



We will encourage and help one another

Our local offer for children with SEND

How we identify individual special educational learning needs

- ❖ When pupils have an identified special educational need or disability before they join our school, we work very closely with their parents/carers and staff who already know them. We use the information already available to identify possible barriers to learning to help us to plan appropriate support strategies.
- ❖ If you think your child has a special educational need you can:
 - contact your child's class teacher-we have an open door policy.
 - raise concerns at parent's consultations.
 - ask to speak to Miss Humpage the school's SENCo.
- ❖ If teachers feel that your child has a special educational need this may be because they are not making the same progress as their peers. If school become concerned about your child you will be contacted by their class teacher.

How we involve pupils and their parents/carers in identifying special educational needs and planning to meet them.

- ❖ We will meet with you and discuss your child's needs and the next steps.
- ❖ We may carry out some assessments or observations to find out any barriers to learning. Often these assessments will be carried out by the school, sometimes we seek advice from more specialised services such as Educational Psychology, SEN Advisory Teachers, Speech Therapy - we always share our findings with you and the next steps we need to take.
- ❖ Your child may have some targets to meet and these will form part of an individual education plan.
- ❖ You will have the opportunity to review your child's targets and share new ones each term. Consultation evenings provide regular opportunities to discuss concerns and progress with your child's class teacher

How we use other adults in school to support pupils with special educational needs or disabilities

- ❖ Our SENCO leads an experienced Inclusion Team who are trained to support pupils with a wide range of educational, social and emotional needs.
- ❖ Our staff are able to undertake small group work or one-to-one support as appropriate to meet the needs of pupils with special educational needs or disabilities.
- ❖ Our Family Support Team has an excellent knowledge of how to support our children and their families.
- ❖ Staff analyse pupil performance data termly to ensure every child is making the best possible progress.
- ❖ We have a Speech and Language therapist, two Advisory Teachers, a behaviour support consultant and an Educational Psychologist who visit our school throughout the year to observe and assess pupils, and offer advice and support to both home and school.

How we use specialist resources to support pupils with special educational needs or disabilities

We have an intervention room that houses a range of resources for all four areas of need including:

- ❖ sensory equipment.
- ❖ dyslexia friendly resources.
- ❖ interventions to support pupils with speech, language and communication needs.

How we modify teaching approaches for individual pupils

- ❖ We are an inclusive school. Wherever possible children are taught alongside their peers
- ❖ All our staff are aware of a variety of teaching strategies and approaches. Teachers are able to adapt their teaching in order to cater for their pupils' needs including those with SEN: - specific learning difficulties (including dyslexia); Autistic Spectrum Disorder; speech, language and communication needs; and behavioural, social and emotional difficulties.
- ❖ We use workstations and visual timelines or object timelines to help children understand which activity or part of the day is coming next.
- ❖ We use Makaton and key rings containing Makaton signs on small cards to aid children with

communication difficulties.

- ❖ We provide 1-1 support for pupils with targets from speech and language and run the WellComm programme.
- ❖ When appropriate, staff are deployed to give children additional support in small groups outside the classroom, or to provide one-to-one support. We run a number of intervention groups for children throughout the school. These cover areas such as, phonics, maths, reading and communication.

How we assess pupil progress towards the outcomes we have targeted for pupils. How we review this progress so that pupils stay on track to make at least good progress. (including how we involve pupils and their parents/carers)

- ❖ In EYFS we track progress using the Foundation Stage Profile.
- ❖ Throughout the school we use P scales where appropriate to assess progress that is in smaller steps than the usual national curriculum levels.
- ❖ We gather views of parents and carers at our termly when IEPs are reviewed and at other meetings as appropriate.
- ❖ Phase leaders and class teachers look at termly progress. Each teacher plans targeted interventions for all children whose progress is causing concern, and writes an individual education plan for children whose needs fall outside normal classroom differentiation

What extra support we bring in to help us meet the needs of SENd pupils.

- ❖ We seek support from specialist teachers and support staff for advice about accessing the curriculum and SENd related needs such as speech, language and communication; hearing impairment; visual impairment; behaviour related needs; severe learning difficulties and autism.
- ❖ Our local authority provides an Early Year's Advisory Teacher who supports children with SENd when they make the transition to our nursery from pre-school settings.
- ❖ We fund an Education Welfare Officer who works closely with staff, pupils and families in raising attendance and punctuality.
- ❖ We fund termly support from speech and language therapy (SALT). We refer pupils for assessment if we believe they need a period of therapy.
- ❖ We liaise termly with the school nurse.

- ❖ We get support from occupational therapy for pupils who need assessment for issues such as special seating or advice about exercise programmes.

What other activities are available for pupils with SEN in addition to the curriculum?

- ❖ We have a breakfast club with trained staff capable of looking after pupils with both special educational needs and disabilities.
- ❖ We have educational visits throughout the school year. Pupils with special educational needs and disabilities are always included in these and we provide staff to support their full involvement if needed.
- ❖ Year 6 take part in a transition project in their last half term to support them with the move to Y7.

How we support pupils in their transition into our school and when they leave us

- ❖ Children who join our school in nursery are welcomed into our school community with a personal home visit by their Nursery teachers during the first two weeks in September. This follows a meeting in school during the summer term and a parent and child 'stay & play' sessions in the second half of the summer term in preparation for their September start.
- ❖ Our local authority provides an early year's advisory teacher who supports children with SEN when they make the transition to our nursery from pre-school settings.
- ❖ Transition to Reception, and then into each successive year group, is supported by meetings, information leaflets and taster sessions in each new class.
- ❖ Parents and children who are joining our school mid-term are encouraged to visit the school before they start.
- ❖ When we are aware that pupils joining us from other settings have identified special educational needs, we arrange a visit to observe them in their familiar environment. We write individual transition plans in collaboration with staff from the previous school and the key professionals who are already familiar with the needs of the child.
- ❖ Y6 SENd pupils take part in additional transition work during the second half of the summer term.

How additional funding works

- ❖ Schools receive funding for all pupils with special educational needs and we are able to provide what pupils need from this (including equipment). The local authority will top-up funding for pupils with a high level of need.
- ❖ If a pupil's education, health and care plan identifies something that is significantly different to what is usually available, there will be additional funding allocated. Parents will have a say in how this is used. You will be told if this means you are eligible for a personal budget. This must be used to fund any agreed plan formulated by professional advisors, parents and school.

Where pupils can get extra support

- ❖ We listen to what children tell us about how they like to learn. Their views and feelings are important to us and have an impact on our practice.
- ❖ Our children are made aware of the support that surrounds them in school. They know who to talk to if that are worried or have any concerns they want to share.

Where parents/carers can get extra support

- ❖ Our inclusive philosophy aims to support parents of children with special educational needs or disabilities so that their child's journey through our school is smooth, successful and anxiety free. Our practice is enhanced by your views.
- ❖ The Walsall Parent Partnership Service can offer advice and support to parents of pupils with special educational needs or disabilities. Their telephone number is 01922 650330.
- ❖ The SENCo and Family Support Advisors can put parents in touch with a wide range of support groups as appropriate to the specific needs of your child.

What parents/carers can do if they are not satisfied with a decision or what is happening.

- ❖ Our school operates an open door policy. Your first point of contact is your child's class teacher, who is generally available at the end of every school day. In addition, our Parent Support Advisor or our SENCo are here to listen to your concerns. If you are not satisfied that your concern has been addressed then you may speak to the head teacher at any time. If she cannot solve your issues, then you may speak to any of our school governors. We have a governor responsible for SEND who may be contacted through the school office.

If your concern is with the local authority.

- ❖ The local authority has a multi-agency panel who consider unresolved issues. You are entitled to appeal against any decision made about your child that you are not in agreement with. They will offer you an independent mediator if you are still not satisfied. The mediator will try to help you to agree a resolution with the local authority that you are happy with. Telephone 01922 686200. Alternatively, the Parent Partnership Service (01922 650330) provide independent information and advice.