

# SEND Information Report 2020 - 2021

## The Kinds of SEND that are provided for:

Number of pupils with SEND 2019-20

SEN support	35
My Plan +	4
Education Health and Care Plan	3
Percentage of school population	8%

This included 7 children with a Physical Disability or Sensory Impairment. We have children identified with Cognition and Learning, Communication and Interaction and Social, Emotional and Mental Health needs, but a breakdown of numbers would mean individual children might be identified.

## How we identify children with SEND including assessing their needs.

We monitor the progress of all children constantly. Our class teachers plan carefully to ensure that the needs of all children are met within their classroom. Often this will include some additional or different support for individuals or small groups. If, after these measures, there is evidence that a child is not making the expected progress then the class teacher and SENDCo will work together, using observations and assessments, to identify the best way to help the child to make progress. Parents' input is invaluable in helping us to meet the needs of their children.

We use a range of assessments to help identify the best support. Over the last year these have included:

British Picture Vocabulary Test  
Dyslexia Profile  
Phonological Assessment Battery  
Sandwell Early Numeracy Test  
York Assessment of Reading Comprehension  
Strengths and Difficulties Questionnaire  
Renfrew Action Picture Test

Over the last year we have seen a rise in the number of children:

- requiring extra support to catch up with their learning
- experiencing social or emotional difficulties that have an impact on their learning
- requiring further diagnostic investigation of an barriers to learning
- whose parents have raised concerns about their learning

In order to support these children fully we have carried out more assessments, implemented more interventions and increased our levels of Pastoral Support.

## Arrangements for consulting with parents and young people and involving them in their child's education.

All children with SEND are involved in reviewing and setting their outcomes and all parents are consulted each time the plan is reviewed. Parents are given specific ideas given for what they can do to help at home.

All children with an EHCP were involved in their annual review last year at a level appropriate to their understanding.

### **Arrangements for reviewing children's progress towards outcomes**

When we devise outcomes for pupils we ensure they are:

Specific  
Measurable  
Achievable  
Realistic  
Timed

We have clear pre and post assessments to measure the progress of children taking part in interventions and we have a clear review cycle as a school which ensures consistency. The outcomes on the My Plan will be reviewed by the class teacher. The teacher will talk to the child and new outcomes will be agreed.

### **Evaluating the effectiveness of provision made for children and young people with SEN**

Children's progress is monitored and tracked through a costed provision map and the SENDCo uses this to evaluate the effectiveness of what we are doing. Interventions that are not working for a particular child are replaced with a different approach.

We use the Education Endowment Fund Toolkit to inform us of current research evidence about the effectiveness of different teaching approaches and interventions.

### **Arrangements for supporting children and young people between phases of education**

We have close links with all the local secondary schools and ensure a supported transition from our care. As well as passing on documentation our class teachers have detailed conversations with staff at the secondary school in good time and in addition the SENDCo works closely with the SEND department at the receiving school.

### **Approaches to teaching children with SEND**

Most children with SEND receive targeted support which is managed by the class teacher, in the context of an inclusive curriculum. It is the class teacher's knowledge of each child's skills and abilities, the appropriate match to the curriculum and carefully planned scaffolding which enables each child full access to it. Within the class individuals or groups may have extra or different tasks which may change on a daily basis to ensure they are making good progress

Some children may require some targeted support individually or in a small group. This will be detailed on a My Plan, My Plan+ or EHCP. The SENDCo is responsible for coordinating all the support through the school to make sure that all children get a consistent, high quality response to meeting their needs in school. In the last year the interventions we used included: Read Write Inc. Phonics Catch-up, Dancing Bears, Numicon Catch-up, Precision Teaching, 5 minute number box, Yes We Can Read, Write from the Start, Fizzy and Jimbo Fun.

### **Adaptations that are made to the curriculum and the learning environment**

Following the completion of the building project the school is fully accessible We have a hygiene suite which is able to be adapted to meet the needs of any child with physical disabilities and four other accessible toilets Our classrooms and the wider school are adapted to be accessible to

children with a visual impairment. Teachers make adaptations to their teaching to meet the needs of children with a hearing impairment, for example seating the child in the best position and reducing background noise and children with hearing aids are able to easily access spare batteries in school.

Teachers provide adapted equipment and materials for specific children which last year included: coloured overlays and reading rulers; enlarged text worksheets; a wide variety of pencil grips; ergonomic pens; adapted rulers and a range of adapted scissors; Clicker 7 software which allows all classes access to state of the art accessible IT to ensure children with learning or physical disabilities can independently record their work more easily.

### **The expertise and training of staff to support children and young people with SEN**

The SENDCO holds the National Award for SEN Coordination, regularly attends local authority network meetings in order to keep up to date with local and national updates in SEND and uses current research to inform our school decisions about the most effective practice. She is also a GlosEd lead teacher for inclusion.

All of our staff are trained to work with children with special educational needs. The SENDCO is part of our Senior Leadership Team and so the importance of good SEND practice is part of all developments in school. We feel strongly that if we get it right for SEND pupils all pupils will benefit. We have an ongoing programme of training for our Teaching Partners.

We are currently working towards the Gloucestershire Autism Impact Quality Mark. All our staff have been trained using the Autism Education Trust Level 1 Autism training, and most teachers and TPs have undertaken Level 2 training. New staff are being trained over the course of this year. The Inclusion Lead and two class teachers have completed Level 3 training.

### **How children with SEND are able to engage in activities in the setting available to all.**

It is really important to us that all children are able to access all curriculum activities and extra-curricular activities. Pupils with SEND are encouraged to join clubs and special arrangements are made to include them where necessary. All children with SEND were able to access all trips including our residential trip to the Isle of Wight.

### **The support offered to improve social and emotional development**

Teachers and Teaching Partners support children with their worries and concerns within the classroom. Children who need more support will have a bespoke programme designed for them and we have a dedicated Well-being Teaching Partner who provides pastoral support across the school. This includes working closely with families. The SENDCO works closely with the Local Authority Early Help Team to provide support for families and pupils who need to access external agencies. Over the past year we have supported several families to seek help from TIC+ counselling services for children.

We use various resources such as The Friendship Formula, Talkabout, Time to Talk and Circle of Friends to develop children's social skills. The SENDCO has completed Mental Health First Aid Training and Trauma Informed Schools Senior Leads Training

We have a Chatter Group for young carers which supports pupils who have a caring role for a parent or a sibling at home.

### **How the setting involves external agencies.**

We work closely with the advisory teaching service and value their input. We currently have regular input from the Communication and Interaction Team, the Physical Disability team, the Visual Impairment team and the Hearing Impairment team.

We use the traded service of Gloucestershire Educational Psychology Service to provide therapeutic work in school.

We work closely with the NHS Speech and Language Therapy Service and last year they provided consultations, advice and resources for us to carry out work with children in school  
We have also worked closely with the occupational therapy service to support seating and hygiene needs for pupils.