

## **What is a Determination of Need?**

The needs of the majority of pupils who have special educational needs should be met effectively under School Action or School Action Plus, without the statutory involvement of the Education Department. In a minority of cases – approximately 2% of pupils – a Formal Assessment of a pupil's special educational needs under the Education (Amendment) (Guernsey) Law, 1987 will be made. Pupils who require a high level of special needs support on a long term basis would then be given a determination outlining the needs of the pupil and any recommendations regarding placement outside the mainstream environment.

Following the Formal Assessment process, and if a Determination is agreed, the Department shall send a copy of the Draft Determination to the parents and carers, Educational Psychology Service, school, any other Education Support Services involved and the Health and Social Services Department.

### **A Determination will consist of 5 sections;**

- **Section 1** – personal details of the child or young person and the parents and carers;
- **Section 2** – description of the child or young person's special educational needs (based on the Summary of Needs agreed at the Multi-agency Meeting);
- **Section 3** – description of the educational approach that will enable those needs to be met e.g. particular learning or teaching strategies, any specialist learning support or therapy required and any particular equipment that may be required (based on the Summary of Needs agreed at the Multi-agency Meeting);
- **Section 4** – Recommendation for Placement;
- **Section 5** – Assessment Profile, including the recorded views of the parents and carers and of the child or young person (where appropriate) as well as medical, psychological and educational views.