

UNDERSTANDING THE PROCESS OF ASSESSMENT

CONCERNS IDENTIFIED

- Parents and/or teachers may have concerns leading to a recommendation for a diagnostic assessment
- Concerns may be related to a number of areas and impact upon learning and development
- Concerns may persist following appropriate additional support, leading to concerns over the possibility of long-term difficulty, requiring specialist assessment

REFERRAL FOR ASSESSMENT

- Where concerns persist following additional support, it might be appropriate to seek specialist advice and assessment
- Contact is made with the specialist assessor
- A date for the specialist diagnostic assessment is set

GATHERING INFORMATION

- Once initial contact has been made, questionnaires will be issued to parents and (where appropriate) school SENCO
- Questionnaires include: Parent concerns checklist, Teacher Concerns Checklist, parent developmental questionnaire

THE ASSESSMENT

- The assessment lasts between 2.5 and 3 hours
- Can take place in the Child's school, home, the Centre in Somerset or Central London
- Immediate feedback is provided to parents

THE DIAGNOSTIC REPORT

- Within 10 working days an electronic copy of the report is emailed to parents and a hard copy is posted, along with the invoice
- Where necessary, contact is made with the School SENCO over access arrangements and the completion of Form 8 Section C
- A follow-up telephone call to discuss the findings is offered