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Equality Act Reasonable Adjustments School Pack

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Plain-English information and a request template about reasonable adjustments in school under the Equality Act 2010, with clear signposting. This is general information, not legal advice.

Who this is for

Parents and carers in England who want a careful overview before making a request, or who have been told that an adjustment "cannot be done" and want to organise their questions.

What is inside

- A plain-English overview
- A request and evidence sheet
- Signposts to advice

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A careful overview, not a legal opinion

The Equality Act 2010 includes a duty to make reasonable adjustments for disabled pupils and others, so they are not substantially disadvantaged. This duty can apply whether or not the child has an EHCP. This pack is general information, not legal advice, and it does not decide whether a particular adjustment must be made.

Whether a child is disabled for the Act, and whether a particular adjustment is reasonable, depends on the facts. Schools also have planning duties and other obligations. Do not rely on this pack as a complete statement of the law. IPSEA, SENDIASS, and the Equality and Human Rights Commission publish guidance you can check, and a solicitor or specialist adviser may be needed in some cases.

Organising a request

The disadvantage or barrier, with examples

The adjustment I am asking the school to consider

How this links to the child's disability or long-term needs, as I understand it (optional, and only if I am comfortable sharin

What the school has said so far, and my questions

Advice I will seek, if I need it

Useful next steps and sources

Use what helped in this pack and leave the rest. You can come back to it when you need to. Live tools on mysendfriend.co.uk remain free, including Help Me Now, the SEND Letter Builder, the Reasonable Adjustments Builder, the DLA and PIP Claim Planners, and the free resources hub. Saving work to My SEND Plan is optional.

Where to check official or independent information

Guidance and benefit rules can change. Check the current official position, and get individual advice when you need it.

- GOV.UK: Children with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND)
- The SEND Code of Practice 2015 (England)
- The school's SEN information report and complaints policy
- Your local SENDIASS service
- IPSEA, for legally based information in England

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