioners to plan a transition meeting for individual children with a Final EHCP. See Transition Guidance and Appendices in 'Transition' - Support and resources packs section : Graduated Response Early Years Surrey Local Offer</p> <p>If a child may need additional transition support consider applying for Early Intervention Funding (EIF)</p>

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<p>Surrey Early Years Support Services (surreycc.gov.uk)</p> <p>Practitioners need to regularly assess progress of each child. If there is little or no progress at Universal, then move onto Setting Support if appropriate.</p>	<p>Practitioners to plan a transition meeting for individual children moving between rooms/settings or schools. If a child may need additional support around a transition, consider applying for Early Intervention Funding (Transition Funding).</p> <p>Practitioners need to assess progress regularly and at least once a term. If the child has made little or no progress at Setting Support, consider making referrals to other agencies and to move child onto Specialist Support interventions.</p>		

Communication and Interaction: additional assessment tools

Universal	Setting Support	Specialist Support	Statutory assessment
<p>Practitioners can refer to The Universally Speaking Booklet for guidance around typical speech, language and communication milestones Universally Speaking (speechandlanguage.org.uk)</p> <p>Practitioners can utilise Speech and Language UK for a range of assessments for staff and parents Speech and Language UK: Changing young lives</p>	<p>To support with early identification specific assessment tools will be required over and above what is included in Development Matters, EYFS. These can help you assess and plan for the individual child. and Include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Early Language Monitoring Tool • Teaching Talking Early Years Profiles https://www.gla-assessment.co.uk/products/teaching-talking <p>These are additional to the assessments used at Universal level and should</p>		

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<p>Use communication friendly spaces (Elizabeth Jarman Welcome to ELIZABETH JARMAN® - Elizabeth Jarman®) to assess your environment regularly.</p> <p>Practitioners to plan times within the day for talking and listening activities, songs, and rhyme, using the EYFS as guidance.</p>	<p>continually be used and updated in partnership with the parents.</p> <p>Practitioners should use Speech and Language Therapy Resource Packs to support assessment. Schools and nurseries :: Children and Family Health Surrey (childrenshealthsurrey.nhs.uk)</p> <p>Practitioners can use free resources from Elklan - Free Resources Elklan Training Ltd</p> <p>Early Talk Boost is a targeted intervention aimed at 3–4-year-old children with delayed language helping to boost their language skills to narrow the gap between them and their peers. The programme aims to accelerate children’s progress in language and communication by an average of 6 months, after a nine-week intervention. Practitioners need to talk to the Early Years Educational Effectiveness Team to discuss further – earlyyearsadvisors@surreycc.gov.uk</p>		

Social, Emotional and Mental Health SEMH – additional assessment tools

Universal	Setting Support	Specialist Support	Statutory assessment
<p>Reflect upon whether your provision meets the need of the unique child by completing the provision audit (Appendix 1) in Supporting Social & Emotional Wellbeing of Children in Early Years Settings to consider:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Appropriate expectations • Appropriate age and stage resources • Enabling/Inclusive environments • Routine <p>If you require support following completion of the provision audit, you can request this by contacting the Early Years Educational Effectiveness Team: earlyyearsadvisors@surreycc.gov.uk</p>	<p>Practitioners should use the appropriate developmental assessment tools to identify if any behaviour is linked to an underlying developmental need. Practitioners should plan to access training to meet the specific needs of individual children. This could include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Positive Touch Training delivered by the Specialist Teaching Inclusive Practice (STIP) Team • Eklan Training – Speech and Language Support • Emotional Literacy Support Assistant (ELSA) • Thrive Licensed Practitioner Building Emotional Health training 	<p>Practitioners can contact the Educational Psychology Service for a telephone consultation and further advice and support. In exceptional circumstances the Early Years Advisor can also help practitioners to access further support and advice from the Educational Psychology Service.</p> <p>Practitioner, in discussion with parents may consider a referral to the Positive Play Programme provided by the Specialist Early Education Services (SEES)</p>	
<p>Settings plan to provide ongoing training so that all practitioners have a sound knowledge and understanding of child development and behaviour milestones. (See ‘Development Matters in the EYFS’ and Social and Emotional Milestones in the Supporting Social & Emotional Wellbeing of Children in Early Years Settings)</p>	<p>Practitioners to consider using analysis tools such as the ‘Incidents Record Chart’ (appendix 5) and/or the ‘ABCC’ document (appendix 7) to help understand what a child is trying to communicate through their behaviour and to identify situations and/or times that may require some additional support</p> <p>Supporting Social & Emotional Wellbeing of Children in Early Years Settings</p>		
<p>Practitioners to plan activities and opportunities for children to learn about emotions. Adults should role</p>	<p>Practitioners can refer to ‘Different Phases of Behaviour Curve’ (Appendix 9) in Supporting Social & Emotional</p>		

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<p>model when things don't go to plan and how to deal with unexpected challenges.</p>	<p>Wellbeing of Children in Early Years Settings to identify and plan appropriate responses for each behavioural phase.</p>		
<p>Settings should involve the whole team in developing and agreeing the setting's approach to supporting children's behaviour. This could include 'The Six Steps of Conflict Resolution' – a problem solving approach and other key strategies. You can request this by contacting the Early Years Educational Effectiveness Team: earlyyearsadvisors@surreycc.gov.uk The Six Steps of Conflict Resolution may need to be adapted depending on the age and developmental stage of the child.</p>	<p>Practitioners to use the 'Parent and Practitioner Discussion' template (Appendix 3) Supporting Social & Emotional Wellbeing of Children in Early Years Settings as a tool to record discussion, priorities and actions identified within meetings with parents.</p> <p>Practitioners to use their observations, assessments and discussions with parents to develop a Social & Emotional Wellbeing Support Plan (Appendix 10) using the 'Strategies to support children through the Different Phases of Behaviour Curve' (Appendix 9) in the Supporting Social & Emotional Wellbeing of Children in Early Years Settings</p>		
	<p>Practitioners should implement an appropriate risk assessment (e.g., for behaviour, medical needs, or the environment), if and when required.</p>		

Physical and Sensory: additional assessment tools

Universal	Setting Support	Specialist Support	Statutory assessment
	<p>Practitioners to use the assessment tools within Supporting the Social and</p>	<p>Consider a SEES Positive Play referral as home-based intervention to support parents with understanding preschool</p>	

Universal	Setting Support	Specialist Support	Statutory assessment
	<p>Emotional Well-being of Children in Early Years Settings</p> <p>A Social and Emotional Well-being Support Plan will ensure strategies used are consistent and support the behavioural and sensory needs of the child.</p>	<p>children’s behaviour Specialist Early Education Service (SEES)</p>	

Hearing Impairment (HI), Visual Impairment (VI) or Multi-Sensory Impairment (HI & VI)

Universal	Setting Support	Specialist Support	Statutory assessment
<p>Systems to be in place for staff to routinely seek information about children’s hearing and/or visual needs and concerns.</p> <p>Appropriate arrangements for assessment of the setting and environment which are reviewed, at the least, annually – in relation to noise levels and/or planned opportunities to ensure that the setting is physically accessible to children with a visual impairment.</p> <p>Whole staff awareness of the implications of hearing and/or visual difficulties</p> <p>Appropriate whole setting policies for supporting children with hearing and/or visual difficulties.</p>	<p>The setting should have close home-setting links, so setting is aware of changes in circumstances that may impact on the child’s hearing and/or visual needs.</p> <p>Health and safety policy and risk assessments procedures to be in place e.g., Personal Emergency Evacuation Plan (PEEP)</p> <p>Continuous assessment and curriculum assessments may be supplemented by diagnostic tests.</p> <p>For some children a Surrey Support Plan (SSP) may be required. This will relate to long term outcomes and include short term targets.</p> <p>SENCO and key persons may need to consider a referral to external support</p>	<p>The deaf or educational audiologist input may be advised for additional audiological equipment (e.g., a radio aid) and/or Assessment of functional vision by Advisory Teacher for Children with Visual Impairment.</p> <p>Assessments from health and education professionals such as speech and language therapist, occupational therapist, teacher of inclusive practice, the Surrey Outreach Service and physiotherapists will need to consider the inclusion of children with visual and/or hearing impairment.</p> <p>Social workers, community, and charity groups such as the RNIB and National Deaf Children’s Society may be involved with the family and contribute to assessments and planning strategies for</p>	<p>A few children have hearing loss and/or visual impairment needs that are more significant and sustained and cannot be met by Specialist Support approaches.</p>

Universal	Setting Support	Specialist Support	Statutory assessment
<p>Where there are suspicions of hearing or visual or multisensory difficulties, settings should advise parents to seek a hearing and vision assessment (e.g., Health Visitor or G.P).</p>	<p>services. For example, Physical and Sensory Support, audiology, Ear Nose and Throat Specialist (ENT), or Ophthalmology for further assessment or advice.</p>	<p>the child.</p>	

Intervention and Support (Do)

A cycle of intervention and support will need to be consistently and regularly implemented and should be clearly recorded within the child's Surrey Support Plan. Any intervention that has been implemented should be reviewed at least every six to eight weeks to support the individual needs of the child.

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<p>All children should have a 'One Page Profile' (Universal Support in the Surrey Support Plan) Graduated Response Early Years Surrey Local Offer.</p> <p>This person-centred document provides information about the child, to help practitioners understand what is important to them and how best to support them. Practitioners and parents should jointly feed information into this document.</p> <p>Each child should have a named key person to ensure that children's individual needs are met and to support their progress, working in partnership with parents.</p> <p>Practitioners support transitions into the setting using strategies such as home visits, family books/photos and displays that promote a sense of belonging.</p> <p>Support the child to independently access the learning environment by ensuring resources are labelled with pictures and words and/or shadowing is in place.</p>	<p>The Surrey Support Plan (SSP) should be used as a working document to record the child's progress, outcomes and targets.</p> <p>Practitioners should update the child's One Page Profile and complete the Setting Support section of the SSP. Write some Outcomes and Targets for the child using the information you have gathered from the 'summary of needs' section of this document and through conversations with parents.</p> <p>Use the Occupational Therapy Early Years Resource Pack to identify activities and strategies that will support the child. There is an expectation that this will be used and evidenced in the SSP prior to an Occupational Therapy referral.</p> <p>Use the Early Years Speech and Language Therapies Resource Packs to identify activities and strategies that will support the child. There is an expectation that this will be used and evidenced in the SSP prior to a Speech and Language Therapy referral (at 30 months or above).</p>	<p>If there are significant difficulties, practitioners should complete or update the 'Summary of Strengths and Needs' in the child's Surrey Support Plan (SSP) and write new outcomes and targets.</p> <p>Consider and discuss appropriate referrals with the parents/carers or if any further ones are required if some health or education professionals are involved already. Referrals to Speech and Language Therapy can be made for children aged 30 months and over. If appropriate, refer the child through 'One Stop' 'Children and Family Health Surrey' (CFHS).</p> <p>You can refer to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Occupational Therapy • Physiotherapy • Speech and Language Therapy (early years and acute intervention, including dysphagia) • Enuresis and Continence (integrated enuresis and continence assessment and treatment service) • Tongue Tie (Ankyloglossia) • PIMHS (Parent-Infant Mental Health Service) 	<p>If the Graduated Response has been applied and evidenced in a Surrey Support Plan, the setting should discuss with parents and other professionals whether a child is making sufficient progress or whether a request for an Education, Health and Care Needs Assessment (Statutory Assessment) may be needed.</p> <p>To request an Education, Health and Care Needs Assessment, practitioner and parents to review and update the Surrey Support Plan and fully complete the Statutory Assessment section.</p> <p>Once the Statutory Assessment section has been fully completed and the SSP has been updated, the request for an Education, Health and Care Needs Assessment is submitted to the Learners Single Point of Access (L-SPA) Requesting a Statutory Education, Health and Care Needs Assessment</p> <p>Continued support from the Early Years SEND Team, as needed.</p> <p>Practitioners to signpost the parents to SEND Advice Surrey for support with EHCP processes and mediation if required.</p>

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<p>The setting should provide an interactive visual timetable of the day that is displayed and frequently used so that children know what is happening now and what to expect next.</p> <p>Practitioners should differentiate activities by adapting play opportunities to meet all developmental stages, e.g., smaller groups, repetition or modelling activity</p> <p>Practitioners should use individualised approaches to support transitions for children e.g., on arrival, at mealtimes and when moving between rooms. These may include visual timetable, Now/Next board and use of visuals/symbols on a lanyard.</p> <p>Practitioner to use these general communication strategies and share with parents to use at home:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Adults get down to child's level and use their name to gain their attention Talk about the child's interests and follow their lead 	<p>Practitioners and parents can also use the Resource Finder Tool :: Children and Family Health Surrey (childrenshealthsurrey.nhs.uk)</p> <p>Practitioners could signpost parents to: Surrey Local Offer and their local Family Centre for outreach support to identify any possible support that may be available.</p> <p>Practitioners could signpost parents to GPs/Health Visitors/Community Nursery Nurses if parents have concerns around low level behaviour, sleeping, hearing, eating, drinking, or using the toilet independently. Practitioners can use the Occupational Therapy Early Years Resource Pack</p> <p>Occupational Therapy Helpline; available for parents, carers, nurseries, schools and other professionals Tues and Thurs 2pm - 4pm Tel: 01932 558570 specific children focussed.</p> <p>Support could be provided by Race equality and minority achievement (REMA) - Surrey County Council (surreycc.gov.uk). The team can provide expertise to support</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nutrition and Dietetics (Please note: Nutrition & Dietetics referrals can only be accepted from Surrey Downs) Community Developmental Paediatrician Service (NB: Parents will need to visit GP to request Paediatrician referral if in Epsom General Hospital or Royal Surrey Hospital areas). <p>Once outside agencies are working with the child and family; ensure specific advice and strategies are included in the child's Surrey Support Plan (SSP) and are used appropriately to support the child.</p> <p>There should be a consistent approach by all adults working with the child in implementing strategies, activities and advice given.</p> <p>Setting to apply for the Disability Access Funding (DAF) for any FEE Funded three- and four-year-old children that are in receipt of Disability Living Allowance for Children (DLA) to help with additional support such as resources, adaptations, training or enhanced ratios.</p> <p>Staff should access training and/ advice to meet specific needs of individual children. For example, Picture Exchange Communication System (PECS), Colourful</p>	

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use simple language to comment on what the child is doing • Repeat what the child says • Expand and model new language • Simplify Instructions e.g.: Keep it short and simple (KISS) • Give children time to respond • Reduce the number of questions children are asked and use comments instead <p>Practitioners to use consistent language for the equipment and routines e.g.: all staff use the term “apron” rather than “overall”.</p> <p>Practitioners to support children to be able to interact and take turns with peers and adults using a range of toys/activities. A waiting sign or sand timer may help.</p> <p>Practitioners should encourage the use of familiar or favourite items to support children’s emotional well-being e.g., comfort blankets, family photos, and transitional object.</p> <p>Practitioners should display signs and pictures to demonstrate how an area could be used. (E.g., construction pictures, only 2 children in this space,</p>	<p>Gypsy/Roma/Traveler children (GRT) and children who have English as an Additional Language (EAL). They can carry out assessments in the child’s home language within the setting. A communication and language development delay may not imply that a child has a special educational need or disability, most children need more time to learn two or more languages at the same time. Consider the use of key words from parents displayed alongside dual language books</p> <p>Practitioners can signpost parents to:</p> <p>Health Visitors and Nursery Nurses who are available to answer queries or direct parents to most appropriate professional. Advice line 01883 340922 available Mon-Fri 8am -5pm Mon –Fri (excluding Bank Holidays) Children's Health 0-19 Advice Line</p> <p>Different parent advice sheets available on feeding, toileting, and behaviour and with packages of care</p> <p>e.g.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Parenting - Sleep - Healthy eating - Toilet training - Infant feeding - Emotional wellbeing 	<p>Semantics, Makaton or Augmentative Alternative Communication (AAC). The cost of any additional training may be provided through Early Intervention Funding (EIF). You can book training using the Early Years Learning Portal: Surrey Early Years Support Services (surreycc.gov.uk)</p> <p>Professionals may refer to Early Support team if appropriate by completing a Surrey Childrens Services Request for Support Form - Surrey Safeguarding Children Partnership (surreyscp.org.uk)</p> <p>Practitioners may complete a referral to the Specialist Early Education Service (SEES). Portage, Positive Play, and Local Early Autism Programme (LEAP) are all provided by this team. SEES referral form and information leaflet can be found in ‘Referrals’ section: Graduated response early years Surrey Local Offer</p> <p>Your Early Years SEND Advisor may suggest outreach support from Freemantles School known STEPS (Supporting Targeted Education and Play Skills). This can provide support for parents, the setting and transition. If agreed by your SEND Advisor and with parent consent, complete the referral form and apply for Early Intervention Funding (EIF).</p>	

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<p>shadowing, role play ideas, turn taking for I.T equipment).</p> <p>Practitioners should provide an environment that meet sensory needs (low and high stimulus) e.g., quiet area, pop up tent and exploratory and messy play.</p> <p>Provide multiple items of popular toys/resources, that are accessible and clearly labelled and with pictures and words.</p> <p>Complete a provision audit and refer to the practice considerations in Promoting Positive Behaviour in Early Years Settings with the Audits include considerations of Unique Child, Positive Relationships and Enabling Environments. Early Years Educational Effectiveness Team Request for Support</p> <p>Practitioners make changes to routines to ensure they meet individual child needs, some tasks and instructions may need to be broken down into small steps, to include gestures, visual aids, and hand over hand support for certain tasks. Also consider, backward chaining/reduced waiting times/frequent movement breaks.</p>	<p>Tongue Tie Service – assessments and advice for babies.</p> <p>Health Review for families who need more help:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Face to face clinic/home visit. <p>The Family Nurse Partnership (fnp.nhs.uk) (Intensive support for first time mums under 19)</p> <p>Health Visits for Gypsy, Roma, and Traveller community. Gypsy, Roma and Traveller Health Team :: Children and Family Health Surrey (childrenshealthsurrey.nhs.uk)</p> <p>Parent-Infant Mental Health Service (PIMHS) :: Children and Family Health Surrey (childrenshealthsurrey.nhs.uk) for parents expecting a baby or with babies up to 1 year who may have difficult feelings during pregnancy/ in the first few weeks after baby has been born.</p> <p>Multi-agency working to support children on safeguarding plans, stepping down or stepping up as part of safeguarding process.</p> <p>If required, complete a 'Request for Support' form with parent permission</p>	<p>Health Visitors and Nursery Nurses who are available to answer queries or direct parents to most appropriate professional. Advice line 01883 340922 available Mon-Fri 8am -5pm Mon –Fri (excluding Bank Holidays) Children's Health 0-19 Advice Line.</p> <p>Practitioners to complete an application for Early Intervention Funding (EIF). At this level you are able to apply for Funding to support the individual child with longer term or significant SEND needs.</p> <p>Continued support from the Early Years SEND Team, as appropriate.</p>	

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<p>Practitioners to ensure that the environment and practices reflect the community in which children live and develop an awareness of the protected characteristics by promoting positive images of race, culture, gender, disability, age, and religion.</p> <p>Remember to check E-bulletin updates for early education and childcare professionals - Surrey County Council (surreycc.gov.uk) for updates and training available.</p> <p>Practitioners can signpost parents to: 0-19 Advice Line (Parents and Professionals) Children's Health 0-19 Advice Line</p> <p>Signpost parent to Infant feeding (including breastfeeding)</p> <p>Free Online parenting guides</p> <p>NHS childrens health Surrey Free online guides for families</p> <p>The national Tiny Happy People initiative: https://www.bbc.co.uk/tiny-happy-people/what-is-tiny-happy-people/z6c9y9q</p>	<p>to seek support from an Early Years SEND Team. The Early Years SEND Advisor can offer support which may include observations and discussions with parents, signposting (where appropriate) to other services, and general advice to the SENCO.</p> <p>Practitioners to complete an Early Intervention Funding form (EIF) Surrey Local Offer or Early Intervention Funding to apply for Funding to support children with low and emerging needs. This could be to enhance staff ratios, or to access specific training as detailed in the Setting Support section of the Surrey Support Plan.</p>		

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<p>https://www.bbc.co.uk/tiny-happy-people/12-to-18-month-old-child-development-activities</p> <p>https://www.bbc.co.uk/tiny-happy-people/18-to-24-month-old-child-development-activities</p> <p>The Communication Trusts ‘Through the eyes of the child’ video series: Through the Eyes of a Child Films (speechandlanguage.org.uk)</p> <p>Signpost parents with children to the Advice sheet, Swallowing, Eating and Drinking difficulties.</p> <p>Signpost parents to ERIC for potty training and toileting.</p>			

Communication and interaction: additional support tools

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<p>Speech and Language UK have a Continued Professional Development online short course - CPD online short course (speechandlanguage.org.uk)</p> <p>Practitioners can use Speech and Language UK for information, support and training for staff and parents - Resources (speechandlanguage.org.uk)</p> <p>Practitioners to signpost parents to What to Expect in the EYFS - What to expect in the EYFS - What to expect in the EYFS complete-FINAL-16.09-compressed.pdf (foundationyears.org.uk)</p> <p>Practitioners to signpost parents to Talk with me – communication tips for parents leaflets - Talk with me leaflets - tips for parents of 0-5s - Surrey County Council (surreycc.gov.uk)</p>	<p>Use the Early Years Speech and Language Therapy Resource pack to give you information, strategies and activity ideas for the child Schools and nurseries :: Children and Family Health Surrey (childrenshealthsurrey.nhs.uk)</p> <p>Use smaller groups and/or additional adults to embed the strategies from the universal section to support a child’s language and communication alongside play</p> <p>Practitioners to refer to the video on Speech and Language UK’s website to support conversations with parents - Talking to parents about their child’s speech, language and communication (speechandlanguage.org.uk)</p> <p>Practitioners to signpost parents/carers to Family Centres who may run small group sessions to support with children’s communication and interaction.</p> <p>Parents can be referred to the advice sheets available. Speech and Language Therapy :: Children and</p>	<p>A child’s Speech and Language Therapy report will often refer to strategies in the Early Years Speech and Language Therapy Resource Pack.</p> <p>Practitioners should incorporate targets and strategies as advised in the report into the child’s Surrey Support Plan.</p> <p>All adults should use a consistent approach to using visuals and signing.</p> <p>Use high interest toys/ bucket time during unstructured times to develop the child’s attention and listening skills.</p> <p>Parents of children with an Autism diagnosis can be signposted to the National Autistic Society website for information and advice - NAS Surrey Branch </p> <p>Practitioners to consider whether a referral to The Specialist Early Education Service (SEES) is appropriate - Graduated Response Early Years Surrey Local Offer (referral section)</p> <p>Speech and Language therapy referrals for children under 30 months are now signposted by One Stop to receive graduated support from the 0-19 teams in partnership with early years settings,</p>	<p>Practitioner to continue to embed the strategies from the Universal, Setting Support and Specialist Support sections to enable the child to use language and/or communication strategies alongside play.</p> <p>This may include using strategies to support communication as advised by professionals.</p>

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	<p>Family Health Surrey (childrenshealthissurrey.nhs.uk)</p> <p>Practitioners to signpost parents to the Tiny Happy People website which has information and support for parents Children's language development and parenting advice - BBC Tiny Happy People</p> <p>Practitioners to use gestures and/or Makaton signs alongside language to support both understanding and use of language</p> <p>Use social stories to support understanding of social situations.</p> <p>Practitioners can attend free online targeted Speech and Language Training delivered termly by the NHS Early Years Speech and Language Therapy Team:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Supporting Children's Speech, Language and Communication Needs (SLCN) in the Early Years • Supporting Children with Social Communication Difficulties / Autism Spectrum Disorder in the Early Years 	<p>family centre groups and third sector support. Graduated support could include, guided support to webpage and resources, further assessment via ELIM, Wellcomm, package of care with intervention strategies and onward medical referrals as appropriate and notifying to Education.</p>	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Supporting Children's Speech Clarity in the Early Years 		

Social, emotional, and mental health: additional support tools

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<p>Practitioners should recognise and respond appropriately to a child’s feelings and role model appropriate emotional responses</p> <p>Practitioners should name the child’s feeling as they are experiencing the emotion so that they can link the feeling with the language. In addition, some children may benefit from visual support to reinforce this.</p> <p>Practitioners to implement changes highlighted by provision audit (Appendix 1) in Supporting Social & Emotional Wellbeing of Children in Early Years Settings under resources tab. (Audits includes considerations of Unique Child, Positive Relationships and Enabling Environments)</p> <p>Practitioners must be consistent in their approach to support the individual child</p>	<p>Advice and interventions identified in the social and emotional wellbeing audit tool (if appropriate) are being utilised to support the needs of the child. Support could include emotion visuals, calming visuals and or pictures and books about emotions.</p> <p>Support strategies may include the. Implement and follow a Social & Emotional Wellbeing Support Plan in Supporting Social & Emotional Wellbeing of Children in Early Years Settings</p> <p>Practitioners record incidents of physical intervention and share records with parents</p> <p>Practitioners to attend Positive Touch Training delivered by the Specialist Teaching Inclusive Practice (STIP) Team</p>	<p>In consultation with parents, practitioners may consider a Portage Positive Play referral as home-based intervention to support parents with understanding preschool children’s behaviour through the Specialist Early Education Services (SEES)</p> <p>Practitioners, parents, and other support agencies to regularly share information, advice, and strategies, incorporate into a shared Social & Emotional Support Plan for all parties to implement</p>	

Physical and sensory: additional support tools

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<p>Complete the enabling environment audit tool to consider how the child's physical and sensory needs are met. Refer to the Appendices Section of the Supporting the Social and Emotional Well-being of Children in Early Years Settings</p> <p>Utilise guidance in the EYFS Development Matters to ensure, daily routines are used to develop fine and gross motor skills and support a child to become aware of their own body through touch and movement.</p> <p>Plan opportunities for a child to be able to move freely between outdoors and indoors and have short bursts of energetic play followed by periods of rest and relaxation.</p> <p>Child may need opportunities and access to resources to develop the use of fine motor, gross motor, and self-help skills. This may include providing multiple items of popular resources that promote a range of physical skills.</p> <p>The adult will need to model use of resources and scaffold play to enable active participation. Use of song bags,</p>	<p>Child may require use of strategies such as gestures, signing, use of visuals, now/next board, and simplified language to participate in activities relating to their physical and sensory and self-help skills.</p> <p>Child may need access to differentiated resources such as larger wooden jigsaws, chunky pencils, pencil grips, scissors, and sensory toys.</p> <p>Provide multi-sensory toys and activities at each session. E.g., Resources that support children's sensory needs.</p> <p>Setting must provide suitable lighting and seating for specific tasks and activities.</p> <p>Plan for more time outside, sensory breaks and alter the daily routine to meet the physical and sensory needs of the child.</p> <p>Child may need some adult support and direction during unstructured times to engage in play and interaction with others and the environment. Intervention should</p>	<p>Consider training needs and if appropriate apply for Early Intervention Funding (EIF). Training such as Positive Touch and Sensory Processing Training or accessing specialist advice which may include Outreach Visits STEPS</p> <p>Make a referral to Early Support who can offer support, information, advice and assist the family in coordinating services for children with complex needs and/or a disability</p> <p>Consider making a referral to Physical and Sensory Support Service for children with VI, HI and PD if not already in place.</p> <p>Continue to work and liaise with external agencies (e.g., PSS, SEES, OT and/or Physiotherapy), so targets and strategies contribute to the intervention and support of the child.</p> <p>For children with social communication difficulties or a diagnosis of Autism signpost parents to National Autistic Society Surrey Branch for further advice and support.</p>	<p>Continue to provide a highly individualised curriculum, making significant modifications and adjustments to the environment and resources as advised by health and educational professionals.</p> <p>Child will need sustained planned support for social interaction, fulfilling their sensory needs and supporting their physical development. They may also require support to manage and use equipment.</p>

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<p>story sacks and actions support physical participation.</p>	<p>include using a child’s interest and developmental level. E.g., objects of reference, choice boards use of now/next board.</p> <p>Ensure the adult directs and supports the child to use the quiet areas of the room when they become overwhelmed by the daily activity.</p> <p>Refer to the The Occupational Therapy Resource Pack to provide advice on how to implement strategies and activities to support body awareness, postural control, and hand/eye coordination.</p> <p>Identify possible sensory differences through working through The Sensory Workbook (speak to your SEND Advisor for a copy) and provide activities to support sensory development.</p> <p>Carry out a risk assessment for a child with high energy levels, sensory seeking behaviours and are at risk of themselves to themselves and/or others.</p> <p>Advice and interventions identified in the Supporting Children’s Emotional Well-being Audit Tool (if appropriate) are being utilised to</p>	<p>Provide considerable adult support and direction during unstructured times to engage in play and interaction with others and the environment. Intervention should include using a child’s interest and developmental level. E.g., enhanced adult ratio, physical prompting, and hand over hand guidance.</p> <p>Utilise equipment and resources as recommended by Physical and Sensory Support (PSS) and/or health professionals.</p> <p>The use of adapted utensils/resources and a high level of intervention (e.g., hand over hand) which supports hand/eye coordination, postural control, and body awareness.</p> <p>Consider environmental adjustments recommended by health and/or education professionals which may include adaptations to lighting, noise, colour, or seating (e.g., weighted lap pad seats, ear defenders and sound clouds)</p>	

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	<p>support the needs of the child. Staff must be consistent in their approach to support the individual child. This may include behaviour strategies from the Supporting the Social and Emotional Well-being of Children in Early Years Settings and follow a Social and Emotional Well-being Support Plan.</p>		

Hearing Impairment (HI), Visual Impairment (VI) or Multi-Sensory Impairment (HI and VI) additional support tools

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<p>Be aware of unnecessary background noise and reduce this.</p> <p>Consider appropriate seating arrangements if the child appears to have difficulties hearing and/or seeing.</p> <p>Make adaptations to the inside and outside environment so children can travel independently and safely to different areas. Consider position of furniture, accessibility, and placement of resources.</p> <p>Provide individual reinforcement starting with the child's name, speaking at their level or simplify instructions when a child appears to misunderstand or disregard group instructions about routines. E.g., tidy up time.</p>	<p>Provide more targeted support in their learning and development. This could include appropriate seating arrangements, reducing background noise, smaller group work, hand over hand support or larger scale visuals. Ensure the child's attention is sought before any participation of activities.</p> <p>Ensure the child has ample time to explore objects presented to them and provide a range of multi-sensory resources to stimulate the senses, such as treasure baskets. Make sure the adult is close so they can provide a commentary and model play with resources.</p> <p>Make use of strategies and advice from the Speech and Language Resource Pack to support the use and</p>	<p>Provide additional materials such as enlarged text within books, and a wide variety of tactile experiences. Ensure the adult models' language to reinforce key spoken words and differentiates play and learning experiences as directed by the specialist teacher for the visually or hearing impaired.</p> <p>Provide multi-sensory toys and activities at each session, for example resources that stimulate hearing, touch, and sight. Equipment and resources may be recommended by the Early Years SEND Team, Physical Sensory Support (PSS) and/or health professionals.</p> <p>Consistently implement strategies and advice from Speech and Language Therapy Service to support a child's use and understanding of language with specialist</p>	<p>Continue to provide a highly individualised curriculum, making significant modifications and adjustments to the environment and resources as advised by health and educational professionals.</p> <p>Provide sustained support in the child's play and learning with the use of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • hearing aids and as other amplification equipment such as a radio aid or sound field system. • Uses low vision aids and/or assistive technology (such as a magnifier or CCTV).

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	<p>understanding of language. Increase the use of gestures including Makaton and provide more visual learning cues.</p> <p>During unstructured times ensure the child is engaged in play with adults and peers supporting them to interpret the social cues to engage.</p> <p>Intervention should be in small groups with the adult role modelling and encouraging social language and engagement. The use of visuals to promote turn taking and play maybe useful. Utilise interaction and play in the Speech and Language Resource Pack for further ideas and strategies.</p> <p>Seek advice on the implications of hearing and vision difficulties that may include glue ear or a squint to gain knowledge of strategies that facilitate the inclusion of children with mild or transient HI/VI or multisensory impairment.</p> <p>Provide multi-sensory toys and activities at each session. E.g., Resources that stimulate hearing, touch, and sight. Equipment and resources maybe recommended by The Early Years SEND Team.</p>	<p>HI speech and language therapist providing specific methodology.</p> <p>Provide significant support to the child during unstructured times to support interpretation of social cues. Intervention should involve specialist knowledge or equipment to encourage social language and engagement.</p> <p>Ensure the child uses their prescribed hearing aids and/or glasses. The child may use hearing aids and/or glasses as well as other amplification equipment such as a radio aid or sound field system. May also use low vision aids. May also use assistive technology (such as a magnifier or CCTV)</p> <p>Liaison and consultation with external professionals and online support services, for children with vision impairment RNIB and/or hearing impairment NDCS. Take advice on specific strategies from Physical and Sensory Support Service (PSS)</p> <p>Ensure that the advice and strategies advised by external agencies (e.g., Physical and Sensory Support Service) contribute to the Surrey Support Plan (SSP) and are regularly reviewed and consistently evidenced.</p> <p>Use equipment and resources as recommended by Sensory Support Team</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Uses Augmentative and Alternative Communication Technology. <p>Utilise specialist services consistently to support the use and understanding of language, such as strategies for pre and post teaching of key vocabulary and concepts. Modified methods of communication and/or communication support.</p> <p>During unstructured times provide sustained support with social interaction with peers.</p> <p>Continue to provide adult support to manage equipment.</p> <p>Further consideration for suitable lighting and seating will be required and modification necessary, along with support for moving around the building.</p> <p>Adult to be aware the child may be reliant on signed communication and therefore need to receive ongoing training and support to communicate with the child.</p> <p>Continue to work with Speech and language therapy service, including advice or consultation with specialist</p>

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	<p>Consider suitable lighting and seating for specific tasks and activities such as story time. Also beware of and reduce background noise to aid engagement.</p> <p>Model language, reinforce key words where children have delay in the use and understanding of language. Ensure children can see the adult's face and mouth movements clearly.</p>	<p>and /or health professionals such as enlarged copies of texts and books and suitable lighting and seating or support for moving around the setting.</p> <p>Ensure there is a high level of trained support required to access the EYFS curriculum which includes routines, tasks, and activities. This may come from the Qualified Teacher for VI/HI or MSI.</p> <p>SENCO and key person may also need to make further referrals to external support services, for example qualified teacher for multisensory impairment, ophthalmology, audiology, ENT for further specialist assessments and advice.</p> <p>For children diagnosed with a visual or hearing loss consider signposting parents to Sensory Services by Sight for Surrey for further advice and support within the locality.</p> <p>Ensure the child has ample time to explore objects presented to them and provide a range of multi-sensory objects to stimulate the senses, such as treasure baskets. Make sure the adult is close so they can provide a commentary and model play with resources.</p> <p>During unstructured times ensure the child is engaged in play with adults and peers</p>	<p>HI SLT Training, assessment, advice, and direct input for setting from Qualified Teacher for HI/ToD (Teacher of the Deaf)</p> <p>Participate in training and implement advice and strategies from the Qualified Teacher for VI.</p>

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		<p>because they are not picking up on social cues to engage. Intervention should be in small groups with the adult role modelling and encouraging social language and engagement. The use of visuals to promote turn taking and play maybe useful. Utilise interaction and play in the Speech and Language Resource Pack for further ideas and strategies</p>	

Evaluating Progress and Reviewing (Review)

By following a cycle of assess, plan, do, review you will be able to continuously adapt support to meet the child's needs and secure good outcomes.

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<p>Practitioners should regularly review and update whether a child is at expected levels of development using the information gathered from their observations and knowledge of the child.</p> <p>Parents should always be involved in the review of the child's progress. Child's views should always be sought as part of the review process.</p> <p>Practitioner should regularly review the information in the child's One Page Profile and update where necessary.</p> <p>In reviewing the progress that has been made, the child may continue to be supported by universal approaches. However, if little or no progress has been made at this level, then move on to Setting Support.</p>	<p>Review the information in the child's One Page Profile, outcomes and targets and update where necessary.</p> <p>If it has been awarded, review your use of Early Intervention Funding and the impact it has had on the child's progress by using the relevant section in the SSP. Review what has been in place for the child under Setting Support and consider/discuss any unmet needs, looking specifically at the 'What have you put in place to support the child?' and 'What do you plan to do/try next?'</p> <p>In reviewing the progress that has been made, the child may continue to be supported by Setting Support and in some instances can return to Universal support. However, if little or no progress has been made at this level, then in discussion with setting and parents/carers move on to Specialist Support.</p>	<p>Practitioners should regularly review and update the child's Surrey Support Plan (SSP). Where appropriate reviews can involve professionals if they have provided advice or support to the child.</p> <p>Parents should always be involved in the review of the child's progress. Children's views should always be sought as part of the review process.</p> <p>Review your use of Early Intervention Funding and the impact it has had on the child's progress. Decide whether a continuation of EIF is needed. To request a continuation, complete the 'Review of Early Intervention Funding' section in the SSP and email this to your SEND Advisor and eypanel@surreycc.gov.uk</p> <p>Review what has been in place for the child under Specialist Support and consider/discuss any unmet needs, looking specifically at the 'What have you put in place to support the child?' and 'What do you plan to do/try next?'</p> <p>In reviewing the progress that has been made, the child may continue to be supported by Specialist Support and in some instances return to Setting Support. However, if little or no progress has been</p>	<p>Practitioners should continue to use assessments and review at least termly to assess the child's progress. Reviews should involve the appropriate external professionals working with the child/young person.</p> <p>Practitioner should continue to review and update the Surrey Support Plan (SSP).</p> <p>Final EHCPs should be formally reviewed at least annually with parents and other professionals. In Early Years, this may need to be more frequently, where EHCPs should be reviewed every 3-6 months (Send Code of Practice). The SENCO from the setting where the child attends is responsible for organising and chairing EHCP review meetings. Timeframe for EHCP review meeting (early years) Surrey Local Offer.</p> <p>Please contact your Early Years (EY) SEND Advisor if you need support to organise an EHC plan review.</p> <p>Parents should always be involved in the review of the child's progress. Children's views should always be sought as part of the review process.</p>

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		<p>made at this level, then move on to Statutory Assessment.</p>	<p>In reviewing the progress that has been made, the child may no longer need provision through an EHCP. If the EHCP is no longer needed, the child's needs will continue to be met through your Universal, Setting or Specialist Support offer. Some children will continue to need provision through an EHCP.</p> <p>Most children with SEND will have their needs met within local mainstream early years settings. For some children, with complex needs, further consideration and planning with the parents and professionals involved is needed through an Early Years Inclusion Pathway Planning Meeting (EYIPP). See Contents > 'Early Years Inclusion Pathway Planning': Graduated Response Early Years Surrey Local Offer</p>

Glossary of Terms

CFHS	Children and Family Health Surrey
CoP	Code of Practice
COIN	Communication and Interaction Needs
DAF	Disability Access Funding (For 3- to 4-year-olds)
EAL	English as an additional language
EHA	Early Help Assessment
EHCP	Education and Health Care Plan
EIF	Early Intervention Funding
ENT	Ear, Nose and Throat Specialist
ES Support	Early
EYP/T	Early Years Professional/Teacher
FEET	Funded Early Entitlement for Two-Year-Olds
GRT	Gypsy, Roman, Traveller
HI	Hearing Impairment
ISP	Individual Support Plan
LEAP	Local Early Autism Programme
MLD	Moderate learning Difficulties

MSI	Multi-Sensory Impairment
OT	Occupational Therapist
PMLD	Profound and multiple learning difficulties
PSS	Physical and Sensory Support
REMA	Racial, Equality and Minority Achievement team
SEES	Specialist Early Education Service
SEND	Special Educational Needs and Disability
SENCO	Special Educational Needs Co-ordinator
SEMH	Social, Emotional and Mental Health
SLD	Severe Learning Difficulties
SLT	Speech and Language Therapy
SpLD	Specific Learning Difficulties
SSP	Surrey Support Plan
TA	Teaching Assistant
ToD	Teacher of the Deaf
VI	Visual Impairment

The following links can guide you through relevant processes:

Surrey Local Offer – Includes SEND paperwork, Information on Funding, EHCP and resources – [Graduated response early years | Surrey Local Offer](#)

Early Help for Professionals working with children and families - [Helping families early - Surrey County Council](#)

Early Support – [Surrey Early Support Service](#)

One Stop portal for Health referrals - <https://childrensreferrals.sabp.nhs.uk/>

Speech and Language and Occupational therapy resource packs - [Schools and nurseries :: Children and Family Health Surrey](#)

SEND Code of Practice - [SEND Code of Practice January 2015.pdf](#)

The statutory framework for the Early Years Foundation Stage - [Statutory framework for the early years foundation stage \(publishing.service.gov.uk\)](#)

The Development Matters for the Early Years Foundation Stage - [Development Matters - Non-statutory curriculum guidance for the early years foundation stage](#)

Birth to 5 Matters – [Birthto5Matters-download.pdf](#)

What to expect in the Early Years Foundation Stage: a guide for parents - [What-to-expect-in-the-EYFS-complete-FINAL-16.09-compressed.pdf \(foundationyears.org.uk\)](#)

Surrey Early Years Learning and Development Portal - [Surrey Early Years Support Services](#)