Special educational needs (SEN) information report

Elizabeth Woodville School;

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Dear parents and carers,

The aim of this information report is to explain how we implement our SEND policy. In other words, we want to show you how special educational needs support works in our school.

If you want to know more about our arrangements for SEND, read our SEND policy.

You can ask a member of staff to make a copy of the the policy.

**Note:** If there are any terms we’ve used in this information report that you’re unsure of, you can look them up in the Glossary at the end of the report.

# 1. What types of SEN does the school provide for?

Our school provides for pupils with the following needs:

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| **Area of need** | **Condition** |
| **Communication and interaction** | Autism spectrum disorder (ASD) |
| Speech and language difficulties |
| **Cognition and learning** | Specific learning difficulties, including dyslexia, dyspraxia, dyscalculia |
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| Moderate learning difficulties  |
| **Social, emotional and mental health** | Attention deficit hyperactivity disorder (ADHD) |
| Attention deficit disorder (ADD) |
| **Sensory and/or physical** | Hearing impairments |
| Visual impairment |
| Multi-sensory impairment  |
| Physical impairment |

# 2. Which staff will support my child, and what training have they had?

Our special educational needs co-ordinator, or SENCO

Our SENDCO’s name is: Lindsay Fuller

Lindsay has 3 years’ experience in this role and has worked as a dyslexia lead previously. Lindsay is a qualified teacher.

Lindsay achieved the National Award in Special Educational Needs Co-ordination in 2024. She also holds a level 5 in Dyslexia specialist teaching.

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Class/subject teachers

All of our teachers receive in-house SEN training, and are supported by the SENDCO to meet the needs of pupils who have SEN.

* Staff have recently been trained in the use of provision mapping software so that they are able to find information about learners.
* Staff have been given training on how to make effective use of LSAs in the classroom.

Teaching assistants (TAs)

We have a team of 6 TAs, who are trained to deliver SEN provision.

We have teaching assistants who are trained to deliver interventions such as literacy, numeracy and social skills. We will also have an Emotional Literacy Support Assistant once training is complete.

External agencies and experts

Sometimes we need extra help to offer our pupils the support they need. Whenever necessary we will work with external support services to meet the needs of our pupils with SEN and to support their families. These include:

* Speech and language therapists
* Educational psychologists
* Occupational therapists
* GPs or paediatricians
* School nurses
* Child and adolescent mental health services (CAMHS)
* Education welfare officers
* Social services and other local authority (LA)-provided support services
* Voluntary sector organisations

# 3. What should I do if I think my child has SEN?



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| If you think your child might have SEN, the first person you should tell is your child’s form tutor.You can contact them via email or by calling the school.They will pass the message on to our SENCO, who will be in touch to discuss your concerns.You can also contact the SENDCO directly at[Lindsay.fuller@ewsacademy.org.uk](file:///C%3A%5CUsers%5CLindsay.Fuller%5CDocuments%5CLindsay.fuller%40ewsacademy.org.uk) | We will meet with you to discuss your concerns and try to get a better understanding of what your child’s strengths and difficulties are.Together we will decide what outcomes to seek for your child and agree on next steps.We will make a note of what’s been discussed and add this to your child’s record. You will also be given a copy of this on request. | If we decide that your child needs SEN support, your child will be added to the school’s SEND register.  |

# 4. How will the school know if my child needs SEN support?

All our class teachers are aware of SEN and are on the lookout for any pupils who aren’t making the expected level of progress in their schoolwork or socially. This might include in class assessments or book work, interactions with friends or an overall difficulty with aspects of school.

If the teacher notices that a pupil is falling behind, they try to find out if the pupil has any gaps in their learning. If they can find a gap, they will give the pupil support and guidance to try to fill it. Pupils who don’t have SEN usually make progress quickly once the gap in their learning has been filled.

If the pupil is still struggling to make the expected progress, the teacher will talk to the SENDCO, and will contact you to discuss the possibility that your child has SEN.

The SENDCO will have discussions with your child’s teacher/s, to see if there have been any issues with, or changes in, their progress, attainment or behaviour. They will also compare your child's progress and development with their peers and available national data.

The SENDCO will ask for your opinion and speak to your child to get their input as well. They may also, where appropriate, ask for the opinion of external experts such as a speech and language therapist, an educational psychologist, or a paediatrician.

Based on all of this information, the SENDCO will decide whether your child needs SEN support. You will be told the outcome of the decision.

If your child does need SEN support, their name will be added to the school’s SEND register, and the SENDCO will work with you to create a SEN support plan for them.

# 5. How will the school measure my child’s progress?

We will follow the ‘graduated approach’ to meeting your child’s SEN needs.

The graduated approach is a 4-part cycle of **assess, plan, do, review**.

**Review**

**We will assess how well the support we put in place helped the child to meet the outcomes we set. We will use our improved understanding of
your child’s needs to improve the support we offer.**

**Assess**

**If your child is not making the expected level of progress, we will make an assessment to find out what strengths and difficulties your child has.** **We will ask for input from you and your child, as well as getting help from external professionals where necessary.**

**Plan**

**In discussion with you and your child, we will decide what outcomes we are hoping to achieve. We will make a plan of the support we will offer your child to help them meet those outcomes. We will make a record of this and share it with you and all relevant school staff.**

**Do**

**We will put our plan into practice.**

**The class teacher, with the support of the SENCO, will be responsible for working with your child on a daily basis, and making sure the support we put in place is having the impact we intended.**

As a part of the planning stage of the graduated approach, we will set outcomes that we want to see your child achieve.

Whenever we run an intervention with your child, we will assess them before the intervention begins. This is known as a ‘baseline assessment’. We do this so we can see how much impact the intervention has on your child’s progress.

We will track your child’s progress towards the outcomes we set over time and improve our offer as we learn what your child responds to best.

This process will be continual. If the review shows a pupil has made progress, they may no longer need the additional provision made through SEN support. For others, the cycle will continue and the school's targets, strategies and provisions will be revisited and refined.

# 6. How will I be involved in decisions made about my child’s education?

The SEND team will review the progress of each learner with SEND as frequently as possible, but at least annually. They will:

* Set clear outcomes for your child’s progress
* Review progress towards those outcomes
* Discuss the support we will put in place to help your child make that progress
* Identify what we will do, what we will ask you to do, and what we will ask your child to do

In some cases the SENDCO will invite you into school to discuss the progress and the next strategies.

We know that you’re the expert when it comes to your child’s needs and aspirations. So we want to make sure you have a full understanding of how we’re trying to meet your child’s needs, so that you can provide insight into what you think would work best for your child.

We also want to hear from you as much as possible so that we can build a better picture of how the SEN support we are providing is impacting your child outside of school.

If your child’s needs or aspirations change at any time, please let us know right away so we can keep our provision as relevant as possible.

After any discussion we will make a record of any outcomes, actions and support that have been agreed. This record will be shared with all relevant staff.

If you have concerns that arise between these meetings, please contact your child’s class teacher.

# 7. How will my child be involved in decisions made about their education?

The level of involvement will depend on your child’s age and level of competence. We recognise that no 2 children are the same, so we will decide on a case-by-case basis, with your input.

We may seek your child’s views by asking them to:

* Attend meetings to discuss their progress and outcomes
* Prepare a presentation, written statement, video, drawing, etc.
* Discuss their views with a member of staff who can act as a representative during the meeting
* Complete a survey
* Support us in writing a One Page Profile

8. How will the school adapt its teaching for my child?

Your child’s 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 your child’s needs. We will make sure that your child has access to a broad and balanced curriculum in every year they are at our school.

We will adapt how we teach to suit the way the pupil works best. There is no '1 size fits all’ approach to adapting the curriculum, we work on a case-by case basis to make sure the adaptations we make are meaningful to your child.

These adaptations include:

* Differentiating our curriculum to make sure all pupils are able to access it, for example, by grouping, adapting the teaching style or content of the lesson, etc.
* Adapting our teaching, for example, giving longer processing times, pre-teaching of key vocabulary, reading instructions aloud, etc.
* Adapting our resources and staffing
* Using recommended aids, such as laptops, visual timetables, larger font, etc.
* Teaching assistants will support pupils on a 1-to-1 basis when they have an EHCP which clearly stipulates the need for 1-2-1 support
* Teaching assistants will be deployed to support learners with EHCPs, however, they will help all learners in the room. Where possible they will also be put in classes where there are learners with significant needs.
* We believe that the best place for the learner is in the classroom, taught by an expert.

# 9. How will the school evaluate whether the support in place is helping my child?

We will evaluate the effectiveness of provision for your child by:

* Reviewing their progress towards their goals each term
* Reviewing the impact of interventions after each unit
* Using pupil questionnaires
* Monitoring by the SENDCO
* Using provision maps to measure progress
* Holding an annual review (if they have an education, health and care (EHC) plan)

# 10. How will the school resources be secured for my child?

It may be that your child’s needs mean we need to secure:

* Extra equipment or facilities
* More teaching assistant hours
* Further training for our staff
* External specialist expertise

If that’s the case, we will consult with external agencies to get recommendations on what will best help your child access their learning.

# 11. How will the school make sure my child is included in activities alongside pupils who don’t 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 school trips, including our residentials.

All pupils are encouraged to take part in sports day/plays/special workshops

No pupil is ever excluded from taking part in these activities because of their SEN or disability and we will make whatever reasonable adjustments are needed to make sure they can be included.

# 12. How will the school support my child’s mental health, and emotional and social development?

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

* Pupils with SEN are encouraged to be part of the school council
* We provide extra pastoral support for listening to the views of pupils with SEN.
* We run “the Hub” at break and lunch for pupils who need extra support with social or emotional development
* We have a ‘zero tolerance’ approach to bullying.

# 13. What support will be available for my child as they transition between classes or settings, or in preparing for adulthood?

Between schools

When your child is moving on from our school, we will ask you and your child what information you want us to share with the new setting.  We may provide additional careers meetings to support them in making decisions about their future.

**Between phases**

The SENDCO of the primary school meets with our SENDCO to discuss the needs of the incoming pupils near the end of the summer term.

We offer an additional transition activities for learners with SEND.

We arrange meetings with the parents/carers of incoming pupils to discuss how we can best welcome their child into our community.

We set up new pupils with a buddy from the year above to help them get settled in and make friends.

**Moving to adulthood**

We provide all our pupils with appropriate advice on paths into work or further education.

We work with the pupil to help them achieve their ambitions, which can include goals in higher education, employment, independent living and participation in society.

# 14. What should I do if I have a complaint about my child’s SEN support?

Complaints about SEN provision in our school should be made to the form tutor in the first instance. They will then be referred to the school’s complaints policy.

If you are not satisfied with the school’s response, you can escalate the complaint. In some circumstances, this right also applies to the pupil themselves.

To see a full explanation of suitable avenues for complaint, see pages 246 and 247 of the [SEND Code of Practice](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/send-code-of-practice-0-to-25).

If you feel that our school has discriminated against your child because of their SEN, you have the right to make a discrimination claim to the first-tier SEND tribunal. To find out how to make such a claim, you should visit: <https://www.gov.uk/complain-about-school/disability-discrimination>

You can make a claim about alleged discrimination regarding:

* Admission
* Exclusion
* Provision of education and associated services
* Making reasonable adjustments, including the provision of auxiliary aids and services

Before going to a SEND tribunal, you can go through processes called disagreement resolution or mediation, where you try to resolve your disagreement before it reaches the tribunal.

# 15. What support is available for me and my family?

If you have questions about SEN, or are struggling to cope, please get in touch to let us know. We want to support you, your child and your family.

To see what support is available to you locally, have a look at West Northamptonshire/ Milton Keynes local offer.

Our local special educational needs and disabilities information, advice and support (SENDIAS) services are:

<https://iassnorthants.co.uk/>

<https://mksendias.org.uk/>

National charities that offer information and support to families of children with SEN are:

* [IPSEA](https://www.ipsea.org.uk/)
* [SEND family support](https://sendfs.co.uk/)
* [NSPCC](https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/support-for-parents/)
* [Family Action](https://www.family-action.org.uk/what-we-do/children-families/send/)
* [Special Needs Jungle](https://www.specialneedsjungle.com/)

# 16. Glossary

* **Access arrangements** – special arrangements to allow pupils with SEN to access assessments or exams
* **Annual review** –an annual meeting to review the provision in a pupil’s EHC plan
* **Area of need** – the 4 areas of need describe different types of needs a pupil with SEN can have. The 4 areas are communication and interaction; cognition and learning; physical and/or sensory; and social, emotional and mental health needs
* **CAMHS** – child and adolescent mental health services
* **Differentiation** – when teachers adapt how they teach in response to a pupil’s needs
* **EHC needs assessment** – the needs assessment is the first step on the way to securing an EHC plan. The local authority will do an assessment to decide whether a child needs an EHC plan
* **EHC plan** –an education, health and care (EHC) plan is a legally-binding document that sets out a child’s needs and the provision that will be put in place to meet their needs
* **First-tier tribunal / SEND tribunal** – a court where you can appeal against the local authority’s decisions about EHC needs assessments or plans and against discrimination by a school or local authority due to SEN
* **Graduated approach** – an approach to providing SEN support in which the school provides support in successive cycles of assessing the pupil’s needs, planning the provision, implementing the plan, and reviewing the impact of the action on the pupil
* **Intervention** – a short-term, targeted approach to teaching a pupil with a specific outcome in mind
* **Local offer** – information provided by the local authority that explains what services and support are on offer for pupils with SEN in the local area
* **Outcome** – target for improvement for pupils with SEN. These targets don't necessarily have to be related to academic attainment
* **Reasonable adjustments** – changes that the school must make to remove or reduce any disadvantages caused by a child’s disability
* **SENCO** – the special educational needs co-ordinator
* **SEN** – special educational needs
* **SEND** – special educational needs and disabilities
* **SEND Code of Practice** – the statutory guidance that schools must follow to support children with SEND
* **SEN information report** – a report that schools must publish on their website, that explains how the school supports pupils with SEN
* **SEN support** – special educational provision that meets the needs of pupils with SEN
* **Transition** – when a pupil moves between years, phases, schools or institutions or life stages