



DEARHAM PRIMARY SCHOOL

Local Offer for Special Educational Needs and Disabilities

Who are the best people to talk to in this school about my child's difficulties with learning/Special Educational Needs or Disability (SEND)?

The Head Teacher/Special Educational Needs Co-ordinator (SENCo)

Responsible for:

- Coordinating all the support for children with special educational needs or disabilities (SEND) and developing the school's SEND Policy to make sure all children get a consistent, high quality response to meeting their needs in school.
- Ensuring that you are:
 - involved in supporting your child's learning
 - kept informed about the support your child is getting
 - involved in reviewing how they are doing
- Liaising with all the other people who may be coming into school to help support your child's learning e.g. Speech and Language Therapy, Educational Psychology etc.
- Updating the school's SEND register (a system for ensuring all the SEND needs of pupils in this school are known) and making sure that there are excellent records of your child's progress and needs.
- Providing specialist support for teachers and support staff in the school so they can help children with SEND in the school achieve the best progress possible.

Class Teacher

Responsible for:

- Checking on the progress of your child and identifying, planning and delivering any additional help your child may need (this could be things like targeted work, additional support) and letting the HT know as necessary.
- Writing SEN support plans and sharing and reviewing these with parents at least once each term and planning for the next term.
- Ensuring that all staff working with your child in school are helped to deliver the planned work/programme for your child, so they can achieve the best possible progress. This may involve the use of additional adults, outside specialist help and specially planned work and resources.
- Ensuring that the school's SEND Policy is followed in their classroom and for all the pupils they teach with any SEND.

SEND Governor

Responsible for:

- Making sure that the necessary support is made for any child who attends the school who has SEND
- Your child's progress is continually monitored by his/her class teacher.]
- His/her progress is reviewed formally every term and a National Curriculum level given in reading, writing and maths.
- If your child is in Year 1 and above, but is not yet at National Curriculum level, a more sensitive assessment tool is used which shows their level in more detail and will also show smaller but significant steps of progress. The levels are called 'P Scales.

- At the end of each key stage (i.e. at the end of year 2 and year 6) all children are required to be formally assessed using Standard Assessment Tests (SATs). This is something the government requires all schools to do and are the results that are published nationally.
- Children at School support will have a school support plan.
- The progress of children with a statement of SEND/Education & Health Care Plan is formally reviewed at an Annual Review with all adults involved with the child's education.
- The HT/SENDCo will also check that your child is making good progress within any individual work and in any group that they take part in.

What are the different types of support available for children with SEND at Dearham Primary?

Class teacher input via excellent targeted classroom teaching also known as Quality First Teaching.

For your child this would mean:

- That the teacher has the highest possible expectations for your child and all pupils in their class.
- That all teaching is based on building on what your child already knows, can do and can understand.
- Different ways of teaching are in place so that your child is fully involved in learning in class. This may involve things like using more practical learning.
- Specific strategies (which may be suggested by the SENDCo or specialist teachers) are in place to support your child to learn.
- Your child's teacher will have carefully checked on your child's progress and will have decided that your child has gap in their understanding/learning and needs some extra support to help them make the best possible progress.

All children in school should be getting this as a part of excellent classroom practice.

1. Code of Practice - Special Education Needs Support - SENS (Replaces School Action & School Action Plus), which means your child has been identified by the class teacher as needing some extra support in school.

For your child this would mean:

- He/She will engage in group sessions with specific targets to help him/her to make more progress.
- A Teacher/teaching assistant will run these small group sessions using the IEP.

This type of support is available for any child who has specific gaps in their understanding of a subject/area of learning. If progress is not made at SENS, your child would be progressed to the stage below.

2. Code of Practice - Early Help Assessment, which means your child has been identified by the class teacher/HT as needing some extra specialist support in school from an external professional. This may be from:

- Local Authority central services such as the ASC Team
- Outside agencies such as the Speech and Language therapy Service.

For your child this would mean:

- Your child will have been identified by the class teacher/HT (or you will have raised your worries) as needing more specialist input additional to or different from quality first teaching and intervention groups.
- You will be asked to come to a meeting to discuss your child's progress and help plan possible ways forward.
- You will be asked to support the school in completing a referral for an Early Help Assessment
- The specialist professional will work with your child to understand their needs and make recommendations, which may include:
 - Making changes to the way your child is supported in class e.g. some individual support or changing some aspects of teaching to support them better
 - Support to set better targets which will include their specific expertise

- A group run by school staff under the guidance of the outside professional e.g. a social skills group
- A group or individual work with another external professional
- The school may suggest that your child needs some individual support in school. They will tell you how the support will be used and what strategies will be put in place.

This type of support is available for children with specific barriers to learning that cannot be overcome through Quality First Teaching and intervention groups. If progress is not made at SENS, your child would be progressed to the stage below.

3. Code of Practice – Education Health & Care Plan (Replaces Statement of Special Educational Need)
 This would be provided via an Education, Health and Care Plan (EHCP). This means your child will have been identified by the class teacher/HT as needing a particularly high level of individual or small group teaching, which cannot be provided from the budget available to the school.

Usually your child will also need specialist support in school from a professional outside the school. This may be from:

- Local Authority central services such as the ASC Team
- Outside agencies such as the Speech and Language Service.
- Health Care Trust

For your child this would mean:

- The school (or you) can request that the Local Authority carry out a statutory assessment of your child's needs. This is a legal process which sets out the amount of support that will be provided for your child.
- After the school have sent in the request to the Local Authority (with a lot of information about your child, including some from you), they will decide whether they think your child's needs (as described in the paperwork provided), seem complex enough to need a statutory assessment. If this is the case they will ask you and all professionals involved with your child to write a report outlining your child's needs. If they do not think your child needs this, they will ask the school to continue with the support at SENS.
- After the reports have all been submitted, the Local Authority will decide if your child's needs are severe, complex and lifelong and that they need more than 20 hours of support in school to make good progress. If this is the case they will write an EHC Plan. If this is not the case, they will ask the school to continue with the support at School Action Plus and also set up a meeting in school to ensure a plan is in place to ensure your child makes as much progress as possible.
- The EHC Plan will outline the number of hours of individual/small group support your child will receive from the LA and how the support should be used and what strategies must be put in place. It will also have long and short term goals for your child.
- The additional adult may be used to support your child with whole class learning, run individual programmes or run small groups including your child.

This type of support is available for children whose learning needs are:

- Severe, complex and lifelong
- Need more than 20 hours of support in school

How can I let the school know I am concerned about my child's progress in school?

- If you have concerns about your child's progress you should speak to your child's class teacher initially.
- If you are not happy that the concerns are being managed and that your child is still not making progress you should speak to the Head Teacher
- If you are still not happy you can speak to the school SEND Governor

How will the school let me know if they have any concerns about my child's learning in school?

If your child is identified as not making progress the school will set up a meeting to discuss this with you in more detail and to:

- listen to any concerns you may have
- plan any additional support your child may receive
- discuss with you any referrals to outside professionals to support your child's learning

How is extra support allocated to children and how do they move between the different levels?

- The school budget, received from Cumbria LA, includes money for supporting children with SEND.
- The Head Teacher decides on the budget for Special Educational Needs and Disabilities in consultation with the school governors, on the basis of needs in the school.
- The Head Teacher and Senior Leadership Team discuss all the information they have about SEND in the school, including:
 - the children getting extra support already
 - the children needing extra support
 - the children who have been identified as not making as much progress as would be expected

And decide what resources/training and support is needed.

- All resources/training and support are reviewed regularly and changes made as needed.

Who are the other people providing services to children with an SEND in Dearham Primary school?

Paid for centrally by the Local Authority but delivered in school:

- Autism Support Team
- Educational Psychology Service
- Speech and Language Therapy (provided by Health but paid for by the Local Authority).

Provided and paid for by the Health Service but delivered in school:

- School Nurse
- Occupational Therapy
- Physiotherapy

How are the teachers in school helped to work with children with an SEND and what training do they have?

- The HT/SENDCo's role is to support the class teacher in planning for children with SEND.
- The school has a training plan for all staff to improve the teaching and learning of children including those with SEND. This includes whole school training on SEND issues such as ASC and Speech and Language difficulties.
- Individual teachers and support staff attend training courses run by outside agencies that are relevant to the needs of specific children in their class e.g. from the ASC Team etc.

How will the teaching be adapted for my child with SEND?

- Class Teachers plan lessons according to the specific needs of all groups of children in their class, and will ensure that your child's needs are met.
- Specially trained support staff can adapt the teachers planning to support the needs of your child where necessary.
- Specific resources and strategies will be used to support your child individually and in groups.
- Planning and teaching will be adapted on a daily basis if needed to meet your child's learning needs

How will we measure the progress of your child in school?

- Your child's progress is continually monitored by his/her class teacher.
- His/her progress is reviewed formally every term and a National Curriculum level given in reading, writing and maths.

- If your child is in Year 1 and above, but is not yet at National Curriculum levels, a more sensitive assessment tool is used which shows their level in more detail and will also show smaller but significant steps of progress. The levels are called 'P Scales'.
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- Children at School Action Plus will have an IEP which will be reviewed with your involvement, every term and the plan for the next term made.
- The progress of children with a statement of SEND/EHC Plan is formally reviewed at an Annual Review with all adults involved with the child's education.
- The HT will also check that your child is making good progress within any individual work and in any group that they take part in

What support do we have for you as a parent of child with an SEND?

- The class teacher is regularly available to discuss your child's progress or any concerns you may have and to share information about what is working well at home and school so similar strategies can be used.
- The HT is available to meet with you to discuss your child's progress or any concerns/worries you may have.
- All information from external professionals will be discussed with you with the person involved directly, or where this is not possible, in a report.
- IEP's will be reviewed with your involvement each term.
- Homework will be adjusted as needed to your child's individual needs.
- A home/school contact book may be used to support communication with you, when this has been agreed to be useful for you and your child

How is Dearham Primary School accessible to children with SEND?

- The building is accessible via a ramped entrance. Once in the building, the majority of the school is on one level, accessible to all. Where there are steps we would accommodate pupils in a different class base.
- We ensure that equipment used is accessible to all children regardless of their needs.
- After school & extra curricular provision is accessible to all children including those with SEND.

How will we support your child when they are leaving this school or moving on to another class?

We recognise that transition can be difficult for a child with SEND and take steps to ensure that any transition is as smooth as possible.

- If your child is moving child to another school:
 - We will contact the school SENDCo and ensure he/she knows about any special arrangements or support that need to be made for your child.
 - We will make sure that all records about your child are passed on as soon as possible.
- When moving classes in school:
 - Information will be passed on to the new class teacher IN ADVANCE and in most cases, a planning meeting will take place with the new teacher and the SENDCo. All IEP will be shared with the new teacher.
- In Year 6:
 - Primary Transition meetings are held with secondary staff to discuss the specific needs of all the children and the SENDCo will also meet the SENCo of the secondary school to pass on specific details about children with SEND.
 - If appropriate, longer transition arrangements will be made to ensure smooth transition.
 - Where possible your child will visit their new school on several occasions and in some cases staff from the new school will visit your child in this school.
 - Your child will do focused learning about aspects of transition to support their understanding of the changes ahead.