

Good to Great for SEND

Guidance to support schools in analysing and judging the progress and attainment of pupils with Special Educational Needs & Disability and making decisions about future provision.

A Working Document for Primary SEND Coordinators



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Academic Year **2021/2022**

Introduction

Supporting your SEF judgement for pupils with SEND

A school's analysis of data identifying the attainment and progress of pupils on the SEND record is the first crucial component in being able to confidently judge the quality of these pupils' learning experience and hence, make a confident SEF judgement.

Part One follows a consistent process:



The process involves firstly ensuring that SENCOs are clear as to the **key questions** that need answering in relation to the attainment and progress of pupils with SEND. This guidance then provides schools with the **tools, which** are needed to answer these questions. In some cases these 'tools' reference existing data held on online, National Progression Guidance or the school's own information system. In some cases, **proforma grids** have been produced to support data collection. Crucially, this guidance provides a range of suggested **questions to support the analysis** of data in order to enable judgements to be clearly visible. These questions are not exhaustive and will differ from school to school depending on priorities, size and current focus of the school improvement plan. Following the process of analysis, gaps in pupils' attainment should be visible; space is then provided for schools to make decisions related to **future provision** in order to narrow identified gaps.

As important as the analysis of data, is scrutiny of the wider qualitative information schools have regarding the whole child experience e.g. attitude to learning, development of relationships, involvement of parents etc. To support schools in this endeavour, **Part Two** provides guidance to support schools' scrutiny of their own qualitative self-evaluation information.

This process will help you to be able to use the Ofsted criteria to make an overall judgement as to the effectiveness of SEND provision and practice across the School. ([See Appendix A](#))

Analysis of SEND related quantitative and qualitative data and information does not just stop at the point where a judgement for the SEF can be made. It is the first, but crucial step in the process of narrowing the gap that drives through to effective, focused and evaluated action. The process of making decisions to 'narrow the gap', 'mind the gap' and 'celebrate gap busting' is demonstrated in **Parts Three, Four and Five**

This guidance is not exhaustive, and care needs to be taken when putting it into practice as each school will have its own priorities depending on its size and current focus of the school improvement plan.

Sources of data

- Progression Materials:

In house tracking/monitoring systems.

- GOV.UK Analyse School Performance summary:

The ASP summary provides interactive analysis of school and pupil performance data.

- School Inspection Handbook 2021

- O-Track/ or equivalent:

A purchased piece of tracking software used by the majority of schools in our area should be a good source of pupil assessment data. Analysis is available at pupil group and school levels.

- FFT Aspire

Aspire is the online tool from Fischer Family Trust and is a source for pupil school and group estimates and analysis

A: Suggested questions to facilitate analysis

Who are potentially vulnerable groups within our SEND cohort? Are they over represented as a proportion of the whole school?

Are there pupils who are appearing in more than one vulnerable group that may need even closer tracking?

Is there evidence of movement within the SEN record of particular pupils moved off the record or from SEN Support to EHCP, or EHCP to SEN Support? What is the trend in the area over 3 years?

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B	KEY QUESTION: (1) How does the (i) attainment and (ii) progress of pupils with SEND KS1 & KS2 compare with <u>other groups across the school</u> ? (2) How does the (i) attainment and (ii) progress of pupils with SEND KS1 & KS2 compare <u>nationally</u> ? TOOL: ASP Key Stage 1 & 2 Attainment by Pupil Group - ASP Key Stage 2 Progress by Pupil Group WHEN: End of Autumn term
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Use your own GOV.UK Analyse School Performance (ASP) summary data
Copy relevant pages

ASP ANALYSIS:

Attainment by pupil group

Progress by pupil group

B: Suggested questions to facilitate analysis

How are pupils with SEND attaining in relation to the national picture?

How are pupils with SEND attaining in relation to other groups across the school, in particular SEND Support with EHP and SEND Support with non-SEND?

Is there a difference in attainment between core subjects?

How does this compare with previous years? Is there a trend?

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C	KEY QUESTION:	(1) How are groups of pupils with SEND attaining? (2) What progress have groups of pupils with SEND made this term/academic year?
	TOOL:	School's own live tracking data
	WHEN	Termly and end of academic year

Academic year: 2021/2022

(1) ATTAINMENT:

Autumn (2) 2021 data	Reading:			Writing:			Maths:			GPS:		
	Below age related expectations	On track to achieve age related expectations	Exceeded age related expectations	Below age related expectations	On track to achieve age related expectations	Exceeded age related expectations	Below age related expectations	On track to achieve age related expectations	Exceeded age related expectations	Below age related expectations	On track to achieve age related expectations	Exceeded age related expectations
Year 1:												
Year 2:												
Year 3:												
Year 4:												
Year 5:												
Year 6:												

Please amend this table based upon your individual school/ academy system for tracking pupil attainment and progress. You may want to use the FFT end of KS2 estimates as a way of tracking whether they are on track based on their prior attainment.

You may want to analyse SEN Support & EHCP attainment and progress as a group of 'All SEN' or duplicate the table to separate them out into 2 groups to gain a clearer picture.

You may also want to input a group for deeper analysis e.g. year group; pupils with particular need (ASD, SEMH, SpLD); those involved in a specific intervention; boys, etc.

Input %, number of pupils, or pupil initials, depending on the size of your cohort

Summer (2) 2022 data	Reading:			Writing:			Maths:			GPS:		
	Below expected progress	Expected progress	Exceeded expected progress	Below expected progress	Expected progress	Exceeded expected progress	Below expected progress	Expected progress	Exceeded expected progress	Below expected progress	Expected progress	Exceeded expected progress
Year 1:												
Year 2:												
Year 3:												
Year 4:												
Year 5:												
Year 6:												

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C: Suggested questions to facilitate analysis

How well are pupils progressing across year groups in English & Maths?

Consider any identified high priority years/ vulnerable groups; how are they progressing? Do they remain a high priority?

Example:

Year groups of concern -

Pupil premium group -

EHCP -

Gender -

What is the average rate of progress of pupils with SEND, in all year groups?

Is the average rate of progress at least in line with the average rate of progress for other groups? If not, why?

Highest in-school gap is for ...

Is there any evidence of enhanced progress and therefore the 'gap' narrowing?

Is the attainment gap between pupils on the SEND record and non-SEND narrowing?

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D	KEY QUESTION: How are <u>individual pupils</u> on the SEND record currently (i) attaining and (ii) progressing? Are they on track to achieve their end of key stage targets? TOOL: Use of school's own live individual pupil tracker for progress and attainment. WHEN: Termly and end of academic year
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Copy/ insert relevant School devised/ chosen tracking pages

D: Suggested questions to facilitate analysis

Are pupils currently making at least expected or enhanced progress?

Reading, Writing & Maths combined...

Reading-

Writing-

Maths-

Are pupils on track to meet their end of year/key stage target?

Where pupils have been involved in targeted intervention, have pupils made enhanced progress? Where is your evidence? If not, why not?

E, F, G, H, Suggested questions to facilitate analysis

Does the attendance/persistent absence rate of pupils with SEND in the school meet expected levels?

Is there a significant difference between non-SEND and SEND attendance/persistent absence?

Are there variations within the SEND record between significant groups e.g. by area of need; level/type of support?

Are there any links between low attendance and levels of progress and attainment as well as SEND?

Are pupils being given the appropriate amount of support and challenge to improve attendance and is this effective?

Where there is an issue with exclusions amongst some pupils in the school, are pupils on the SEND record (particularly within areas of need e.g. ASD, SEMH) overly represented in this group?

Are pupils on the SEND record fairly represented within school extra-curricular clubs/activities, residential visits?

How is the school ensuring that pupils with disabilities (in its widest sense) fully participate in extra curricular and off-site activities?

PART TWO - Assess - Guidance to support scrutiny of SEND related qualitative evidence

As important as the analysis of data is, scrutiny of the wider qualitative information schools have, regarding the whole child experience. Review some of the suggested sources of evidence cited in the box below when evaluating qualitative outcomes for pupils with SEND. This level of analysis may be undertaken on the school's whole SEND cohort over time or focus on an identified SEND group e.g. area of need, placement on record, SEND and FSM. Where schools wish to focus on evaluating the whole child experience for a particular pupil for the purposes of developing an Ofsted case study.

[Appendix C provides a proforma for this purpose.](#)

KEY QUESTION: What does our qualitative evidence tell us about how successful we are in achieving a culture of high expectations and success for pupils with SEND?

TOOLS: Possible sources of evidence are:

Lesson observations	Pupil questionnaire/interviews	SEND governor visit notes
Parent questionnaire/interviews	External agency reports	Work scrutiny
Annual/personal target reviews	Correspondence from parents	Observation notes
Participation in community activities	Pastoral records	
Feedback from support staff	Plan reviews	

Questions to facilitate the analysis of qualitative information

Are pupils engaged in learning and do they have a positive attitude towards school?

Do class teachers and support staff have high expectations for pupils with SEND? Is this evident in day-to-day teaching?

Evaluate the amount of teacher/adult talk versus the contribution from pupils. What interaction does the teacher have with the pupils with SEN? Do pupils have opportunities to work independently or with their peers?

Does working with support staff prevent social interaction with other pupils?

Are pupils making good progress in acquiring attitudes and skills, which lead to greater independence? Are pupils with SEND encouraged to use their initiative?

Do pupils with SEND feel safe in school (particularly from bullying)?

Are 'reasonable adjustments' made to help pupils with SEND to be fully included in school?

Additional adult support does not always improve progress; are we ensuring that teaching assistants don't always work with the lowest attaining group?

Is the work of pupils with SEND monitored closely by the class teacher to ensure that next steps in learning are carefully planned, rather than always relying on information from the TA?

Do support staff have sufficient subject knowledge and skills to ensure their input promotes thinking and not simply task completion?

From work scrutiny, is there evidence of challenge, motivation, independence, presentation and appropriate support and marking? What evidence is there that skills learnt in interventions are applied in other lessons?

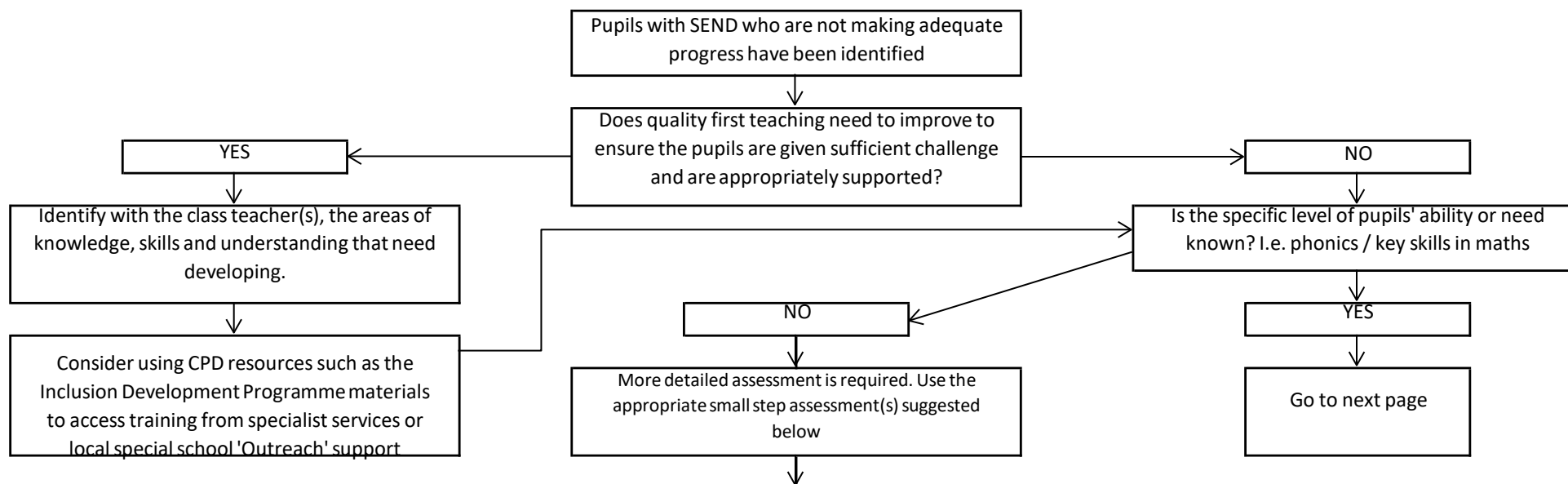
Does the school have a positive and meaningful relationship with parents of pupils on the SEND record? Is behaviour generally positive and do pupils have an ability to make well-informed choices?

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Having completed a thorough analysis of both quantitative and qualitative information that can be summarised for the purpose of the whole school self-evaluation, the next step is to identify where improvements can be made in relation to future provision.

Key areas for development may well have been identified as part of the process of analysis and recorded in the 'action' boxes in Part One and Part Two.



- Hearing & sight checks. [SEND Local Offer | School Nurse Toolkit - SEND Local Offer \(northlincslocaloffer.com\)](#)
- Literacy Assessments: For example, high frequency words (reading and spelling), phonics assessments, comprehension tests, fluency tests, visual and auditory discrimination checks, visual and auditory memory checks, standardised Reading and spelling assessments, Dyslexia screeners. Assessments will identify pupil's current level of attainment, gaps, next areas to address. In addition, it will identify any underlying barriers to learning, such as memory or processing skills.
- Maths Assessments/ Screeners: Assessment to identify pupil's secure level of skill and understanding as well as their gaps, within number, calculation and reasoning.
- SEMH Toolkit/ Screener: [SEND Local Offer | Behaviour Toolkit - SEND Local Offer \(northlincslocaloffer.com\)](#)
- Speech and Language checklist or Speech and Language Therapist guidance, which provides suggestions for strategies. : [SEND Local Offer | Speech and Language Toolkit - SEND Local Offer \(northlincslocaloffer.com\)](#)
- Any other toolkits, relevant to the child/ YP needs. For example the ASET toolkit or the sensory toolkit: [SEND Local Offer | Autism Spectrum Education Toolkit - SEND Local Offer \(northlincslocaloffer.com\)](#)
- The Neurodiversity Checklist (Early Years/ Primary) [Neurodiversity SpLD checklist -Primary w instructions.pdf \(helenarkell.org.uk\)](#)
[NeurodiverseSpLDchecklist PB EYFS.pdf \(patoss-dyslexia.org\)](#)

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Narrowing the Gap – The Provision Mapping Process

Once the specifics of these targeted pupils needs have been identified, the next step is to establish what is likely to make the *most* effective provision in order to accelerate progress and narrow gaps.

It is crucial that schools and SENCOs keep as much of a focus on developing inclusive quality first teaching as on targeted additional provision. It is this two pronged approach, which is crucial to get right; firstly ensuring class teachers are addressing needs as part of their daily differentiation to support access to the curriculum and secondly, that highly tailored, well evidenced additional provision or intervention is in place and is continually reinforced back in class.

To this end, the following key questions should be	Supportive guidance materials/links:
Are we confident that we provide an inclusive quality first teaching for pupils with SEND? (Monitoring/ Observation)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Advice from specialist agencies. (Local Offer) • NASEN CPD/ professional development. • Local Offer: Ordinarily Available Document SEND and Inclusion Plan 2020-2024 (northlincslocaloffer.com)
Are we engaging these targeted pupils and their parents in dialogue about their learning and progress as we know that research suggests this has a big impact on progress?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>SEND parents' meetings</i> • <i>Person Centred reviews</i> • <i>Annual reviews</i>
Do we know what the latest research tells us about the types of interventions and type of support that work for pupils with SEND?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 'What works for pupils with literacy difficulties?' What-works-for-children-and-young-people-with-literacy-difficulties-5th-edition.pdf (helenarkell.org.uk) • <i>The Education Endowment Foundation Teaching and Learning Toolkit Education Endowment Foundation EEF</i> • <i>Nasen Miniguides: Resources listing Nasen</i>
Have we identified the key member(s) of staff who will lead on the organisation of intervention?	<i>E.g. class teacher, SENCO, HLTA</i>
Are class teachers clear about what is happening within the targeted provision/intervention?	<i>SENCO or relevant member of staff to share this information and intended outcomes</i>
Are systems in place to ensure that skills developed within intervention are practised back in class regularly?	<i>E.g. use pupil target sheet, monitoring, pupil progress meetings etc.</i>
Is there training required at either a QFT level or for staff delivering intervention/specialist support	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Staff training audits/ performance management</i> • <i>Education Inclusion Teams</i> • <i>Special School 'Outreach' Service</i>

PART FOUR - Do - putting in place systems to track and monitor progress

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Systematic and regularly monitoring the progress of the targeted group through the intervention they are receiving is crucial at this stage to ensure this additional provision is making the difference you have planned and set targets for.

To this end, the following key questions need to be considered:	Supportive guidance materials/links
Have we set specific, measurable and challenging outcomes in relation to the additional provision/intervention?	<i>See targets linked to individual interventions or use small steps trackers to generate appropriate targets from</i>
Have we a robust and accurate method of monitoring progress pupils are making?	Use SEND team intervention monitoring sheet (Appendix C)
Are class teachers clear as to their responsibility in monitoring progress?	<i>Via SENCO or appropriate member of staff through training on intervention</i>
Are support staff clear as to their responsibility in sharing weekly progress/concerns?	<i>E.g. use weekly record sheets provided with interventions/ progress meetings.</i>
Who has responsibility for supporting the staff who are delivering the intervention?	E.g. SENCO, Subject Leader, class teacher, HLTA
Who has responsibility for monitoring the quality of this additional provision?	E.g. SENCO, Subject Leader, class teacher
Who will ensure that the leadership team are briefed on the progress of these identified groups?	SENCO

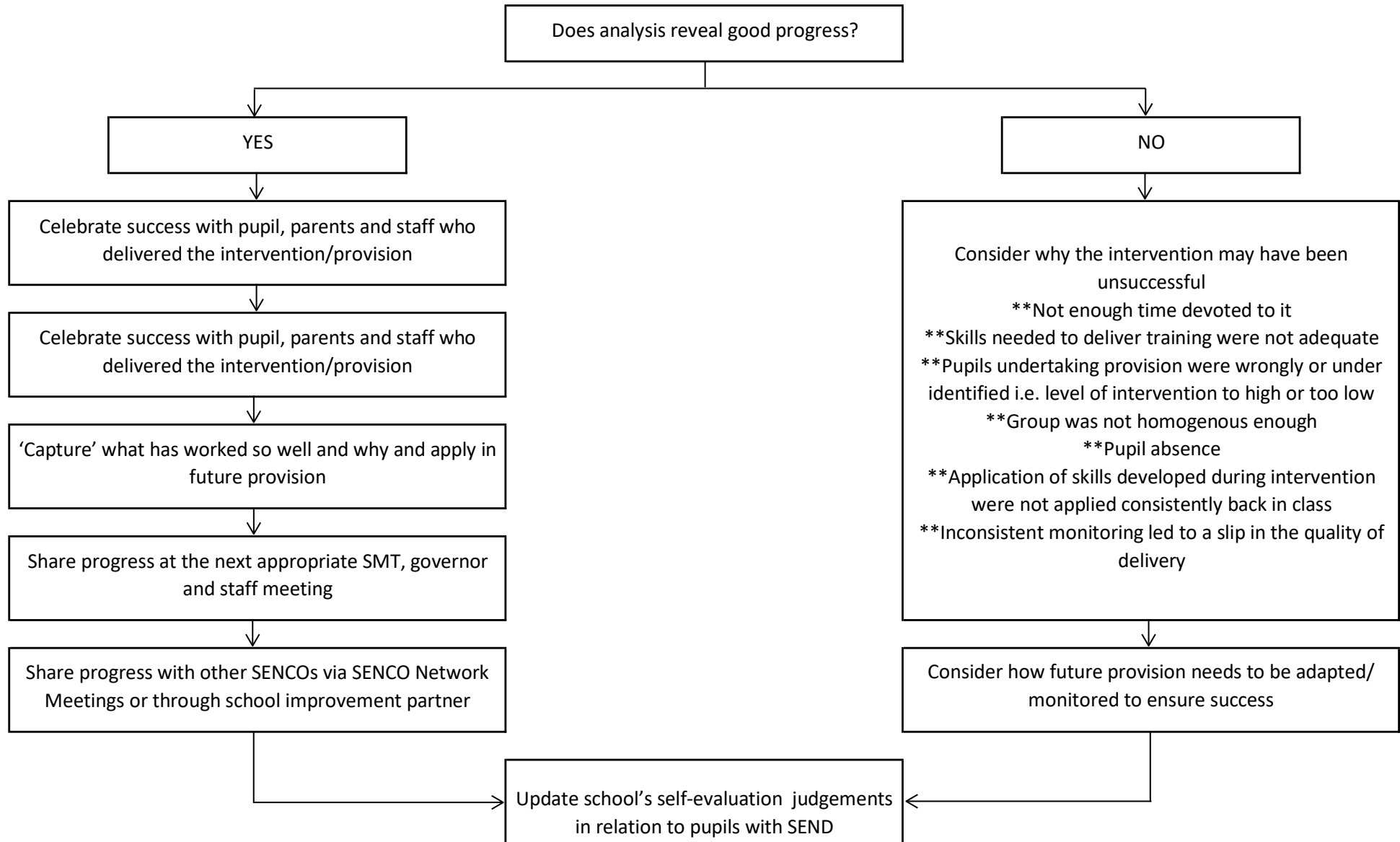
Questions to support analysis of provision

At the point when the intervention/support is complete or at least as a term comes to an end, those involved in delivering and monitoring the intervention should begin the process of analysing and judging the progress individual pupils have made. The questions below should be able to support you in this process. Using the intervention monitoring form provides a format for collecting this information for a group of pupils; alternatively, schools may use their Person-Centred Review format.

- What is the rate of progress being made by individual pupils?
- Are individual pupils making expected progress? (Against targets set, over time)?
- Are individual pupils making even progress *within* a subject? (Different strands)?
- Are individual pupils making even progress *across* all subjects?
- Are individual pupils on track to meet their end of key stage target?
- Is there a relationship between the amount of progress made and the amount of support given?
- Are there specific areas of concern/ celebration?
- Does the intervention represent value for money?

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<p>Disabled pupils and those with special educational needs.</p> <p>Does not make a separate judgement about special educational needs (SEND) provision. SEND provision forms part of whole-school inspection.</p> <p>Inspectors will, however, report on the achievement of disabled pupils and those who have SEND. The changes to the School Inspection Handbook 2019 show a greater emphasis upon SEND and you may want to consider how the qualitative strategic monitoring in this document may support you with being prepared for Ofsted inspections.</p>	Ofsted
<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. When discussing progress since the last inspection, inspectors will consider the schools context and the progress it has made since last inspection, including any progress on areas from improvement identified at previous inspections- <i>were any of these SEND specific?</i>2. The inspector may want information on whether pupils attend off-site provision and will request further information about this- <i>how do you monitor progress of SEND pupils educated off-site?</i>3. The inspector will consider publicly available information- <i>are all of the schools policies up to date and easy to find on the school website?</i>4. Inspectors will evaluate evidence of the impact of the curriculum, including on the most disadvantaged pupils. This includes pupils with SEND.5. Inspectors will observe pupils outside of lessons; at unstructured times of the day- <i>do you conduct learning walks and monitoring tasks at different points of the day? Is a pupils' behaviour in a lesson a result of the transition between the previous lesson and this one?</i>6. The quality of education will be judged upon a rounded view and the handbook states that the curriculum 'intent' should have 'high academic, vocational/ technical ambition for all pupils, and the school does not offer disadvantaged pupils or pupils with SEND a reduced curriculum.'7. Inspectors will consider the curriculum 'implementation' primarily evaluated at classroom level. This will involve seeing how teachers check pupil understanding, ensure key concepts are embedded and build on previous skills and assessments- <i>Are you monitoring these? Use the qualitative quality assurance monitoring tasks in Part 2. These will support you with improving provision for SEND pupils</i>8. Inspectors will not use schools internal assessment data as evidence- inspectors will be interested in the conclusions drawn and actions taken from the internal assessment information- <i>see the key questions in Part 1- Quantitative data. You need to use the data to plan specific actions to improve outcomes for SEND pupils.</i>9. Inspectors will collect evidence on how well pupils with SEND are prepared for the next stage of their education of adult lives- <i>how do you incorporate preparation for adulthood into the curriculum? Provision?</i>10. Exclusions- the inspectors will consider how well the school is recognising and acting to address any patterns that exist- <i>are you tracking exclusions and attendance over time? What actions have previously been taken?</i>11. Inspectors will consider whether the curriculum is successfully adapted, designed or developed to be ambitious and meet the needs of SEND pupils- <i>as SENCO what have you done to ensure this?</i>12. Inspectors will consider whether pupils with SEND achieve the best possible outcomes- <i>how do you know?</i>13. For behaviour and attitudes, inspectors will consider if there is a demonstrable improvement in the behaviour and attendance of pupils who have particular needs- <i>how do you track behaviour of pupils with SEND?</i>	

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Grade descriptors - relevant to those pupils with SEND	
Outstanding (1)	Pupils consistently achieve highly, particularly the most disadvantaged. Pupils with SEND achieve exceptionally well.
Good (2)	<p>Intent: Leaders adopt or construct a curriculum that is ambitious and designed to give all pupils, particularly disadvantaged pupils and including pupils with SEND, the knowledge and cultural capital they need to succeed in life. This is either the national curriculum or a curriculum of comparable breadth and ambition. [If this is not yet fully the case, it is clear from leaders' actions that they are in the process of bringing this about.]</p> <p>The curriculum is successfully adapted, designed or developed to be ambitious and meet the needs of pupils with SEND, developing their knowledge, skills and abilities to apply what they know and can do with increasing fluency and independence. [If this is not yet fully the case, it is clear from leaders' actions that they are in the process of bringing this about.]</p> <p>Impact: Pupils are ready for the next stage of education, employment or training. They have the knowledge and skills they need and, where relevant, they gain qualifications that allow them to go on to destinations that meet their interests and aspirations and the intention of their course of study. Pupils with SEND achieve the best possible outcomes.</p>
Requires Improvement (3)	The quality of education provided by the school is not good.
Inadequate (4)	Pupils with SEND do not benefit from a good-quality education. Expectations of them are low, and their needs are not accurately identified, assessed or met.

Appendix B

Prompt sheet for CASE STUDY OF A PUPIL WITH SEND

A Prompt sheet with suggested areas to include when drawing up a case study of a potentially vulnerable child to assess the effectiveness of the care, guidance and support / teaching and curriculum adjustments for individual pupils

Pupil	<i>Use first name only or Pupil A</i>
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Date of placement on SEND record	
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Pen Portrait including area(s) of need / barriers to learning

External agencies who have been involved

PROVISION OVER TIME / ARRANGEMENTS OVER TIME

*e.g. type of targeted intervention;
 mentoring – advice and guidance;
 additional specialist teaching;
 transition arrangements;
 resources to support access to curriculum;
 support for/involvement with parents/carers,
 peer support;
 arrangement for pupils missing work through absence, through attendance at additional programmes or through exclusion*

How the skills of staff have been developed to address needs	
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QUANTATIVE OUTCOMES FOR PUPIL

YEAR															
	R	W	M	R	W	M	R	W	M	R	W	M	R	W	M
Attainment FS/NC/P levels or GCSE/ other															

Progress Summary – sub levels or points score

Pupil made _____ (How much) **progress over** _____ (time) *in* **reading / writing / maths / etc.**

Other data – Improvement in attendance, reduction in fixed term exclusions or numbers of behavioural incidents, etc.

This enabled pupil to {e.g. catch-up/ meet FFTD target, access Wave 2 provision, be removed from SEND record, be school }

QUALITATIVE OUTCOMES FOR PUPIL

Independence/ confidence / attitude to learning

Social skills / relationships

Impact on wider school practice and provision e.g. staff now trained in Makaton, links with area special school, change to school ethos/ policy/ practice

CASE STUDY OF A PUPIL WITH SEN

A case study of a potentially vulnerable child to assess the effectiveness of the care, guidance and support / curriculum adjustments for individual pupils

Pupil	
Date of placement on SEND record	

Pen Portrait including area(s) of need / barriers to learning

External agencies who have been involved

PROVISION OVER TIME / ARRANGEMENTS OVER TIME

How the skills of staff have been developed to address needs

QUANTATIVE OUTCOMES FOR PUPIL

YEAR														
Attainment FS/NC/P levels or GCSE/ other	Eng	Maths	Eng	Maths	Eng	Maths	Eng	Maths	Eng	Maths	Eng	Maths	Eng	Maths

ProgressSummary

QUALITATIVE OUTCOMES FOR PUPIL / SCHOOL

Appendix C

Intervention Monitoring for:

Areas of need addressed	
Entrance data	<i>For example, Child A (Year 1) can read 2 high frequency words from the Y1 list.</i>
Exit criteria	<i>Once child A is consistently reading 90% words from the Y1 list.</i>
Weeks needed for programme	
Number of pupils in group	
Group Target:	

Pupil Progress Tracker:

Name	Baseline Assessment	End of Weeks	End of Weeks	Details of Progress

Evaluation of Intervention/Next Steps:

Appendix D: Example of SEN Support Plan

