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| **Pupil and School Support (PSS) – Parent Information**  **Who are Pupil and School Support?**   * Pupil and School Support (PSS for short) is part of Access to Education who are a group of services supporting children and young people with additional needs in schools in Birmingham. * We are qualified teachers who support children and young people in educational settings who have cognition and learning difficulties. * Every mainstream school and academy has a qualified teacher assigned to their setting.   **How does the Pupil and School Support Team support schools?**   * We work with schools to help their pupils with cognition, learning and language difficulties make progress and achieve to the best of their abilities. * We help to develop the knowledge of SENCOs, ensuring they are able to lead whole school improvement; help school staff to support pupils with SEN, promote inclusive practice, set aspirational targets and raise attainment, and support early identification of need and evidence-based intervention.     **How does the Pupil and School Support Team support individual children and young people?**   * Schools will ask their PSS teacher to become involved if they have concerns about your child’s learning and progress. * This should be after they have already given some additional support and tried different things in the classrooms. * The decision to involve PSS should be discussed and agreed with you as parents/carers and your written consent will be gained first. * All PSS involvement is personal to the child/young person and will take place after discussion with the school about their concerns. The PSS teacher may: * Work outside the classroom with your child to assess their skills; * See how your child works in the class; * Talk about your child’s learning need with staff; * Talk to your child about how they feel about their learning. | |
| **How do we assess your child?**  The PSS teacher may assess a pupil’s ability in any of the following areas: | |
| * Speech and Language * Reading * Spelling | * Writing * Memory & Processing * Mathematics |
| **What happens after your child has been assessed?**  After seeing your child, the PSS teacher will:   * Share ideas about what to try next * Work with staff on how to help your child   We may also:   * Provide a written report for the school * Meet you in school to discuss the work carried out * Suggest other outside agencies who could also help your child * Work with the school in monitoring you child’s progress and setting targets. * See your child more than once to assess the progress that has been made over 6 months or a year.   **How do I contact a Pupil and School Support Teacher?**   * You can arrange to see or speak to us through the Special Educational Needs Coordinator (SENCO) at your child’s school. * Contact details for the school SENCo can be found on their school website. Look for their ‘SEN Information Report’ for more information.   **Will I meet the Pupil and School Support Teacher working with my child?**   * You are the expert on your child, and it is important that we work together to make decisions about your child’s learning * Sometimes you will meet the PSS teacher in school. * Sometimes contact will be via email, phone call or Microsoft Teams.   **Do Pupil and School Support have any further information for parents?**  Webinars:   * Parent and carer webinars on a range of topics can be found on the Local Offer website: <https://www.localofferbirmingham.co.uk> * Previous webinars which you can watch and listen to can be found via this link: <https://www.localofferbirmingham.co.uk/webinars/>   Webpages:   * You may find the following links to our parent information pages and videos helpful too: * Supporting children who have dyslexia: [Dyslexia Information for Parents (birmingham.gov.uk)](https://accesstoeducation.birmingham.gov.uk/dyslexia-covid-19/) * Supporting children with learning needs: [Supporting learning (birmingham.gov.uk)](https://accesstoeducation.birmingham.gov.uk/parents-learning-covid19/) | |
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