



My name is Mrs Edgeley and I am the SENCO at Howitt Primary Community School, which means I am the designated teacher for pupils with special educational needs and disabilities.

I will be sending a newsletter focusing on all things related to special educational needs, such as support for parents, important dates and how to contact myself for advice.

What types of difficulties are SEND?

Children may have difficulties in one or more of these areas.

Cognition & Learning- a child may find all learning difficult or have difficulties with specific activities such as reading or spelling. A child may have trouble understanding instructions and carrying out tasks. A child may have memory difficulties.

Communication & Interaction- A child may have difficulty in talking to others or understanding what others are saying to them. A child may have difficulty interacting with others, such as not being able to take turns. A child who has speech and language difficulties will be classed as having communication and interaction needs.

Physical & Sensory- A child may have hearing or vision loss. A child may have difficulty with sensory processing, being under or over-sensitive. A child may have a medical condition which affects them physically.

Social, Emotional & Mental Health- A child may display behaviours such as having very low self-esteem or being very anxious. A child may display challenging, disruptive or distressing behaviours. A child may have underlying conditions which affect their mental health.

Important dates:

14.10.25 Parents' Evening
16.10.25 Parents' Evening
3.12.25 Coffee morning

How do you know if your child has SEND?

A child or young person has SEN if:

- They have significantly greater difficulty in learning than the majority of other children of the same age.
- They have a disability which prevents or hinders them from making use of facilities of a kind generally provided for others of the same age in mainstream school.

A child or young person has a disability if:

- They have a physical and mental impairment which has a substantial and long-term adverse effect on their ability to carry out day to day activity

I am available during parents' evening on 14.10.25 if you have any questions regarding your child/children.