

How do the school get more specialist help for pupils if they need it?

In our school if we feel a pupil needs more specialist help we can work with the following people to get this.

Agency or Service	Who they work with	How school can get in touch with them
City of Birmingham School (COBs)	Children or young people with emotional, social or mental health difficulties that impacts on their behaviour in school	School have an allocated worker who they will contact after a parent or carer signs a referral form
Communication and Autism Team (CAT)	Children or young people who are being assessed for or already have a diagnosis of Autism or communication difficulties. They will also provide support for families of children or young people with these difficulties	School have an allocated worker who they will contact after a parent or carer signs a referral form
Educational Psychology Service (EPS)	Children or young people with complex needs. An Educational Psychologist will always be involved with a child or young person who is referred for an Education, Health and Care Plan.	School have two Educational Psychologists who they will contact after a parent or carer signs a referral form.
Physical Disability Service (PDS)	Children or young person with physical difficulties which impact on their access in the school setting.	School have an allocated worker who they will contact after a parent or carer signs a referral form
Pupil and School Support (PSS)	Children or young people who are working below the levels expected for their age. A Pupil and School Support Teacher will also work with staff in schools offering support, advice and training.	Pupil and School Support teachers regularly visit schools. School will let parents or carers know if they need to work with the child or young person

Sensory Support Service (SSS)	Children or young people who have particular sensory needs such as visual or hearing difficulties where access to the usual school environment is effective.	Pupils are usually referred following a medical diagnosis, however school can phone them for further support and general advice.
Speech and Language Therapy Service (SALT) Independent Speech and Language Therapist.	Children or young people with a high level speech and language difficulties.	School can fill in a form which parents or carers sign. The family doctor can also complete this form. School also has a Speech and Language Therapist who comes into school every week and can work with children, staff and parents on strategies for children.
Malachi Trust	Children or young people with emotional difficulties	School can refer through school or children can be referred through Family Support Centres and parents can refer their own children
Occupational Therapy	Children or young people with physical difficulties that require regular exercise.	Children can be referred through the school nurse.
School Nurse	Children or young people with medical needs; particularly where medication is needed.	School can refer individual children to the school nurse, who then has access to refer children to various health organisations.