



Sandy Lane Primary School SEN Information Report 2023-2024

1. HOW DOES THE SCHOOL KNOW IF CHILDREN NEED EXTRA HELP?

At Sandy Lane Primary School, children are identified as having SEND (Special Educational Needs and Disabilities) through a variety of ways, usually a combination, which may include some of the following:

- Liaison with previous school or pre-school setting
- Child performing below age related expectations
- Concerns raised by a parent
- Concerns raised by a teacher: for example, if behaviour or self esteem is affecting performance
- Liaison with external agencies e.g. for a physical/ sensory issue, speech and language
- Use of tools for standardised assessment
- Children with an EHCP (Education Health and Care Plan) already have many of their needs clearly identified. Their placement at our school is a decision that is made by the Local Education Authority.
- Termly pupil progress meetings are an opportunity to discuss all children. Children who are a concern or attaining below ARE are discussed with the SENCO and further assessments carried out where applicable.

2. HOW DO I RAISE CONCERNS IF I NEED TO?

- Talk to us – contact your child’s class teacher about your concerns initially. Concerns will be discussed with the SENCo. You can also contact the SENCo with concerns, directly (Special Educational Needs Co-ordinator: Miss L Johnson). Appointments can be arranged in person, by phone or by email.

3. HOW WILL THE SCHOOL SUPPORT MY CHILD?

3a WHO WILL OVERSEE, PLAN AND WORK WITH MY CHILD AND HOW OFTEN?

- The class teacher will oversee, plan and work with each child with SEND in their class to ensure that appropriate progress is made in every area.
- Our SENCO oversees the progress of any child identified as having SEND.

- There may be an LSA (Learning Support Assistant) or HLTA (Higher Level Teaching Assistant) working with your child either individually or as part of a group. The content of this support will be explained to parents when support begins, as part of a child's bespoke programme of learning and is reviewed and updated during termly learning conversations.
- If your child is identified as having special educational needs, they will be given an Individual Support Plan to support them in achieving their personal targets.

3b WHO WILL EXPLAIN THIS TO ME?

- The class teacher will meet with you as part of your child's usual parent's evening.
- During this time, you can discuss progress and attainment and the type of provision your child receives.
- The SENCo is available during parents evening.
- During this time you will have the opportunity to be involved in the planning of provision for your child.
- Class teachers are always happy to discuss your child's needs if you have questions or concerns between more formal meetings. Please speak to them directly to arrange a meeting.
- An appointment can be made with the SENCo to discuss support in more detail if required.
- Documents detailing their needs and provision will be shared with you and your child (age appropriate).

3c WHAT ADDITIONAL SUPPORT FOR LEARNING IS AVAILABLE TO PUPILS WITH SPECIAL EDUCATIONAL NEEDS?

- Where possible children are supported in class, alongside their peers.
- Children may take part in small group work, supported by a teacher or LSA, appropriate to their level of learning.
- Concrete maths resources, use of images and resources such as word mats support children in access the curriculum.
- Where children use aids to help them access the curriculum such as hearing aids and coloured overlays, we will assist children to use these where possible.
- Where children receive support from speech and language therapy, we implement recommendations specific to individuals.
- If a child has a growing level of need, teachers and the SENCo will devise an Individual Support Plan to detail to provision they need. They will also consult with SEN specialists from Bradford to ensure provision is appropriate.
- Where children's level of need is greater than this, an EHCP (Education, Health and Care Plan) may be issued. This will state how much additional support an individual will receive.
- Where children require additional equipment or facilities we will endeavour to do this where possible. If this is not possible, due to cost or space, for

example, we will consult with the Local Authority to look at what adjustments need to be taken or what funding is needed.

4 WHAT SUPPORT WILL THERE BE FOR MY CHILD'S OVERALL WELL BEING?

4a WHAT IS THE PASTORAL, MEDICAL AND SOCIAL SUPPORT AVAILABLE IN THE SCHOOL?

- We are an inclusive school that holds a child's emotional and spiritual development as a priority.
- The class teacher has overall responsibility for the pastoral, medical and social care of every child in their class.
- Any additional staff working with vulnerable children requiring support during the school day, will work under the direction of the SENCo, teachers or leadership staff.
- The social and emotional wellbeing of all children and that of their mental health is supported within the curriculum and through our SCARF lessons. Where children need additional support, this will be planned and delivered on a small group or individual level.

4b HOW DOES THE SCHOOL MANAGE THE ADMINISTRATION OF MEDICINES?

- Please see the first aid policy on our website for more information.
- Parents need to contact the school office if prescribed medication is recommended by healthcare professionals and needs to be taken during the school day. Any medication must be given to the school in the packaging that it was dispensed in by the pharmacy, with the child's name and administration information clearly shown. A form must also be completed by the parent and medicines handed into and collected from the school office.
- On a day-to-day basis, the administrative staff generally oversee the administration of any medicines. Another member of staff will witness any administration.
- As a staff, we have regular training and updates on conditions and medication affecting individual children, so that all staff are able to manage medical situations.

4c WHAT SUPPORT IS THERE FOR BEHAVIOUR, AVOIDING EXCLUSION AND INCREASING ATTENDANCE?

- The school has adopted a positive behaviour policy, available on the school website. If a child has significant behaviour difficulties, an Individual Support Plan is written to identify the specific issues, put relevant support in place and set targets with a view to identifying and addressing the underlying reasons behind the behaviour.
- Attendance of every child is monitored on a daily basis by the school Inclusion Manager, Mrs L Walker. Lateness and absence are recorded and reported to the Headteacher who may involve Children's Services if this

becomes a concern. Various incentive schemes are used to promote positive attendance throughout the school.

- The school is also able to support families in making contact with other agencies who can provide appropriate support.
- Teachers have had social, emotional and mental health training, to raise awareness of how to support children in the classroom.

4d HOW WILL MY CHILD BE ABLE TO CONTRIBUTE THEIR VIEWS?

- Children are asked to take part in filling out an 'all about me' page, which details their likes and dislikes.
- If your child has an EHCP, their views will be sought before any review meetings (as is age appropriate).
- Children are routinely asked to reflect on their learning and share how they feel they are progressing during the course of their daily learning.

4e HOW WILL SCHOOL PREVENT MY CHILD FROM BEING TREATED LESS FAVOURABLY THAN OTHER PUPILS?

- Where children are at a substantial disadvantage, the school will make reasonable adjustments to ensure they can be a part of school life. This may involve additional adult support or alternative resources.
- We are a fully inclusive school and aim to involve all children in whole class activities. If a child takes part in an out of class intervention, the reason is to provide targeted support, in order for him or her to participate in whole class activities in the future.

5. HOW ACCESSIBLE IS THE SCHOOL ENVIRONMENT?

- Our school has an accessibility plan. The accessibility plan is available on the school website, under policies.
- All areas of the school are accessible by wheelchair. Ramps are provided near stepped areas and one disabled parking bay is available in the staff car park.
- Accessible toilet facilities are available near the main reception area and in the portacabin.
- Teachers will support children as appropriate within their class, such as situating them close by if they have hearing difficulties or providing a space with fewer distractions if this is a barrier to learning.
- If you have specific access queries or concerns please speak with us.

6. HOW WILL THE CURRICULUM BE DIFFERENTIATED TO MATCH MY CHILD'S NEEDS?

- The long term curriculum plans are available to parents on the school website.
- All learning activities within class are planned and differentiated at an appropriate level, so that all children are able to access learning according to

their specific needs. Typically, this might mean that in a lesson there would be three different levels of work set for the class, however on occasions this might be individually differentiated.

- The class teacher, alongside the SENCo will discuss a child's needs and what support will be appropriate.
- Children with SEND will have access to the appropriate resources needed in order to help them to make progress e.g. phonic mats, coloured overlays, Numicon.
- The SENCo reports to the Head teacher and Governors regularly to inform them about the progress of children with SEND and how resources are being used. Information provided will never name individual children in order to maintain confidentiality at all times.
- The governor responsible for SEND also meets with the SENCo. They report on their visit to the governors to keep them all informed with school or LA (Local Authority) information.
- The governors agree priorities for spending within the SEN budget, with the overall aim that all children receive the support that they need in order to make progress. This will include resourcing appropriate equipment and facilities.

HOW WILL WE KNOW IF THIS HAS HAD AN IMPACT?

- Children are formally assessed termly and the data gained from these assessments will be shared with you.
- Your child's provision will be reviewed termly with you, if they had a higher level of need. You will be able to see where your child has made progress and have an input in planning further provision.
- You are welcome to ask about your child's progress at any time. Ask your child's teacher or SENCo if you wish to arrange a meeting.

7. HOW WILL I KNOW HOW MY CHILD IS DOING AND HOW WILL YOU HELP ME TO SUPPORT MY CHILD'S LEARNING?

WHAT OPPORTUNITIES WILL THERE BE FOR ME TO DISCUSS MY CHILD'S PROGRESS?

- You are welcome to make an appointment to meet with either the class teacher or SENCo at any time throughout the year and discuss how your child is getting on. We can offer advice and practical ways that you can help to support your child at home.
- Your child may have an EHCP that will have individual targets. This is discussed with you on at least a termly basis and parents are provided with a copy. The conversation will also provide suggestions as to how you can support your child's learning at home. All parents are offered a termly opportunity to participate in a learning conversation.
- At each parents evening, parents are given the opportunity to meet with the SENCo to discuss provision made for their child.

- When the child's provision is reviewed, comments are made against each target to show what progress the child has made.
- If your child has complex SEND they may have an EHCP. In such instances an additional formal meeting will take place to discuss your child's progress and a report will be written at least annually. This is called an annual review.

8. HOW DOES THE SCHOOL KNOW HOW WELL MY CHILD IS DOING?

- As a school we track and analyse the children's progress in learning against age related expectations on a termly basis.
- The class teacher continually assesses each child and notes areas where they are improving and where further support is needed. As a school, we track children's' progress from entry at Reception through to Year 6, using a variety of different methods. Please ask the school if you require any further details.
- Teachers will update relevant documents for SEN pupils, containing their personalised targets and provision they will receive. This is done termly.
- Pupil Progress Meetings are held each term between each class teacher, and the senior leadership team. In these meetings, a discussion takes place concerning children who are not making expected progress and possible actions are discussed.
- Where specific needs are apparent, the school has a range of assessments which can be used to explore a child's strengths and difficulties in more depth, for example Boxall profiling.
- The SENCo reports to the Governing Body. We have a governor who is responsible for SEND, who meets with the SENCo and attends briefing sessions. They also report back to the Governing Body (see section 6).

9. HOW WILL MY CHILD BE INCLUDED IN ACTIVITIES OUTSIDE THE CLASSROOM, INCLUDING SCHOOL TRIPS?

- All children are included in all parts of the school curriculum and we aim for all children to be included on school trips. We will provide the necessary support to ensure that this is successful and may discuss this in advance with parents. It might be appropriate for a parent/carer to accompany a child on a school trip, depending upon the child's individual needs.
- A risk assessment is carried out prior to any off site activity to ensure everyone's health & safety will not be compromised. In the unlikely event that it is considered unsafe for a child to take part in an activity, then alternative activities that will cover the same curriculum areas will be provided within the school environment, wherever possible.
- The school does not operate extended services at this current time. However, a variety of after school clubs are provided during lunchtimes and after school. We aim for these to be as inclusive as possible and may provide additional staff or sessions in order to achieve this. Some children find the lunchtime period challenging; depending upon their needs, it might not be appropriate for them to eat in the dining hall with a large number of children

or spend long periods of time outside. Each child's needs will be considered on an individual basis.

10. HOW WILL THE SCHOOL PREPARE AND SUPPORT MY CHILD WHEN JOINING THE SCHOOL OR TRANSFERRING TO A NEW SCHOOL?

- We encourage all new children to visit the school prior to starting.
- We can create 'social stories' with/for the children if transition is likely to be challenging.
- For children starting in Reception, the reception staff hold a meeting for parents in addition to planning a series of visits for children throughout the second half of the Summer Term, in order to help children, parents and staff get to know each other. Prior to this, reception staff will carry out home visits for children joining our setting.
- A transition form is sent to all pre-schools and other schools prior to children transferring to Sandy Lane. The teachers will visit settings where it is felt there is a need.
- We liaise closely with the staff when receiving and transferring children to and from different schools, ensuring all relevant paperwork is passed on and all needs are discussed and understood.
- If your child has complex needs, an EHCP review will be used as a transition planning meeting in which we will invite staff from both schools.
- Transition between year groups and key stages within the school will be dealt with as part of our annual programme of transition and handover to the next class teacher.
- At any point where a child with SEND is preparing to leave our school, we would seek to arrange additional visits for the child in question to support smooth transition. Many secondary schools also run programmes specifically tailored to aid transition for the more vulnerable pupils at the end of the primary stage of education.

11. WHAT SPECIALIST SERVICES AND EXPERTISE ARE AVAILABLE AT OR ACCESSED BY THE SCHOOL?

- Our SENCo has undertaken the national SENCo accreditation and has qualified and accredited status in this area.
- Within the school we have a culture of sharing good practice and expertise; this enables us to ensure our staff have as much knowledge as possible within the field of supporting children with SEND.
- The environment is designed to support children with individual needs e.g. visual timetables, individual workstations etc as required.
- As a school we work closely with any external agencies that we feel are relevant to supporting individual children's' needs within our school including: Bradford's specialist teaching and support services, Health services including: GPs, school nurse, CAMHS (Child and Adolescent Mental Health Service), clinical psychologist, paediatricians, speech and language therapists, occupational and physiotherapists; Children's Services including: Early Help

locality teams, social workers; educational psychologists and specialist advisory teachers.

12. WHAT TRAINING HAVE THE STAFF SUPPORTING CHILDREN WITH SEND HAD OR ARE CURRENTLY HAVING?

- We look to ensure that we have a variety of skills among our staff body, in order to enable us to support children in the best possible way. Within our staff body we have had training in autism, dyslexia, social, emotion and mental health support, ELKLAN, and literacy support; as well as up to date SEND information from Bradford LA.
- We work with the Local Authority and our link teacher from the LA to keep up to date with any training required.
- Staff from the Local Authority support school staff in relation to individuals.

13. WHAT KINDS OF SEN ARE PROVIDE FOR BY THE SCHOOL?

- We currently provide support for children with speech, language and/or communication needs, social communication needs (including ASC), ADHD, Specific Learning Difficulties (such as dyslexia), visual impairment, hearing impairment, medical and physical needs, SEMH (social, emotional and mental health needs) and learning difficulties. We work closely with Bradford LA and with their support to provide for children with SEN.

14. WHAT IS THE SCHOOL'S APPROACH TO TEACH PUPILS WITH SPECIAL EDUCATIONAL NEEDS?

- We have an inclusive approach to teaching pupils with special educational needs. Wherever possible, we make reasonable adjustments so children can work as part of a whole class.
- Where possible, all children are taught in an inclusive environment. Children with and without additional needs are taught together, with adjustments made.
- Sometimes a child will require support that is bespoke and individualised. This is delivered in class where possible. Sometimes children may be taken out of class for time limited interventions.
- We consult with Bradford LA when a child has a high level of need to ensure we are giving the best and appropriate provision.

15. WHAT DO I DO IF I HAVE A COMPLAINT?

- Please consult our complaints policy that can be found on our school website.
- In addition, SENDIASS is a support service for parents of children with SEND who can help with complaints.

- If the complaint is due to local authority involvement or a decline of assessment, you are able to appeal. Please consult the Local Authorities policy on this.

16. WHO CAN I CONTACT FOR FURTHER INFORMATION?

- Please speak to the class teacher in the first instance.
- General information relating to SEND can be found on the school website, included within the SEND policy. This can be found on the policy page of the school website
- Further information is available from the SENCo, (Miss L Johnson), the Head of School (Mrs F Newsome) or the Executive Headteacher (Mr J Cooper).
- The school has a complaints policy, which is available on the policy page of the school website
- Bradford's SEN department can be contacted via sen@bradford.gov.uk
- You might also wish to visit the following website:

Bradford Education Authority's Local Offer, outlining services available for children and young people who have SEND, which can be found at:

<https://localoffer.bradford.gov.uk>

14. WHO SHOULD I CONTACT IF I AM CONSIDERING WHETHER MY CHILD SHOULD JOIN THE SCHOOL?

- Admissions information is available on our school website.
- If a child has an EHCP, they will normally be admitted into the school that is named on their EHCP.
- Please contact the School Office for further information about the school and to arrange a meeting with the Headteacher, in the first instance Tel: 01274 546493, or office@sandylane.bradford.sch.uk