

Shine A Light Award Criteria

Category	SEN School/Group of the Year Award
Eligibility	This award is open to all Special Needs Schools or support groups in the UK who provide the best practice for children and young people with SLCN.
Guidance	<p>Winning settings will be those who use their chosen application method to provide the judges with quantitative and qualitative examples, and or case studies to clearly demonstrate:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A range of innovative and engaging approaches to supporting children with SLCN. • How they have used the EHCP and school policy to drive awareness of SLCN across the school, within the home or community. • Statistical and anecdotal evidence to support the difference their school/setting is making to children and young people's lives. • Evidence of involving parents/guardians in the development of children and young people's communication. • How working in partnership with other professionals or agencies has better supported children's communication development. • Evidence of investment in staff training and development to deliver excellent practice. • Evidence of the innovative approaches that were take?
Application questions	<p>All applications for the SEN School/Group of the Year Award must address the following questions:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. How is children's language and communication prioritised within your school/group? Which strategies are in place to identify and support students with SLCN? (max 250 words) 2. How is professional expertise established and maintained within your setting? (max 250 words) 3. Who else do you work with to support speech, language and communication development and how does this enhance pupils' experience? (max 250 words) 4. What impact does your work have on outcomes for children and young people with SLCN? (max 250 words)