

SEND mediation and disagreement

Mediation information for children and young people

Mediation

There is going to be a meeting to talk about what could help you better learn and achieve at school or college. This is called a mediation meeting. At the meeting we may also talk about what other support you might need.

If you come along you'll be able to say what you need to help you learn, so that you can do well. It's important to say what sort of help you like to have, what works for you and what doesn't work. We have a booklet called 'This is Me' that can help you think about what you'd like everyone at the meeting to know.

People go to mediation meetings to reach an agreement about things. The mediation meeting helps the people there see things from different points of view so that a compromise can be reached. It's important that you are involved so that any decisions made are what you want.

Who will be at the mediation meeting?

Your parents/carers will or can be there. You could also ask someone called an advocate to come if you want someone to help you get your thoughts and ideas out.

There'll be a person from the local authority called a representative and they'll listen to everything you have to say. They'll listen to your thoughts and ideas because they want to know all about you and how they can help you learn.

Your teacher may come along to say what school/college life is like for you. This will usually be someone you already know well, so a familiar face. You can also ask anyone else who may be able to support you and provide information that might be useful.

There'll also be a mediator there. It's their job to keep everyone on track and to help everyone to reach a compromise and a good outcome. If you want to talk to someone about the mediation, let your parent/carer know and they will make arrangements for you.

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