

Starting Primary School

Children with Special Educational Needs

An Information Session for
Parents/Guardians



Today's Session

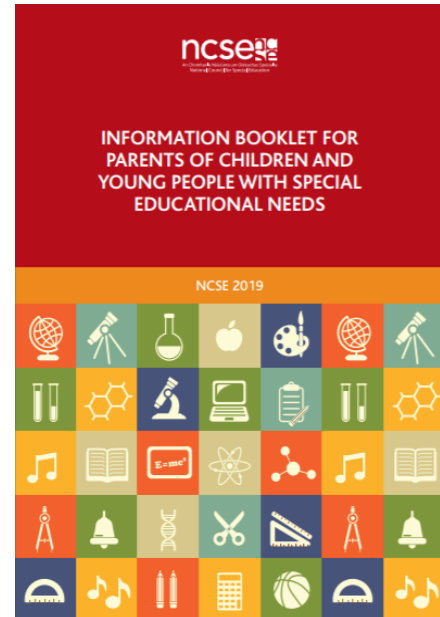
We'd like to tell you about

- 1) who we are and what we do
- 2) educational supports available for children
- 3) how supports are made available

... and we'll try to answer your questions

Who We Are – What We Do

- Support schools
- Support parents
- Provide information:
<https://ncse.ie/information-booklets-pamphlets-2>
- Carry out research and advise the Minister for Education and Skills



Support During Covid-19 Restrictions

- The NCSE continues to provide vital supports to schools, parents and students.
- Extraordinary Times

**Transitioning Back
To School**



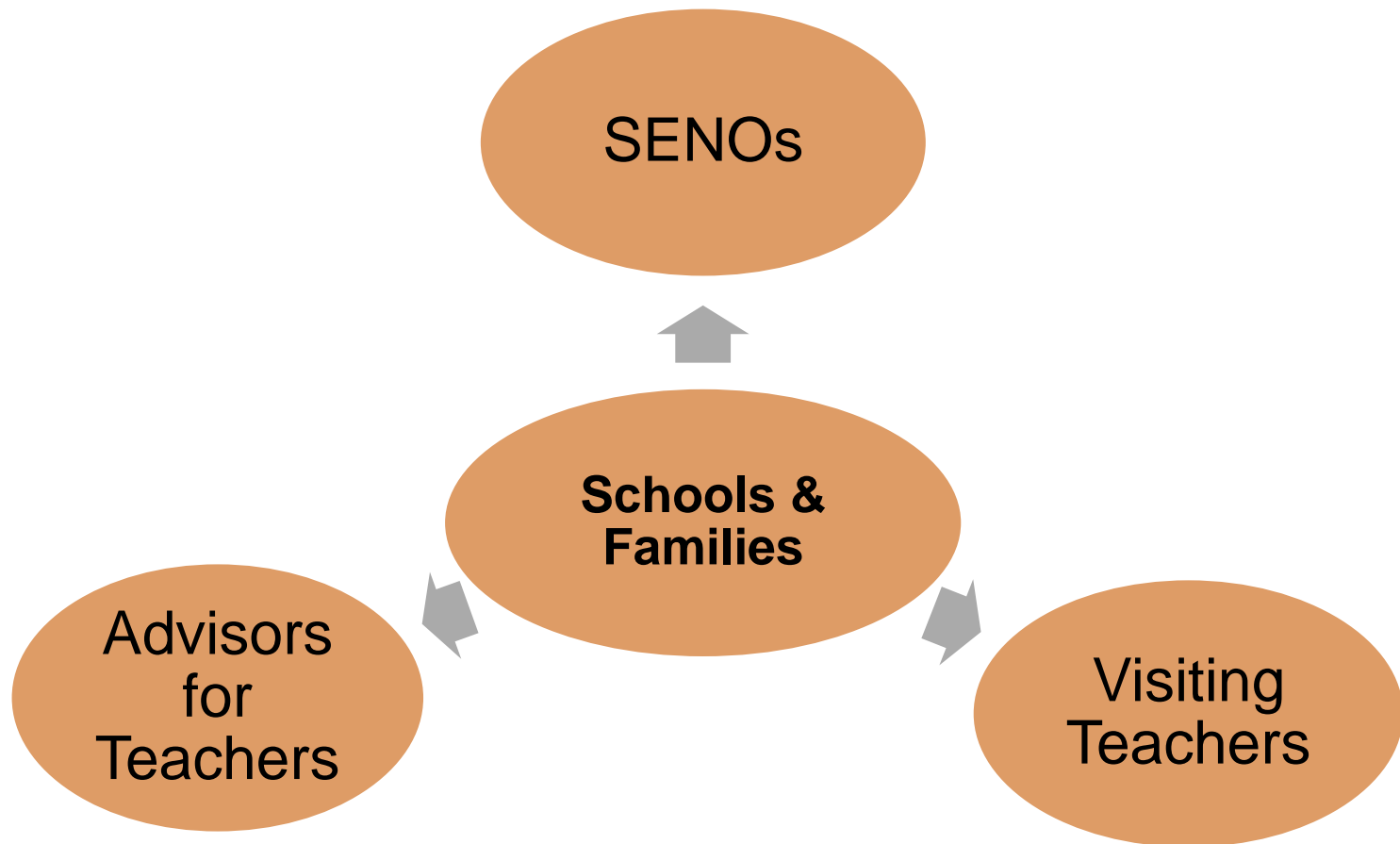
**Summer Provision
2020**



**Theme of the week
Summer is here!**



NCSE Local Support teams



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Placement Options

Mainstream

Local school

Class size

Class teacher

SNA
(if essential)

Special Class

Local or nearest school

Small class size

Class teacher

SNA

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Roles of School Staff

Class Teachers

Every Student

Educational Needs

Differentiate

Monitor Progress

Special Education Teachers

Some Students

Additional Needs

Differentiate

Monitor Progress

Special Needs Assistants

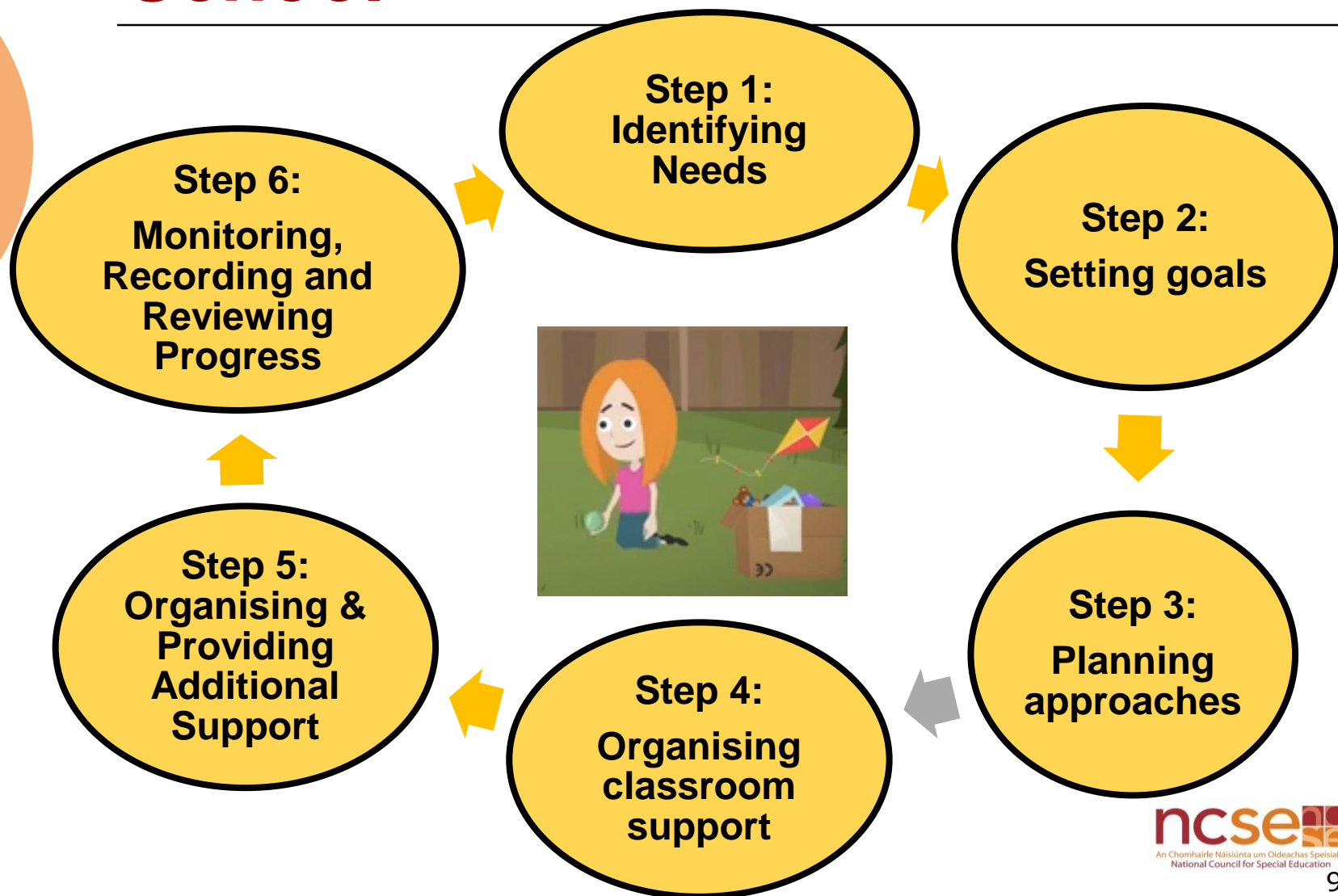
Some Students

Care Needs

Do not teach

Monitor Progress

Getting the Right Support in School



Getting the Support

**Special
Education
Teaching**

**Special Needs
Assistant**

Needs **NOT** Diagnosis
No Application

Student Support Plan



Getting the Support

Assistive Technology

Diagnosis

Professional Recommendation

Essential for Education

SENO Recommends

Department of Education
Decides

Special Transport

Diagnosis

Specialised Placement

SENO Reports

Department of Education
Decides

Other Key People in Your Child's Education



Feidhmeannacht na Seirbhíse Sláinte
Health Service Executive

HSE professionals involved in diagnosis, e.g. clinical psychologists, occupational therapists, speech and language therapists.



National Educational Psychological Service (NEPS)
Psychologist

Every school has access to a psychological service

SENOs liaise with each of these services

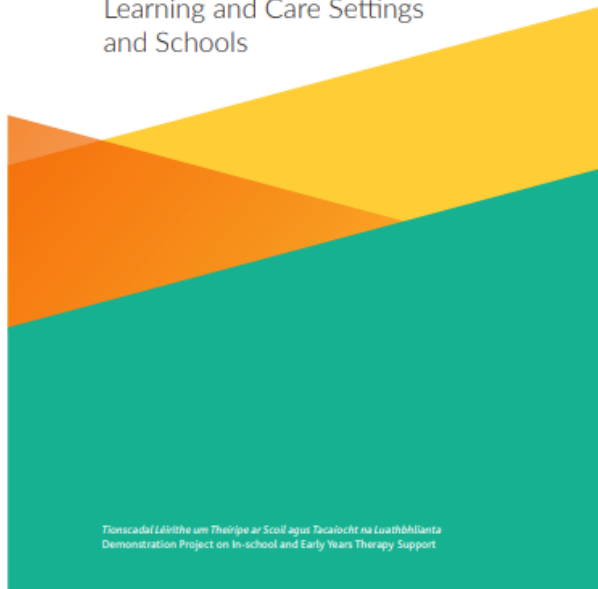
NCSE resources to support transition to Primary School



Rialtas na hÉireann
Government of Ireland

Preparing Young Children for Primary School

A Resource for Parents, Early
Learning and Care Settings
and Schools



Tionscadal Léirithe um Theip ar Scoil agus Tacaíocht na Luathbhlánda
Demonstration Project on In-school and Early Years Therapy Support

To Summarise

- Apply in Writing
- Contact your SENO
- Share Information



Questions and Evaluations

It's time to Answer Questions.



Please take some time to complete
this evaluation.