

Yorke Mead Primary School

SEN Information Report

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What types of SEN do we provide for?	As a mainstream setting we provide for all four types of special educational need: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Communication and Interaction - this includes children with speech and language delay, impairments or disorders and those who demonstrate features within the autistic spectrum.• Cognition and Learning - this includes children who demonstrate features of learning difficulties.• Social, Mental and Emotional Health - this includes children who may be withdrawn or isolated, disruptive or disturbing, hyperactive or lack concentration.• Sensory and/or Physical Needs - this includes children with sensory, multisensory and physical difficulties.
How do we identify and assess pupils with SEN	Through quality first teaching, teachers continually assess pupils' progress through daily observation, marking and feedback. Achievements are tracked using a variety of tools that enable teachers to check that pupils are making progress in line with the

	<p>expectations for their age. Each term, teachers make a formal judgement of pupils' achievements. The progress of all pupils is then discussed with the Senior Leaders, Core Subject leaders and Special Educational Needs Coordinator (SENCO) every term. Between these discussions, staff may bring any concerns to the SENCO and/or Senior Leaders; provision is then adjusted accordingly.</p> <p>Any children making less than expected progress in any term are noted on the class's provision map, and provisions are adjusted accordingly. Over time, or where concerns are immediately significant, children will receive special educational provision, which will be discussed with parents.</p> <p>Children have many opportunities to articulate concerns or anxieties about their own learning. They are taught to self-assess their learning, and to enter into discussions with teachers about their learning during teacher talk time each week. The SENCO meets with the children at least once every term to discuss their targets and to see how they are feeling with their learning. KS2 children are invited along to the SEN consultations.</p>
<p>Who is our special educational needs co-ordinator (SENCO) and how can he/she be contacted?</p>	<p>Francesca Elliott</p> <p>01923 778420 (ext 5)</p>
<p>What is our approach to teaching pupils with SEN?</p>	<p>All children have access to Quality First Teaching, delivered by a class teacher.</p> <p>Work and tasks are differentiated to match the needs of the child. The teaching is based on building on what your child already knows, can do and can understand. There are many different ways of teaching and the teaching staff will ensure your child is fully involved, which may involve practical learning or different resources which have been adapted for your child.</p> <p>If children are still finding it challenging to understand and make progress with the curriculum, additional support is arranged through the identification processes listed earlier. Additional support delivers focused and targeted interventions through small</p>

	<p>group work or one-to-one work, this will be delivered by need. The provision and who delivers it will be matched to the needs identified.</p> <p>There is more information about the school curriculum on our website at https://yorkemead.herts.sch.uk/statutory-information/</p>
<p>How do we adapt the curriculum and learning environment?</p>	<p>The school is accessible to all. We have accessible routes to all classrooms and offices. There is a disabled toilet in both main buildings. All classrooms are fitted with sound field systems. Teachers use highly visual approaches to teaching and learning. There is a high degree of visual contrast in the corridors and classrooms.</p> <p>We are fully committed to providing for the needs of all children at the school. This includes developing the physical environment to ensure that the children can access all areas of the school; making sure that learning takes account of individual needs and, finally, making sure that written information, where necessary, is available in a suitable format.</p>
<p>How do we enable pupils with SEN to engage in activities with other pupils who do not have SEN?</p>	<p>On a daily basis, teachers assess the learning of all pupils, and adjust their subsequent teaching accordingly. Children's needs are met by careful differentiation; for example, adjusting the teaching and learning styles, the structure of the lesson, the resources provided, the layout of the classroom, the pitch of activities, support from adults, pre-teaching of vocabulary and concepts. IT and visual support in the classroom environment are regularly used.</p> <p>Support is carefully matched to children's needs, and can be given through adjustment to the curriculum, intervention groups, one-to-one or small-group work, or specialist resources. These decisions are made through careful assessment, analysis of pupils' progress, SEN support discussions, and observation of children; parents are closely involved in these decisions through the termly SEN reviews.</p> <p>It is our aim to develop the independence of all pupils and no child will receive full-time support from the same adult.</p>

	<p>Some children with exceptional needs receive specific funding for specialist equipment or support that cannot be supplied through what is normally available in school.</p>
<p>How do we consult parents of pupils with SEN and involve them in their child's education?</p>	<p>How your child is doing is an ongoing conversation between parents, carers and school staff. Formal opportunities are available for parents to talk to their child's class teacher twice a year with a short consultation. A written report is sent home in July.</p> <p>Parents of children receiving special educational provision are invited to meet with the SENCO every term, to review and discuss provision and agree desired outcomes. Informal opportunities to talk to teachers, Head Teacher, SENCO and other staff arise daily, at the end of the school day, providing the member of staff is not running a club or attending the staff meeting. The office staff can make appointments for parents to speak to any member of staff.</p>
<p>How do we assess and review pupils' progress towards their outcomes?</p>	<p>For a child who has been assessed as in need of SEN support, we follow a cycle of 'assess, plan, do, review'. There will be termly planning meetings for children receiving special educational provision. These may involve the parents, SENCO and class teachers. At these meetings, we will review the child's progress over the preceding term, and discuss provision for the term ahead. Targets are agreed for the subsequent term, in order to work towards the agreed desired outcomes for the child, these are normally the next step on from their previous targets. The voice of the child and the parents is central to these meetings. Regard is also given to the advice of external professionals when planning provision.</p> <p>On a daily basis, teachers assess the learning of all pupils, and adjust their subsequent teaching accordingly. Children's needs are met by careful differentiation; for example, adjusting the teaching and learning styles, the structure of the lesson, the resources provided, the layout of the classroom, the pitch of activities, support from adults, pre-teaching of vocabulary and concepts. IT and visual support in the classroom environment are regularly used.</p>

<p>How do we support pupils preparing for transitions?</p>	<p>Transition is part of life for all learners. This can be transition to a new class in the school, new teacher or moving to another school. Planning for transition is part of our provision for all learners with SEN.</p> <p>For those children that require extra transition into the next year group, we work with them on a transition book that they take home for the summer. This book includes photographs and information about what they will expect in September to help reduce anxiety.</p> <p>When year 6 children transition to secondary school, the teacher and SENCO liaise closely with the receiving school, and sometimes visit the school with the pupil. Where appropriate we will try and arrange an additional visit to the school to improve familiarisation and reduce anxiety.</p> <p>We share information with the next school, ensuring adequate information is provided to help the next school meet the child's needs.</p>
<p>How do we support pupils with SEN to improve their emotional and social development?</p>	<p>At Yorke Mead Primary School, children's overall wellbeing is central to our ethos. We work very hard to develop children as well-rounded, happy, confident people. We base our teaching around three core principles; be kind, be safe and be responsible.</p> <p>We have many opportunities to celebrate children's achievements, including a weekly Celebration Assembly, Star of the Day, School Council, KS1 and KS2 performances, team points, and so on.</p> <p>We have incorporated the key aspects of core breathing from the MindUP curriculum and practice mindfulness at least twice a day to ensure the children are ready to learn. Children have access to our sunshine room and sensory garden if they become overwhelmed or need somewhere quiet to go. We have two school rabbits that children can visit, pet and look after with adult guidance.</p>

	<p>We take every opportunity to expose children to as broad a range of life experiences as we can, from sports events to life-changing school trips. We ensure that children feel safe by having strong, clear routines, consistent expectations and consistent adults in every class. Pupil voice is essential to all decision making. We teach children to respect each other and their environment and to behave appropriately at all times.</p> <p>The school has invested in P4C (Philosophy for Children) in every class, promoting thinking skills and respect for alternative views. The school employs a play therapist to support children on an individual basis, where this need has been identified and agreed with parents. The school also employs a family support worker (Debbie Greenfield) available to children and their families.</p> <p>We have a number of qualified paediatric first-aiders on our staff, with named staff on call at all times to deal with first aid matters; all staff have annual Epi-pen/ JECT training. All adults in school have a clear understanding of their responsibility overseeing any child-protection issues in the school, and the whole staff receives child-protection training annually.</p> <p>As a school, we follow Hertfordshire STEPS. Hertfordshire Steps is a therapeutic approach to positive behaviour management.</p> <p>There is a strong pastoral support team, who build relationships with pupils and support their learning. Additionally, staff closely observe and monitor the behaviour of all pupils, looking out for indications of anxiety or difficulties that the children may not be able to articulate themselves. Our pastoral team consists of Miss Floyd, Mrs Hall and Mrs Smith.</p>
<p>What expertise and training do our staff have to support pupils with SEN?</p>	<p>All teaching and learning staff in the school support children with special educational needs. We believe strongly in an inclusive education, and ensure that all children have access to all opportunities in school. We have a team of good and outstanding teachers, who continually work together to improve their teaching practice.</p>

	<p>The Headship team are committed to all staff continually developing their practice. Training during the last 2 years has included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • working with children with speech and language difficulties • working with children with ADHD from ADDvance • Supporting pupils with behavioural problems • Dyscalculia and Dyslexia • Attachment • Medical training where applicable • PDA- Harry Thompson
<p>How will we secure specialist expertise?</p> <p>How do we involve other organisations in meeting the needs of pupils with SEN and supporting their families?</p>	<p>The SENCO co-ordinates the specialist support of a number of external agencies including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Educational Psychology Service • The Specific Learning Difficulties Base • DSPL9 Behaviour Support and Chessbrook Primary Outreach Team • The Communication Disorders Team • The Sensory Impairment Team • Counsellors, play therapists and family support services. <p>Agencies working with children, meet with class teachers. Best practice locally is shared through networks such as the Head Teachers' Consortium, Deputy Head Teachers' Network and local SENCO meetings.</p> <p>External specialist may:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • act in an advisory capacity • extend the expertise of the teaching staff • provide additional assessment • be involved in supporting the child directly • suggest that a statutory assessment is advisable • consult with all parties involved with the child

	<p>Involvement of outside agencies will continue as long as the agency believes they can contribute to a child's progress. Decisions to discharge a child are made by the outside practitioner, the school and parents at a SEN review meeting.</p>
<p>How do we evaluate the effectiveness of our SEN provision?</p>	<p>The monitoring and evaluation of the effectiveness of our provision for vulnerable learners is carried out in the following ways:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Classroom observation by the SENCO and/or class teachers • The ongoing assessment of progress and outcomes as a result of interventions • Book scrutiny • Scrutiny of planning • Teacher consultation with the SENCO • Informal feedback from all staff • Pupil interviews when setting new IEP targets or reviewing existing targets • Pupil progress tracking using assessment data (whole-school processes) • Monitoring IEPs and IEP targets, evaluating the impact of IEPs on pupils' progress • Attendance records • Regular meetings about pupils' progress between the SENCO and the Head Teacher • Head Teacher's report to governors
<p>COVID – school closures and lockdown.</p>	<p>During these uncertain times, we are communicating with parents to ensure that all children are able to access education whilst balancing supporting their mental health.</p> <p>Children with SEN may be in school due to having an EHCP or being vulnerable and therefore will have support in school. Some children are not in school and therefore phone calls from the class teacher/ teaching assistant and the school SENCO are vital to understand how to support them at home.</p> <p>We offer one-to-one / small group TEAMS meetings with children that may find whole class TEAMS lessons too overwhelming or to ensure that key relationships are maintained.</p>

	<p>The pastoral team may call or schedule TEAMS meetings with children that are finding these uncertain times overwhelming.</p> <p>The SENCO differentiates work for children that may not be able to access the whole class learning or can print off work to allow for parents to be flexible with their approach.</p> <p>All children have access to class check-ins and story time via TEAMS.</p>
<p>How do we handle complaints from parents of children with SEN about provision made at the school?</p>	<p>Please find below a link to our complaints procedure https://yorkemead.herts.sch.uk/download/complaints-policy/</p>
<p>Who can young people and parents contact if they have concerns?</p>	<p>Children have many opportunities to articulate concerns or anxieties about their own learning. They are taught to self-assess their learning, and to enter into discussions with teachers about their learning during teacher talk time each week. The SENCO meets with the children at least once every term to discuss their targets and to see how they are feeling with their learning. KS2 children are invited along to the SEN consultations.</p> <p>The school office is always open throughout the day, and office staff can direct enquiries to the most appropriate member of staff. Teachers and the headship team are also available every morning and evening, and either the Head, Deputy Head Teacher, SENCO or Assistant Head Teacher are available to talk to parents.</p>
<p>What support services are available to parents?</p>	<p>Here is the link to the list of support groups on the Hertfordshire website: https://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/microsites/local-offer/services-for-parents-carers-and-families/support-groups-and-networks.aspx</p>
<p>Where can the LA's local offer be found?</p>	<p>www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/microsites/local-offer/the-hertfordshire-local-offer.aspx</p>

Glossary:

Interventions - a specific program or set of steps to help a child improve in an area of need.

Provision map - is a way of evaluating the impact on pupils' progress of provision that is additional to and different from the school's differentiated curriculum. Evaluated provision maps can help schools manage this provision to ensure that it is and continues to be effective in helping pupils to make progress.

Quality First Teaching - Key characteristics include:

- highly focused lesson design with sharp objectives
- high demands of pupil involvement and engagement with their learning
- high levels of interaction for all pupils
- appropriate use of teacher questioning, modelling and explaining
- an emphasis on learning through dialogue, with regular opportunities for pupils to talk both individually and in groups
- an expectation that pupils will accept responsibility for their own learning and work independently
- regular use of encouragement and authentic praise to engage and motivate pupils