

SEN FUNDING FOR NEF CHILDREN

EY SCRIPT (APPLIES TO NURSERY CHILDREN AGED 3 TO 4 YEARS ENTITLED TO 15 HOURS EDUCATION)

National change to funding for children with SEN which came in effect 1 April 2013.

BMBC has produced specific Nursery Threshold Descriptors to help identify the level of support required to meet a child's individual needs.

There are a series of 6 Nursery Threshold Descriptors based on the DfE categories of special educational needs. These are:

- Learning Difficulties
- Behavioural, Emotional and Social Difficulties
- Physical Difficulties
- Speech, Language and Communication Needs (including autism)
- Visual Impairment
- Hearing Impairment

Within each different category of SEN Threshold Descriptor there are 5 ranges of need, with range 1 being the lowest level of SEN and range 5 the highest.

Range 1 - Children with mild SEN should have their needs met by the EY provider making reasonable adjustments, appropriate differentiation and the personalisation of tasks.

Range 2 – Children with moderate needs should have their needs met by the EY provider making reasonable adjustments, appropriate differentiation and the personalisation of tasks and support from outside agencies.

Range 3 – Children with greater needs who require a low level of top-up funding from the LA and may need one to one support for specific intervention.

Range 4 – Children with high needs who require top-up funding from the LA and need additional advice and support.

Range 5 – Children with severe and/or complex needs who require the highest level of top-up funding and require a level of specialist provision

Before the child transfers to FS2 there should be a review of the child's future needs and provision as the funding mechanism for SEN is different for children in full time education. Once a full-time setting has been identified an Annual Review Meeting should take place involving the setting the child will be transferring to in the following academic year. The reason for this is that schools and academies are provided with a budget to meet SEN. The expectation is that schools will fund **up to** an additional £6,000 annually in order to meet a child's SEN. Not all children will require the full £6k in order to have their needs met. This means fewer children from FS2 onwards will need to access Top Up Funding as the money is already within the school.