Nether Stowe School's tips for parents concerned about SEND needs

WHEN SHOULD I REFER MY CHILD TO THE SEND TEAM?

WHAT IS SEN

Your child may have special educational needs (SEN) if they find learning more challenging than others and need extra support to achieve their full potential. For example, they may have difficulty with their;

- Behaviour or ability to socialise
- Reading and writing
- Ability to understand things
- Concentration levels
- Physical ability

We can assess children to identify their strengths and needs and how we can best support them. Children who need extra help with their learning may receive additional support under 1 of the following categories:

- SEN support
- An education, health and care (EHC) plan

COORDINATE WITH TEACHERS

Your first point of contact should always be your child's form tutor. It may be that your child is experiencing difficulties in one or multiple areas of school. As the person who knows your child best, your form tutor is best placed the help you explore your initial concerns

COMPLETING THE FAMILY SEND REFERRAL FORM

If your concern requires further action your form tutor can refer your child to the SEND team. Alternatively, you can also do this yourself through the use of our Family SEND referral form found on our website.
The inclusion team will review the referral and contact you to discuss your concerns

EXAMPLES OF WHEN TO USE OF THE FAMILY SEND REFERRAL FORM

You may wish to use the referral form;

- if your child is not making progress
- if you have observed your child struggling to acces their work
- to make us aware that your child has received a new / updated diagnosis
- to share documentation received from external agencies

EXAMPLES OF WHEN NOT TO USE THE FAMILY SEND REFERRAL FORM

The referral form should not be used for;

- logging behavioural incidents / concerns
- requesting feedback on your child's academic progress
- logging a complaint
- external enquiries about a school place
- raising safeguarding concerns