

Information Report for Children with SEN

Hexham First School



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The kinds of SEN that are provided for:

Our school currently provides additional and/or different provision for a range of needs, including:

- Communication and interaction, for example, autistic spectrum disorder, Asperger's Syndrome, speech and language difficulties
- Cognition and learning, for example, dyslexia, dyspraxia,
- Social, emotional and mental health difficulties, for example, attention deficit hyperactivity disorder (ADHD),
- Sensory and/or physical needs, for example, visual impairments, hearing impairments, processing difficulties, epilepsy
- Moderate/severe/profound and multiple learning difficulties

Identifying pupils with SEN and assessing their needs.

We will assess each pupil's current skills and levels of attainment on entry, which will build on previous settings and Key Stages, where appropriate. Class teachers will make regular assessments of progress for all pupils and identify those whose progress:

- Is significantly slower than that of their peers starting from the same baseline
- Fails to match or better the child's previous rate of progress
- Fails to close the attainment gap between the child and their peers
- Widens the attainment gap

This may include progress in areas other than attainment, for example, social needs. Slow progress and low attainment will not automatically mean a pupil is recorded as having SEN. When deciding whether special educational provision is required, we will start with the desired outcomes, including the expected progress and attainment, and the views and the wishes of the pupil and their parents. We will use this to determine the support that is needed and whether we can provide it by adapting our core offer, or whether something different or additional is needed.

Consulting and involving pupils and parents.

We will have an early discussion with the pupil and their parents when identifying whether they need special educational provision. These conversations will make sure that:

- Everyone develops a good understanding of the pupil's areas of strength and difficulty
- We take into account the parents' concerns
- Everyone understands the agreed outcomes sought for the child
- Everyone is clear on what the next steps are

Notes of these early discussions will be added to the pupil's record and given to their parents. We will formally notify parents when it is decided that a pupil will receive SEN support.

Assessing and reviewing pupils' progress towards outcomes

We will follow the graduated approach and the four-part cycle of assess, plan, do, review. The class or subject teacher will work with the SENCO to carry out a clear analysis of the pupil's needs. This will draw on:

- The teacher's assessment and experience of the pupil
- Their previous progress and attainment and behaviour
- Other teachers' assessments, where relevant
- The individual's development in comparison to their peers and national data
- The views and experience of parents
- The pupil's own views

- Advice from external support services, if relevant

The assessment will be reviewed on a termly basis. All teachers and support staff who work with the pupil will be made aware of their needs, the outcomes sought, the support provided, and any teaching strategies or approaches that are required. We will regularly review the effectiveness of the support and interventions and their impact on the pupil's progress.

Supporting pupils moving between phases and preparing for adulthood

We will share information with the school, college, or other setting the pupil is moving to. We will agree with parents and pupils which information will be shared as part of this. All pupils have induction sessions at Middle School. We will sometimes arrange for additional visits if we feel it will support a child in the transition process.

Our approach to teaching pupils with SEN

Teachers are responsible and accountable for the progress and development of all the pupils in their class. High quality teaching is our first step in responding to pupils who have SEN. This will be differentiated for individual pupils. We will also provide/access the following interventions:

- Speech and Language Interventions - using plans from a Speech and Language therapist.
- Talk Boost
- 1:1 reading with TAs, Class teacher or Literacy Volunteers
- Lego Therapy
- Sensory Circuits Groups
- 1:1 Work with Early Mental Health Practitioner
- Maths Catch up sessions/Targeted Maths Support such as Pre Teaching
- Nessy - Phonics support for KS2
- RWI small group phonics Support
- 1:1 weekly support with Early Mental Health Practitioner
- Draw and Talking Therapy

Adaptations to the curriculum and learning environment

We make the following adaptations to ensure all pupils' needs are met:

- Differentiating our curriculum to ensure all pupils are able to access it, for example, by grouping, 1:1 work, teaching style, content of the lesson, etc.
- Adapting our resources and staffing
- Using recommended aids, such as ipads, visual timetables, larger font, communication in print etc.
- Differentiating our teaching, for example, giving longer processing times, pre-teaching of key vocabulary, reading instructions aloud, etc.

Additional support for learning

Teaching assistants will support pupils on a 1:1 basis when a child is working through a Speech and language plan, needs constant monitoring of a medical condition, needs personalised support to allow them to access the curriculum at a level appropriate to them or needs someone to help them regulate their behaviour and emotions. Teaching assistants will support pupils in small groups when it is felt that they could benefit from extra input and support/challenge during independent working. We currently work with the following agencies to provide support for pupils with SEN:

- Speech and Language Support
- Educational Psychologists
- Social Services

- Behaviour Support
- ASD team
- Literacy Team
- School Health
- Early Mental Health Practitioners
- CYPs

Expertise and training of staff.

Our SENCO started her role in January 2022 and is attending Hexham Partnership SENCo meetings. She will start her SENCO award at Edgehill University in September 2022. She is allocated one afternoon a week to manage SEN provision. We have a team of 7 teaching assistants, including 2 higher level teaching assistants (HLTAs) who help deliver SEN provision. In the last academic year, staff have had Friends Resilience Training, RWI training and one member of staff is completing Early Years Thrive Training.

Enabling pupils with SEN to engage in activities available to those in the school who do not have SEN.

All of our extra-curricular activities and school visits are available to all our pupils, including our before-and after-school clubs. All pupils are encouraged to go on our residential trip to Robin Wood. All pupils are encouraged to take part in sports day/school plays/special workshops, etc. No pupil is ever excluded from taking part in these activities because of their SEN or disability. Hexham First School is suitable for wheelchair use. Our school's Accessibility Plan is included on the School Website.

Support for improving emotional and social development

We provide support for pupils to improve their emotional and social development in the following ways:

- Pupils with SEN are encouraged to be part of the school council and Eco council
- Pupils with SEN are also encouraged to join clubs and after school activities to promote confidence and strengthen friendships.
- Targeted children attend a transition group for moving from lunchtime play to afternoon learning.
- We have a zero tolerance approach to bullying.
- Consistent use of Zones of Regulation throughout the school

Working with other agencies

If we feel that we are unable to meet a child's needs with Quality First Teaching and in school interventions then we would discuss our concerns with parents/carers. We may request parental permission to refer them to an external agency. Generally the child would then be observed in school and assessment would be made. The representative of the external agency would feedback verbally to the Class teacher and to parents/carers. A written report would also be sent. The Class teacher and SENCO would work together to plan how to implement recommendations from any report. These targets would also be included on a child's Pupil Passport, SEN Support Plan or EHC plan. They would be shared with parents and the child and monitored on a (at least) termly basis.

Complaints about SEN provision

Complaints about SEN provision in our school should be made to the Class Teacher or SENCO in the first instance. They will then be referred to the school's complaints policy. The parents of pupils with disabilities

have the right to make disability discrimination claims to the first-tier SEND tribunal if they believe that our school has discriminated against their children. They can make a claim about alleged discrimination regarding:

- Exclusions
- Provision of education and associated services
- Making reasonable adjustments, including the provision of auxiliary aids and services

Contact details of support services for parents of pupils with SEN If you have any concerns about your child please talk to their class teacher or ask to meet with Miss Barton.

Useful local services are:

No.28 - Number 28 hosts a wide range of initiatives including a community garden, a branch of the Northumberland Credit Union, clubs and activities for all ages in partnership with lots of other organisations. Call in and find out more 28 Derwent Road, Hexham, NE46 1DJ mobile Gavin 07791 383934 or Claire 07772 451639 tel 01434 605553

Sure Start Centre - Offers a wide range of services to meet the needs of families with babies and children, including Learning Together through family play sessions and family learning. Tel: 01434 601698

Parents For Inclusion - a charity for parents of disabled children and those with SEN.

www.parentsforinclusion.org

The local authority local offer

Our local authority's local offer is published here:

<https://www.northumberland.gov.uk/Children/Northumberland-Local-Offer-SEND-0-to-25-years/Your-localoffer.aspx>