

What is a Common Assessment?

If you agree with School that your child needs more specialised support, then other services may become involved. While there are many services available, here is a list of common agencies that work typically with school.

- Educational Psychology
- School Nurse Service and Health workers
- GP and Consultant Paediatrician
- Inclusion services: Communication and Interaction, Learning and Cognition, Sensory Impairment, Behaviour Support
- Speech and Language Therapy
- Occupational Therapy
- Physiotherapy
- CAMHs
- Learning Disability Team
- Social Care Services
- Stronger Families
- Parent Partnership
- Barnado's and other charities
- Staff from Secondary Provision in the Area.

As more people become involved in helping the School to meet your child's needs, your child's class teacher or the SENCO, or the Parent Support Worker in School may talk to you about holding a Common Assessment Framework (CAF) meeting and together you will do a Common Assessment Form or CAF. Once established, the CAF will help the School to organise Team Around the Child Meetings where everyone involved (including yourself) can sit down together and discuss the best way forward to help the School help your child to make progress.