

Appendix 10 : Definitions of Special Educational Needs

- Children have special educational needs if they have a learning difficulty which results in special educational provision being made for them.
- Children have a learning difficulty if they :
 - (a) have a significantly greater difficulty in learning than the majority of children at the same age **or**
 - (b) have a disability which prevents or hinders them from making use of educational facilities of a kind generally provided for children of the same age in schools found in the area of the local education authority.
 - (c) Are under compulsory school age and fall within the definition at (a) or (b) or would so do if special educational provision was not made for them.

Children must not be regarded as having a learning difficulty solely because their language or form of language of their home is different from the language in which they will be taught.

Quoted from SEN Code of Practice 2001, 1:3