

Referral to a Learning Support Advisory Teacher (LSAT)

A school may refer your child to a Learning Support Advisory Teacher (LSAT) when, despite interventions and support with learning, your child continues to make less than expected progress.

LSATs work with children and young people aged 4-18. They have specialist knowledge in a range of needs which include Dyslexia, Dyscalculia, Autism, speech and language, communication needs and Dyspraxia.

The LSAT will:

- discuss the school's concerns about your child's progress with the class teacher and SENCo
- meet your child and carry out some assessments
- Write a report which will include recommendations for strategies and resources which could be used to support your child's progress in the future.

You will be consulted about the involvement of an LSAT with your child and your consent is required.

You should be given an opportunity to meet with the LSAT as part of their assessment of your child.

You will receive a copy of the report written by the LSAT. This will usually come to you via the school.

It is a good idea to meet with the SENCo and your child's class teacher to discuss the findings and recommendations contained in the report.

Suggestions for meeting with the Learning Support Advisory Teacher

Progress and attainment:

- Are your child's attainment levels consistent with their age and abilities?
- Is your child making expected progress?
- Is there a gap between your child's levels of attainment and those of their peers?

Barriers to learning:

- What barriers to learning does your child experience?
- What kind of support does your child need in school/at home in order to overcome these barriers to learning?
- How could your child's needs best be met within a school environment to ensure that they achieve their learning potential in the short term/medium-term/longer-term?

Where can I get further information, advice or support?

Contact the IASS team on:

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