

## **Pupils with Special Educational Needs**

The Dept. of Education and Skills (DES) **may** provide extra staffing resources for pupils who have special educational needs (SEN). Entitlement to such resources is not automatic even where a child has already been diagnosed as having special needs. The application process for sanction of resources to address the special care and/or educational needs of SEN children is long and arduous. It is essential therefore, for your child's sake that you inform us of his/her special needs when you are accepting an offer of a school place, so that together, we can initiate contact with the SENO (Special Education Needs Officer) in order to seek extra resources on your child's behalf.

If your child has not actually been diagnosed as having special educational needs but you have cause for concern regarding any aspect of his/her development, **it is in the best interest of the child that you inform the school when you are accepting an offer of a place.**

*(Enquiries regarding special needs should be addressed to Mary Power, Deputy Principal / Special Needs Co-ordinator)*