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# REQUEST FOR ADVICE ON COMMUNICATION DIFFICULTIES AND ASSISTIVE TECHNOLOGY

A request has been made to CENMAC to carry out an assessment on the following pupil. **This is a general form – please fill in as many details as possible.**  It will help us with our assessment.

The pupil’s parent(s)/carer(s) must be informed of this referral and that an assessment may take place; all involved professionals should be made aware of this referral.

When returning this form please include the following:

* A copy of the pupil’s Individual Education Programme (IEP)
* A copy of the Occupational Therapist’s and/or Speech & Language Therapist’s report if available
* A copy of any Hearing or Visual impairment reports if appropriate
* An example of how the pupil currently records text (handwriting/drawing) indicating whether from copy or free writing and approximate time taken

**Please note** This form should be completed as fully as possible as it forms part of the request to the LA for funding for the assessment.

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| Pupil’s Name | Gender | **DOB** | **Year (N-13)** |
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| Home Address |  |
| Postcode |  | Tel No |  |
| Parent/Carer |  |
| Home Borough |  | Does the pupil have a Statement/EHCP?  |
| Registered Disabled? If yes please give registration no: |
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| **School** |  |
| Address inc Postcode |  |
| LA |  | e-mail |  |
| Tel No |  | Fax No |  |
| Contact/SENCO |  |

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| **Health and Safety** |  |  |
| Are there are any Health and Safety issues that we should be aware of? *For example are you aware of any infectious diseases that may be harmful to a pregnant woman?* |
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| Other agencies involved? |
| Agency |  |
| Contact Name |  | Email/Tel No |  |
| Agency |  |  |  |
| Contact Name |  | Email/Tel No |  |
| Agency |  |
| Contact Name |  | Email/Tel No |  |
| Copies of any reports which state that this pupil has handwriting difficulties due to a **physical disability** should be included with this application |
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| Has the pupil a **Statement** of SEN / **EHCP**?  |
| Has the pupil been, or will the pupil be, assessed for writing aids/access devices at any other centre.If so, where and when? |
| Give details of the pupil’s physical or neurological impairment and how it affects their school day with particular regard to written communication |
| Does the pupil use a wheelchair to move around school? |
| What support is already in place to follow up the recommendations following this assessment? |
| Written Communication |
| If the pupil needs to use a computer/keyboard for writing, do they have any problems with access? Please describe how they access the keyboard e.g. one or more fingers |
| If the pupil needs to use a switch tell us what access the pupil has already tried |
| What software is the pupil using? |
| What software has already been tried? |
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| Alternative Access |
| Describe how the pupil currently indicates his/her needs? (Tick whichever applies)Through speech: Through signing: Through a communication board/book: Picture:  Symbol: Word:Give a short description Inappropriate question |
| Does the pupil use a speech aid? (If so please name this) |
| Who co-ordinates his/her present communication systems? |
| How does the pupil indicate: ‘Yes’  ‘No’  |
| Other Information |
| What are the pupil’s latest achievement levels – National Curriculum or P levels? *Please add any other statistics that may be relevant.*Please include any evidence of work done so far that would support this referral |
| Which computers, peripherals, switch and other low-tech aids are being used in the school already? |
| What would you and any other professionals and the parents like to see come out of this assessment? |
| Any other information you feel is relevant |
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| **Headteacher’s Name** |  |
| Signature |  |
| Date |  |
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| **When you have completed this form please return it, with supporting evidence, to:** |
| Support Services CENMACCharlton Park AcademyCharlton Park RoadLondonSE7 8JB | **You can contact CENMAC on:**Tel: 020 8854 1019Fax: 020 8854 1143e-mail: mail@cenmac.com |

**This application form is by no means conclusive.** It is designed to give us a general picture of the pupil you have referred to CENMAC.