

Contacts:

Referral queries to:

The **SUPPORTED RETURN to SCHOOL (SRS)** scheme is here to help you overcome your difficulties and successfully get back to school.

The Educational Welfare Service

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(all areas):

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We aim to help pupils return to school within one term and to be able to cope on their own. In exceptional cases, where this goal is not achieved, we may be able to recommend other avenues of help.

**SUPPORTED  
RETURN TO SCHOOL**

**SRS**

A Devon scheme to support pupils who are finding it difficult to return to school



**Have you had several weeks off school recently?**

Had a difficult operation?

Had an illness that keeps coming back?

Started to worry about missed work?

Started to worry about friends not keeping in touch?

**Are you having difficulties facing that first day back at school?**

The thought of going back to school makes you worry?

Feel unwell at the thought of returning?

Get a lot of headaches?

Lose sleep worrying about school?

**Do you feel unhappy at school?**

Feel picked on?

Worry about work?

Worry about the journey to and from school?

**HOW DOES THE SCHEME WORK?**

1. Schools or families need to contact their local Education Welfare Officer (EWO) who will consider a referral to the SRS team.
2. The SRS team members in each area may visit families at home and will set up a meeting in school with key staff and family.
3. At this meeting the pupil is allocated a tutor who will support his/her gradual return to school. The tutor will provide up to 10 hours' tuition and support per week for a limited period of time (12 weeks maximum).
4. As soon as possible after the meeting the pupil's staged return to school starts.
5. The tutor meets weekly with the local SRS team to discuss progress.
6. The tutor can work individually with the pupil or provide support in class. He/she will also be ready to listen to any concerns the pupil may have and help to resolve problems.
7. Families will be expected to provide transport to and from school. The tutor always meets the pupil at school and all lessons take place in the school building.
8. Progress will be reviewed after 6 weeks at a meeting in school attended by the family, the SRS team and schools staff.
9. If the pupil is making sound progress support may be continued for up to a further 6 weeks.
10. Many pupils on SRS will now be successfully back in school.