

Finding Private Tutors for SEN Children

*In this how to
guide you'll find
out about...*

- *National Tutor Services*
- *Finding a tutor independently*
- *What can I do to help my child?*

Looking for Private Help at Home?

Help is available, but it varies depending on your child's diagnosis and need. You may be able to get help for free, or part or fully fund it yourself. You might also be able to use your Local Authority's Short Beaks provision to pay for educational activities outside of your home.

There are some charities specializing in supporting SEN education that can help. For example, Able Kidz <http://www.ablekidz.com> provides specialist equipment, computers and software to the children or schools and also by funding any extra tuition needs of a child.



Some ideas of where you might start...

Top Tips...

- *Make sure you check tutors out thoroughly. Make sure they have an up-to-date CRB/DBS Certificate*
- *Ask for references AND check them out!*
- *Ask for a trial lesson that you sit in to see what you think before committing yourselves.*

Dyslexia Action <http://dyslexiaaction.org.uk> - They provide tuition sessions with a specialist teacher either privately or in small groups.

National Tutor Services - Most of the big ones have specialist teachers able to support a wide range of learning difficulties. All the following companies have SEN departments or teachers on their books...

- **First Tutors**
- **Fleet Tutors**
- **UK Tutors**
- **Home Tutors Directory**
- **Alpha Tutors**

Also try...

Kumon - Apart from the group Kumon sessions, they also have a specialist that works remotely via the web/post and Skype, in effect private tuition - this may offer more flexibility for your child.

Finding a tutor independently

Local special needs schools or your child's mainstream school are great places to find a private tutor within the staff body. Special Schools tend to specialize, so find one that would support your child's needs. Alternatively, have you thought of approaching your child's teacher or TA for after school private tuition? If they have a good relationship already it might be a great option. Your child's teacher might also be able to suggest an alternative member of staff as being interested in helping.

What can I do to help my child?

There are lots of resources for you or another family member or friend to help your child too. For a full list check out Sky Badger's school zone.

For example:

SEN Teacher

<http://www.senteacher.org> provides cost-free teaching & learning resources for students with special needs and learning disabilities.

The National Dyscalculia Centre

<http://www.dyscalculia.me.uk> publishes a range of books and materials for teachers and parents of dyscalculic children that will enable you to work with your child at home.

The SEN/ICT Directory

<http://www.senict.com> is a directory for Special Educational Needs and Information Communication Technology Resources. Provide a central location for all your favorite resources, as well as introduce you to new ones you might not have found otherwise for your child or individual with learning or physical difficulties.

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