

Weston St Mary Church of England Primary School

SEND Information Report

Supporting Children with Special Educational Needs

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The SEN and Disability Information Report describes what help, support and services are available for children and young people with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) and their families in our school. The policy will be reviewed annually by the Governing Body.

Here at Weston St Mary the first priority for all children is good teaching and learning. Our ethos sets high aspirations for achievement as well as providing high quality pastoral support. Therefore, most of our pupil's educational needs can be met within the classroom environment. Simple adaptations to provision are based on careful analysis of personal needs and close monitoring of each individual's progress. Some pupils may also require the added support of the additional needs department or support from outside agencies led by Mrs Flack.

What should I do if I think my child has special educational needs?

If you think that your child may have special educational needs, please speak to the class teacher in the first instance who will discuss your concerns with the school SENDCo.

How will the school respond to my concern?

The class teacher will raise a record of concern and share this with the SENDCo. A meeting will then be arranged by the SENDCo with yourself, the class teacher and the SENDCO to identify the route forward.

How will the school decide if my child needs extra support?

Following the meeting, the SENDCo will conduct initial assessments to inform the nature and level of support required by the child.

What will the school do to support my child?

During the meeting the level of support required will be discussed. This may be any or all of the following:

- Wave 1 – a child will be given precise teaching and targeted differentiation within the whole class setting.
- Wave 2 – a child will be given targeted small group intervention for a set period of time.
- Wave 3 – a child will be given targeted 1:1 support in a specific area of need for a set period of time.

In some cases, additional and more specialist support will be sought through a referral to an outside agency.

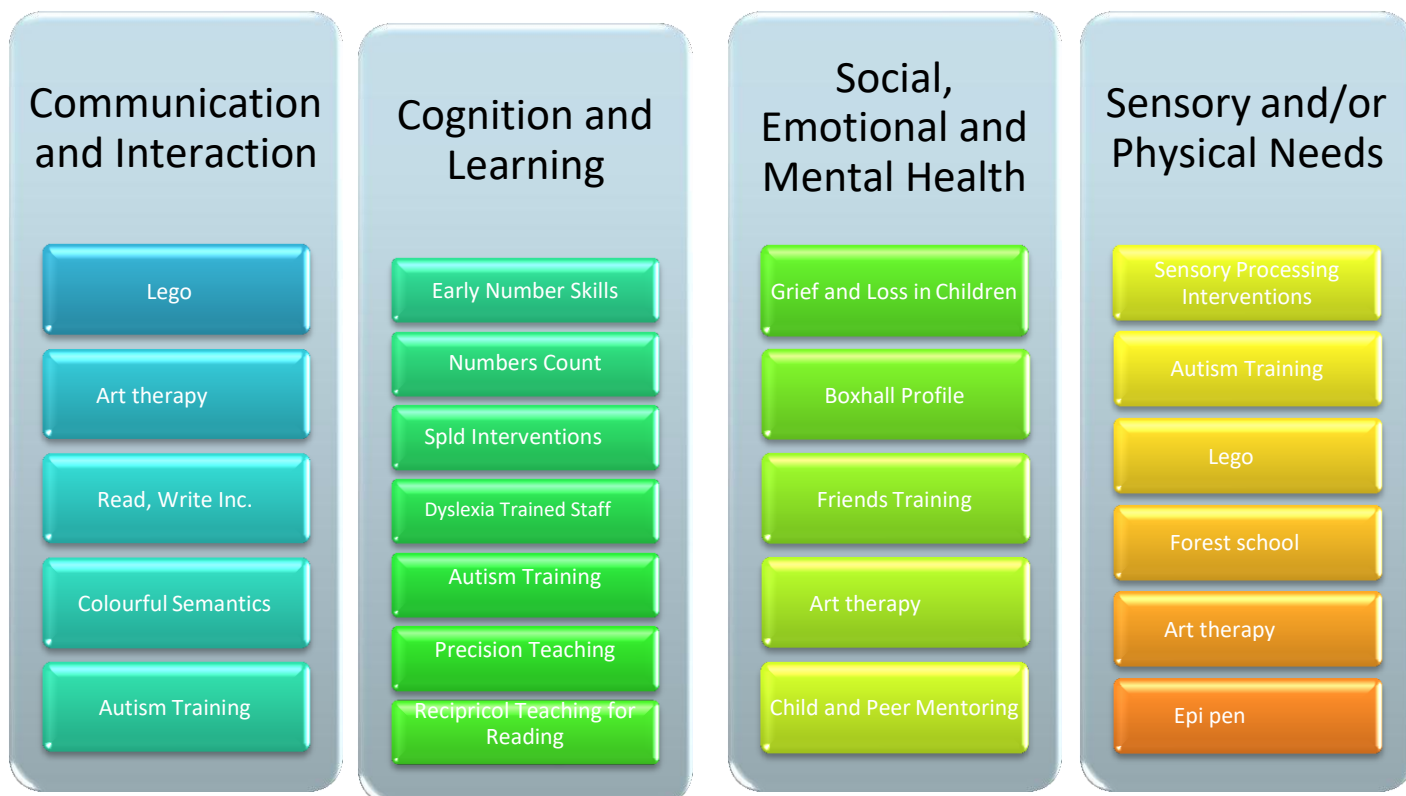
If short term intervention does not address the issues raised and greater needs are identified, the child, with consent of the parent/carer, will be placed on the Special Educational Needs & Disabilities Register (SEND). All children on the SEND register will have a Personal Profile which details the support a child will receive.

Who will support my child in school?



What training and experience do staff have for the additional support my child needs?

Our SENDCO has a vast amount of experience supporting SEN. In addition, the school employs staff who have the following expertise to support the four broad areas of need.



Who else may be involved in supporting my child?

Educational Psychologist Service
Educational Welfare Officer
The Specialist Educational Support Service
The Community Paediatrician
Occupational Therapy Service
School Nurse Team
Speech and Language Therapy Service
Physiotherapy Service
Information Technology SEN Support Service
Travellers Education Service
Children's Services
Targeted Youth Support Workers
Family Action
Family Support Workers
HomeStart
Young Carers
Social Workers
Emotional and Behavioural Support Service
Behaviour Consultant
Sensory Impairment Service
Autism Outreach
Children and Adolescent Mental Health Service
Youth Offending Service
Play Therapist

What support will there be for my child's emotional and social wellbeing?

The school delivers the PSHE curriculum to all children. This covers the areas of:

- Relationships
- Health and Wellbeing
- Living in the wider world – Economic wellbeing and being a responsible citizen

Children who require more specific support in this area can access a range of the following:

Play Therapy Groups in School
Behaviour Plan
1:1 pastoral support
Peer Mentoring
Trained medical staff and dedicated first aid facilities
Art therapy
Outside agencies from the list above

The school adheres to the following detailed policies: Anti Bullying, Behaviour, Safeguarding, Attendance and Supporting Pupils at School with Medical Conditions.

How will my child be involved in the process and be able to contribute their views?

Every stage of the SEND process allows for a child's voice to be heard and their views formally recorded. If appropriate, we encourage children to attend meetings so their views can be heard first hand by all. For some children, who are less able to share their views verbally, we will use alternative strategies e.g.: pictures, questionnaires, social stories or ICT.

How will the curriculum be matched to my child's needs?

Adaptations to provision are based on careful analysis of personal need and close monitoring of each individual's progress. We have outstanding teaching across the school and our teachers are skilled at adjusting the curriculum to match a child's needs.

What opportunities will there be for me to discuss my child's attainment and achievement?

How will I know how well my child is progressing?

Opportunities exist daily to speak with the class teacher and phase leader, SENDCo or Senior Leadership Team if appropriate. Children receive praise stickers, certificates and comments to celebrate achievements. In addition, extended formal review meetings take place twice yearly as part of parents' evenings plus a formal review at the end of the year. This provides an opportunity for parents to see how a child is progressing against national standards and against the targets set in their personal profile. A verbal report is shared with parents and carers at parents evenings. Additional meetings may take place throughout the year to review support provided by outside agencies.

How does the school know how well my child is doing?

Ensure precise identification of SEN

Track progress of students with SEN across different subjects

Daily Marking and Feedback

Track and monitor progress throughout the year with formal reporting six times a year

Track progress and attainment against: PIVATS, Early Learning Goals, Age Related Expectations, Pebbles milestones support. Reading and Spelling ages, Read, Write Inc. phonic checks, Maths standardised assessments.

Identify patterns of achievement across different SEN groups

Share knowledge through external partnerships

Use effective, evidence based interventions

Use rigorous assessment and identification

Evaluate the impact of interventions

Frequent, honest, open communication with parents and pupils

How can I be involved in supporting my child?

Various routine practices are in place to provide parents/carers opportunities to support a child's needs at home or in school. These include: regular and planned homework, reading to and with a child and regular dialogue through a child's home school diary or reading log.

The personal profile will detail ways parents/carers can provide more specific support for their child.

How will my child be included in activities outside the classroom, including school trips?

As an inclusive primary school, we support all children in accessing activities outside of the classroom, including school trips. This may involve tailored strategies, for example: use of additional adults, use of specialised equipment, parental support, additional training and additional funding.

How accessible is the school environment?

As an inclusive primary school, we seek to ensure that all learning areas and resources of the school are accessible to children and adults.

How accessible is the curriculum?

As an inclusive primary school, we will ensure that there is clear communication with parents who find written English difficult to understand. This may be through the use of an interpreter, translated written documents or verbal/face to face discussions. The school will provide specialist resources for children to be able to access the curriculum fully, for example: pencil grips, coloured overlays, iPads, specific software etc.

How will the school prepare and support my child to join the school?

When a child joins the school in Reception the following procedures are in place:

- Staff will visit the child at preschool.
- Open days for parents to visit the school alone or with their child
- Three transition visits for the child prior to starting school
- For any child whose needs have already been identified, there will be additional meetings involving engaged agencies

When a child joins the school at any other point the following procedures are in place:

- Parents and child are encouraged to visit the school during the working day
- Staff will liaise with previous school staff and paperwork will be shared

- Upon arrival the child will have all resources prepared and ready for them.

How will the school prepare and support my child to transfer to a new school?

When a child leaves the school to attend another primary school setting, the following procedures are in place:

- Full hand over of child’s records and work
- Discussions to ensure clear understanding of child’s needs.

When a child goes to secondary school, the following procedures are in place:

- Formal discussion with the Year 7 head of year and SENDCO
- Additional supported visits for children with additional needs
- Transition visits for all children
- Full hand over of child’s records

How can I access support for myself and my family

Within school we provide a key family support worker who is always happy to meet with parents. The family support worker can provide access to a range of local and national support agencies. In some circumstances we will complete an Early Help Assessment to identify what is going well and what support is needed. Further support can be obtained via www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/SENDlocaloffer

If more than one agency is required to support a family a ‘team around the child meeting’ will support this process (TAC). SEND governor is Mrs Rachael Walker. Contact can be made through school reception.

