

Country Specific Information for Ireland

Pupils with SEN/Disability



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Enable Ireland provides services to children and adults with disabilities and their families from 40 locations in 14 counties. Covering childhood to adulthood our expert teams work with the individual and their family on a plan for each life stage.

[Social Personal and Health Education \(SPHE\)](#)

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Professional Development Service for Teachers (PDST)

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TUSLA

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Children First

Provides the national guidance for the protection and welfare of children in Ireland. The guidance is the roadmap to help parents, professionals, organisations and the general public to identify and report child abuse and welfare concerns.

Links

<http://www.enableireland.ie/>

www.sphe.ie

www.pdst.ie

<http://www.tusla.ie/>

[Children First: National Guidance for the Protection and Welfare of Children \[2011\]](#)

[Child and Family Agency Act 2013](#)

Useful Links Provided by the Department of Education and Skills

[Special Education - an overview](#)

[Supports for Children with Special Educational Needs](#)

[Special Education- Furniture & Equipment](#)

[Special Needs Guidance and Information](#)

[Visiting Teacher Service](#)

[Review of role, organisation and management of Visiting Teachers for Children with Hearing and Visual Impairment \(VTHVI\) Service, Ireland](#)

[National Educational Psychological Service \(NEPS\)](#)

[Home Tuition- Payments](#)

[Home-Tuition - Circulars & Application](#)

[Circular 0046 2016](#) **(Home Tuition Grant Scheme 2016/2017 - Special Education Component)**

[Circular 0050 2016](#) **(Home Tuition Grant Schemes - for children without a school place other than children with Special Education needs)**

[Home-Tuition Application Form: Pupils with a Significant Medical Condition](#)

[July Provision](#)

[Employing Special Needs Assistants \(SNAs\)](#)

[Circular 0070 2014](#) **(Guidance for post-primary schools on the provision of resource teaching and learning support)**

[Circular 0030 2014](#) **(The Special Needs Assistant (SNA) scheme to support teachers in meeting the care needs of some children with special educational needs, arising from a disability)**

[Circular 0010 2013](#) **(Scheme of grants towards the purchase of essential assistive technology equipment for pupils with physical or communicative disabilities)**

The National Council for Special Education (NCSE) was set up to improve the delivery of education services to persons with special educational needs arising from disabilities with particular emphasis on children. The NCSE has published Guidelines for Setting up and Organising Special Classes. The guidelines set out clearly how schools can set up and organise special classes, as part of a continuum of educational provision, for pupils with special educational needs.

The National Educational Psychological Service work with both primary and post-primary schools and are concerned with learning, behaviour, social and emotional development. NEPS psychologists specialise in working with the school community. They work in partnership with teachers, parents and children in identifying educational needs.

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Links

<http://ncse.ie/>

<http://ncse.ie/guidelines-for-schools>

www.education.ie/en/Schools-Colleges/Services/National-Educational-Psychological-Service-NEPS-/NEPS-Home-Page.html

www.education.ie/en/Schools-Colleges/Services/National-Educational-Psychological-Service-NEPS-/Student-Support-Teams-in-Post-Primary-Schools.pdf

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