

## Supporting preterm born children in school

Preterm birth, before 37 weeks of gestation, can affect lifelong development and learning. Children born preterm are more likely to have additional support needs than children who were born at full term.

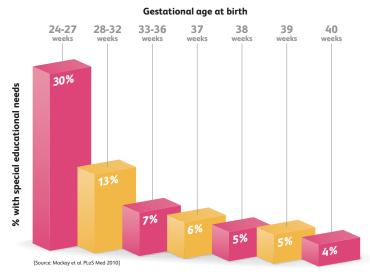
Two to three children in an average sized primary school class are likely to have been born preterm.

Children born preterm are at higher risk for cognitive, social-emotional and learning difficulties than children who were born at term.



Slow processing speed **Poor fine** Poor working motor memory skills Social & **Difficulty** emotional with problems maths attention

Compared with children born at term, preterm born children are more likely to have special educational needs and lower academic attainment.



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