

'Disability'

The word disability means different things to different people.

Some people and organisations try to avoid using the word 'disability', preferring instead phrases such as 'special needs', 'additional needs' or 'children of differing ability'.

In this booklet we use the word disability.

We understand and respect that some people prefer not to use the word disability to describe their child.

Disability doesn't have to be a negative word.

It is important to acknowledge and understand the difficulties and limitations that disability can place on your child and family.

It is also important to focus on your child's strengths and abilities.

We might use different words to describe our situation, but what brings us together is a shared belief in our strengths as parents, as we strive for what is best for our children and families.