

## **How do I get a diagnosis?**

Pupils will only receive a diagnosis if they have a specific learning difficulty such as Dyslexia, or have a medical need. Pupils do not receive a 'diagnosis' of special educational needs. The SENCo, in agreement with the Head Teacher, will identify that a pupil has a difficulty which is preventing them from learning in the same way as their peers and will place them onto our SEND Register. (See SEND Register)

If you are concerned that your child has a specific difficulty such as ADHD or Autism, the SENCo can make a direct referral to the Community Paediatrician based at the Johnson Community Hospital. If the referral is accepted, you will receive an appointment with a paediatrician, who will give you further information and an assessment may begin.

If you are concerned that your child has a learning difficulty such as Dyslexia or Dyscalculia, the SENCo can make a referral to a Specialist Teacher from a team called the 'Specialist Teaching Service' (STS).

If you are concerned that your child has a speech and language difficulty, the SENCo can make a referral to the 'Speech and Language Therapy Service' (SALT) based at the Johnson Community Hospital. A therapist may then assess and identify if a pupil has a specific speech and/or language difficulty and provide advice about how best to support their needs.