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Independent Parental Supporter
part of Parent Partnership

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Duties and responsibilities of an Independent Parental Supporter

To act as an adviser and supporter to parents of children with special educational needs.

An Independent Parental Supporter (IPS) may:

- ① Help you express and record your views
- ① Talk through procedures, choices and the implications of choices
- ① Help you as partners to be fully involved in the assessment and statementing process
- ① Help with paperwork!

An Independent Parental Supporter is not:

- ① An advocate
- ① A legal advisor
- ① A negotiator
- ① Here to win
- ① A family counsellor



- ② Can visit you at home to discuss your concerns
- ② Provide you with information on your rights and responsibilities as parents, on the law and local procedures and policies
- ② Help you consider Proposed Statements
- ② Help you in negotiations with the Local Authority
- ② Attend Annual Reviews or other meetings with school staff

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