

Governors Forum

Education update

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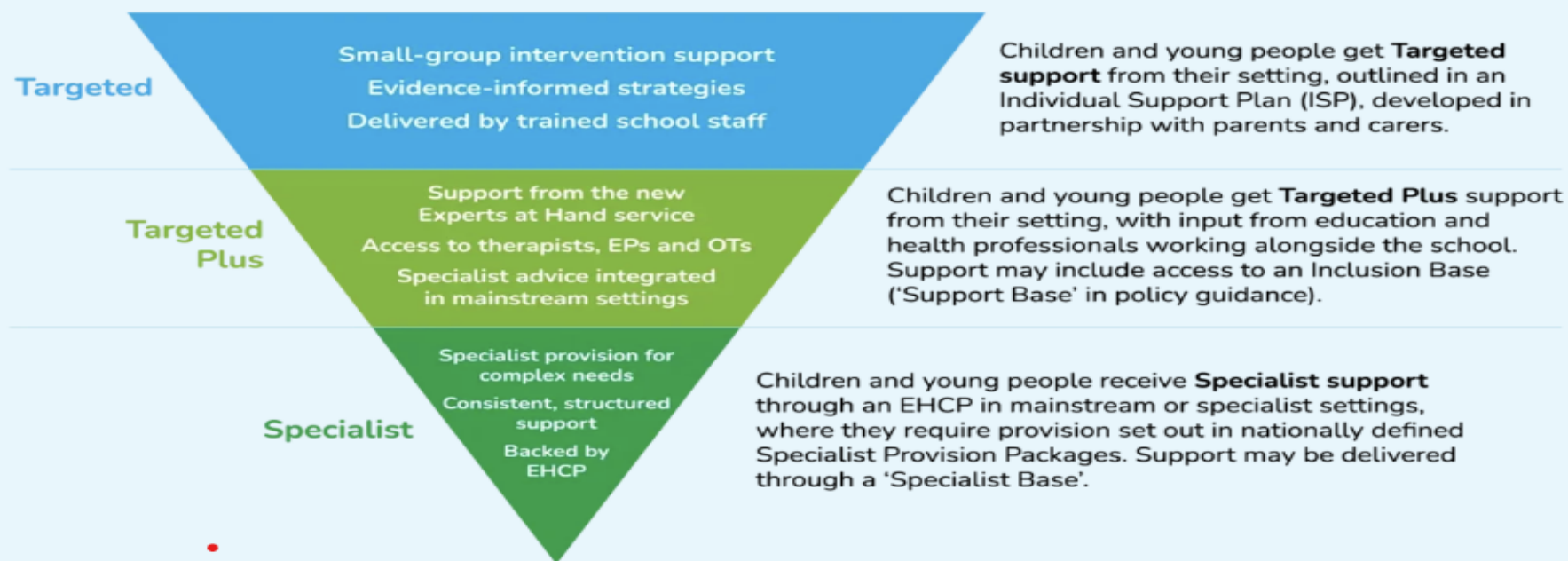
DfE White Paper



- Every Child Achieving and Thriving themes:
 - ✓ Narrow to broad
 - ✓ Sidelined to included
 - ✓ Withdrawn to engaging
- Deliver change through:
 - ✓ staffing
 - ✓ collaboration
 - ✓ System-led improvement

SEND Reform

There are three layers of support above the Universal offer – Targeted, Targeted Plus and Specialist



Outcomes in Southwark

	2026		
	S	L	N
EYFS GLD	74%	?	72%
Y1 Phonics	80%	?	82%
KS2 RWM comb	70%	70%	63%
GCSEs E 9-5	56.4%	49.2%	44.1%
GCSEs M 9-5	52.0%	46.0%	41.0%
A-levels A* - E	98.4%	97.3%	97.5%
A-levels A* - C	88.0%	80.4%	78.1%
A-level A* - A	43.8%	32.6%	28.3%

OFSTED update

Overall Judgements	SWK	Nat
Urgent Improvement	0%	1%
Needs Attention	11%	14%
Expected	32%	56%
Strong	46%	27%
Exceptional	12%	1%



Southwark Schools Priorities



- Joint political administration
- Maintain strong quality of education across Southwark
- Close the disadvantage gap
- Support increase in SEND pupils
- Healthy school budget balances
- Southwark Schools' Partnership