

What are waves of support?

Primary colleagues have become familiar with the term 'waves of support' as it is used by the National Strategies. It does not equate directly to School Action and School Action Plus but may be used to describe 'strands' of support as suggested in the Code of Practice Toolkit. Pupils at School Action will probably be accessing provision at Wave 2 but may also be accessing some provision at Wave Three (eg. Individual Speech Therapy, 1-1 counselling) and pupils at School Action Plus may be accessing provision from all three waves.

Wave One: This is what is available to all pupils in a good inclusive classroom eg. planned differentiation by class teacher, occasional support from TAs. At least 4 out of 5 pupils should make good progress without further support.

Wave Two: This describes small group targeted interventions eg. Catch-up programmes such as ELS and ALS, small group literacy and numeracy support, booster classes. It does **not** equate directly with School Action and pupils do not need IEPs to access it.

Wave Three: Individual specific targeted support eg. 1-1 speech therapy support, 1-1 physiotherapy support, individual learning programme. Pupils requiring this level of support will often also require additional advice from beyond the school.