Myth Busters for SEND!

What parents have said to us:

The school will not give my child an EHCP

The school decide how much funding my child gets.

School decide which children have 1:1

If I am asked to do a parenting course, it means I am a bad parent.

The truth:

School complete the paperwork for an EHCP request, this can take up to a year. However, Lincolnshire County Council make the final decision.

SEND children do not get funding unless they have an EHCP. Lincolnshire County Council decide how much this is. On occasions, school challenge the amount of funding.

If an application is put in for an EHCP, the Local Authority decide if they will agree to assess the child. They also decide if funding should be allocated to the child and whether the child needs adult support. Schools do not write EHCPs or allocate any funding.

Not at all! We all know parenting is hard work.

Parents who have completed the course
always come back with really positive
feedback, for example, 'I realised it was about
changing my behaviour rather than trying to
change my child's behaviour'

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My child has a diagnosis, therefore, they have to be on the SEND register

Any child with a diagnosis is put onto our SEND monitoring list to be monitored until they transition to their next setting. If they require support that is "additional to and different from" their peers, then they will have a SEND profile.

I have to see the SENDCo regarding my child's SEND.

Your child's class teacher is always the first person to speak to regarding a SEND concern — they know your child best! After that, you are welcome to book a drop-in session at the school office to see the SENDCo for further support.