

Getting to Know the Scottish Education System

Wellbeing

Getting It Right For Every Child (GIRFEC) is a system used by schools across Scotland to support the wellbeing of all children and young people.

Schools use the GIRFEC approach to support children individually with their current needs.

Schools work with families to support children and will seek additional help from outside of school, if needed.

There are 8 indicators that schools use to assess children's health and wellbeing. You may hear them being referred to as SHANARRI:

Additional Support Needs

Children are supported individually based on their current need.

Additional support needs can be wide ranging and include moving frequently, having a learning difficulty, being particularly talented or having emotional difficulties.

Formal diagnosis of an additional support need is not required to get help.

Helpful Advice:

It is important to tell your school that you are from an Armed Forces family so they can best support your child.

If you think your child is unhappy, or needs any extra help, talk to their school to see how they can support them.

What about Service Pupil Premium (SPP)?

SPP is used in England only. Using GIRFEC, and an assessment of an individual child's needs, Scottish schools put in place support when it is needed.



Want to know more?

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Speak to your child's school about any questions you have.

