



Golden Flatts Primary School

SEND Information Report 2015 – 2016

1. Who can I talk to about my child with SEND?

- If you have concerns about your child's progress, you should speak to your child's class teacher initially.
- If you continue to be concerned that your child is not making progress or you feel that they need additional support you may wish to speak to the **Special Education Needs/Disabilities Co-ordinator (SENDCo)**. Our School SENDCo is Miss Emma Bestford. Currently she is on maternity leave. In her absence this role is being covered Headteacher Mrs Sue Sharpe, who has extensive experience of SEND having worked as a SENDCo in 3 different schools over a 15 year period. She is supported by Miss Dani Hudson who holds a TLR3 for inclusion.
- Our SEND Governor is Mr. A. Shillaw

2. What kinds of special educational needs is provision made for at our school?

Golden Flatts Primary School is an inclusive schools where every child matters; we aim to address children's needs and support their development in the best and most appropriate way possible and celebrate effort as much as achievement. Our school's SEND policy document is available on this website, detailing our philosophy in relation to SEND.

Additional and/or different provision is currently being made in school for children with a range of needs including:

- **Cognition and Learning** – moderate learning difficulties; specific learning difficulties - dyslexia, dyspraxia.
- **Sensory, Medical and Physical** – hearing impairment, sensory processing difficulties, epilepsy.
- **Communication and Interaction** – Autistic Spectrum Condition, Asperger's Syndrome, speech and language difficulties.
- **Social, Emotional and Mental Health** - including ADHD, ADD, Attachment Disorder



3. What are the school's policies with regards to the identification and assessment of children with SEND?

Our school's Assessment Policy (which is available on this website) outlines the range of assessments regularly used throughout the school. Additional and different assessment tools may be required when children are making less than expected progress, which can be characterised by progress which:

- Is significantly slower than that of their peers starting from the same baseline.
- Fails to match or better the child's previous rate of progress.
- Fails to close the attainment gap between the child and their peers.
- Widens the attainment gap.

Progress in areas other than attainment is also considered e.g. where a child needs to make additional progress with social needs in order to be fully integrated into school life or make a successful transition to secondary school. If behaviour is causing concern, it is always considered whether there are any underlying difficulties; if there are none, the class teacher would speak to parents/carers about anything that might have happened at home. The class teacher/SENDCo would gather information about incidents occurring, at what time of day, during which lessons and behaviour diaries may also be used to analyse and consider any patterns of behaviour. Observations would be conducted in class/on playground to record behaviours, considering involvement of others/environmental factors and an intervention devised taking into account all information gathered. See SEND Policy, Behaviour Policy and Emotional Health and Wellbeing Policy for further information relating to behaviour support (available on this website).

Parents are always informed if school staff consider that their child has an additional need and parents and children (as appropriate depending upon age and capability) are involved in the planning to meet the need.

- We often recommend initially that eyesight and hearing are checked to discount these aspects as possible underlying causes of learning issues.
- We also have a medical register, which registers children's medical needs and ensures that they are met. Children on this register also have an Individual Health Care Plan which lists in detail the medical need and action to be taken. This information is updated annually with parents by Miss Clare Iseley. Health Care Plans may be updated more frequently as needs alter. Parents are asked to sign annual updates which are then made available to all relevant staff. Further information on the school's procedures relating to medical needs can be found in the Medical Conditions at School, including the Administration of Medication in School Policy (available on this website).
- Further information relating to identification and assessment of children with SEND can be found in our SEND Policy document (available on this website).



4. What are the school's policies for making provision for children with SEND whether or not they have an Education, Health and Care Plan?

- i. How does the school evaluate the effectiveness of provision for children with SEND?**
- ❖ use of a provision map to measure progress and achievement. This is evaluated half termly for impact by teachers and members of the Leadership Team through the Pupil Progress Meeting Cycle.
 - ❖ evaluation of Individual Education Plans, Monitoring Plans and Behaviour Plans at least 3x yearly (each term)
 - ❖ use of assessment information/progress rates etc. pre- and post-interventions
 - ❖ use of attainment and progress data for children with SEND across the schools - part of whole school tracking of children's learning looking at of National Curriculum Age Related Expectations and rates of progress – 3 x yearly (See Assessment Policy for more information).
 - ❖ use of pupil/parents interviews/questionnaires
 - ❖ monitoring by SENDCo and, when appropriate , in conjunction with relative agencies.
- ii. What are the school's arrangements for assessing and reviewing the progress of children with SEND?**
- ❖ our school's Assessment Policy (available on this website) outlines the range of assessments regularly used throughout the school
 - ❖ evaluation of Individual Education Plans 3x yearly
 - ❖ tracking of pupil's learning in terms of National Curriculum Age Related Expectations and progress.
 - ❖ Half termly phonic assessments for pupils accessing the school's phonic programme.
 - ❖ Half termly spelling assessments for pupils accessing the Key Stage 2 Spelling Programme
 - ❖ progress of children with speech and language needs and hearing impairments is assessed and reviewed regularly throughout the year by SALT and The Hearing Impaired Services
 - ❖ a cycle of consultation meetings, based on the planned Annual Review is held for children with Education, Health and Care Plans; interim reviews can also be arranged throughout the year if deemed necessary
 - ❖ when children are assessed by the SENDCo or by external agencies, meetings take place with the parents/carers and the class teacher to discuss the finding and how best to address need and meet targets.
 - ❖ When children have been assessed by the school's learning support teacher (Mrs Jacqui Rodgers) a meeting is arranged with parents to review the report and discuss next steps. A similar meeting is also arranged following any updated assessments.
 - ❖ when assessing children with SEND , consideration is given to recording needs e.g. if a reader, scribe, additional time or rest breaks may be necessary - generally whatever support is provided in the classroom is provided as far as is permitted during tests
 - ❖ initial concerns about a child's progress are discussed with the SENDCo and parents and followed by referrals to external agencies or placement on intervention programmes as deemed appropriate.



iii. What is our approach for teaching children with SEND?

- ❖ The motto of our school is 'Let your light shine' and our fundamental aim is to enable each individual child to do this by realising their potential and removing barriers to learning. We work in partnership with all of our families and external agencies where appropriate to make high aspirations a reality for every child, taking specific action to create effective learning environments; secure children's motivation and concentration; provide equality of opportunity, use appropriate assessments and set suitable targets for learning.
- ❖ Quality first teaching takes place in all classrooms with the setting of high expectations and the provision of opportunities for all to achieve; the impact of this is apparent in the results obtained in national tests at the close of each key stage. Information relating to results obtained is available on this website.
- ❖ Provision for children with SEND is a matter for the school as a whole. In addition, the Governing Body, Head Teacher, SENDCo and all staff members have important day-to-day responsibilities. All teachers are teachers of children with SEND.
- ❖ A continuous cycle of planning, teaching and assessing is firmly embedded, which takes account of the wide range of abilities, aptitudes and interests of our children. The majority of our children will learn and progress within these arrangements.
- ❖ Children with SEND will receive support which is adapted, additional to or different from the provision made for other children. All our teachers take account of a child's SEND in planning and assessment; they provide appropriate support for communication, language and literacy needs; they plan where necessary to develop children's understanding through the use of all available senses and experience; they plan to enable children to take full part in learning, physical and practical activities; they help children to manage their behaviour in order to take part in learning effectively and safely and they help children to manage their emotions in order to take part in learning effectively
- ❖ We aim to identify children with particular needs as early as possible; assessment of need may include observation of children's social skills and learning experiences in all curriculum areas, specific assessment by the school's SENDCo, Learning Support teacher and teacher assessment and use of assessments which will enable peer group comparisons to be made. In completing assessments to consider the whole child, we acknowledge that gifted children often require additional resourcing to extend and fully develop their potential.
- ❖ Children who speak English as a second language may also require additional modified programmes and differentiation of the curriculum. We work to ensure that if a learning concern has been raised for a child who speaks English as a second language an assessment is completed in their home language so we can determine if there is an underlying SEND issue that needs addressing.
- ❖ We acknowledge that not all children with disabilities necessarily have special educational needs. All our teachers take action to ensure that children with disabilities are able to participate as fully as possible in the National Curriculum and statutory assessment arrangements. Potential areas of difficulty are identified and assessed at the outset (with support



from Local Authority Special Needs Team if appropriate), without the need to be disapplied. Teachers plan enough time for the satisfactory completion of tasks; plan opportunities where required for the development of skills in practical aspects of the curriculum; identify aspects of programmes of study and attainment targets that may present specific difficulties for children with disabilities.

iv. How do we adapt the curriculum and learning environment?

- ❖ The curriculum is scaffolded and differentiated to meet the needs of all our children. Differentiation may occur by grouping (e.g. small group, 1:1, ability, peer partners); content of the lesson; teaching style (taking into account that children may be visual, auditory or kinaesthetic learners); lesson format (e.g. thematic games, simulations, role-play, discovery learning); pace of the lesson; provision of alternative recording methods (e.g. scribing, use of ICT, mind mapping, photographs etc); outcomes expected from individual children; materials used; support level provided; provision at alternative location.
- ❖ The School always acts upon advice received from external agencies (e.g. most advantageous positioning of HI children within the classroom and use of aids as recommended; exercise programmes from occupational health; use of brain breaks and sensory cushions).
- ❖ We endeavour to ensure that all classrooms are speech and language friendly including use of visual feedback, 'chunking' of instructions, use of '10 second rule' to allow processing time, pre-teaching of key vocabulary. We commission additional Speech and Language Therapy time in addition to our core allocation.
- ❖ Hearing Impaired Service, Educational Psychologist and Occupational Health to work directly with children in our school and provide training, support and advice to staff

v. What additional support for learning is available for children with SEND?

- ❖ There are currently 183 children on roll at Golden Flatts Primary School. We have 11 teaching assistants employed in school, providing a higher staff to pupil ratio which maximises learning potential for all our children; most are trained to deliver a number of intervention programmes throughout the school. Some TAs are deployed in classes to support children on a 1:1 or small group basis.
- ❖ We follow the Code of Practice for SEND
- ❖ We teach a differentiated curriculum to ensure that the needs of all children are met.
- ❖ We implement individual education plans x3 yearly with tight measurable targets.
- ❖ A large number of intervention programmes are in place for children who require additional support e.g. Wellcome, BLAST, RWI 1:1 phonic tutoring, small group tutoring.
- ❖ For children with specific identified or diagnosed needs, we work very closely with external agencies to ensure that the best possible support is in place (e.g. educational psychologist, speech and language therapists, occupational therapists). Meetings are often held in school involving specialists (as noted above) and/or parents to set targets, evaluate progress and ensure consistency of approach in addressing needs in school and at home.



vi. What additional support is available for improving the emotional and social development of children with SEND?

- ❖ Specialist advice from our Educational Psychologist
- ❖ Specialist advice from colleagues at CAMHS
- ❖ Areas designated as 'quiet areas' within or outside classrooms
- ❖ Support from Social Inclusion Assistant Miss Clare Iseley who has runs nurture programme, PSCHE groups and offers 1:1 support work
- ❖ Counselling through Place2Be – we offer 12 places for weekly 1:1 therapeutic work
- ❖ Pupil self-referral into Place2Talk which offers emotional support and resolution focused work on managing friendships and relationships.
- ❖ Behaviour plans

vii. What activities are available for children with SEND in addition to those available in accordance with the curriculum?

- ❖ all extra-curricular activities are available to all our children
- ❖ before school care is available to all our children
- ❖ all residential trips are available to all children
- ❖ Lunchtime sport club

5. What is the level of expertise and training of staff in relation to children with SEND and how will specialist expertise be secured?

- Our Headteacher is an experienced SENCo and holds a SEND diploma. She leads the school's inclusion team comprising of Headteacher, with responsibility for safeguarding and currently SEND in the absence of the SENDCo, teacher with TLR3 post for inclusion, Social Inclusion Assistant with responsibility for CAF, medical records and attendance and Place2Be Project manager who runs the school's counselling service.
- SENDCos achieved the SENDCO Qualification in July 2015.
- The school employs 4 HLTA and a team of 7 TAs who are trained to deliver a range of interventions on a small group and 1:1 basis.
- 3 members of staff had received training on the administration of medication.
- 3 members of staff have received in-depth training through the EP service on supporting children with ASD in the classroom.
- 3 members of staff have 'First Aid In The Work Place'
- 9 TAs/teachers have Paediatric First Aid.
- 22 members of staff have epi pen training
- 7 members of staff have received training from the diabetic nurse so they can test blood sugar levels and administer insulin.
- Staff are trained at least bi-annually by the School Health Team with regard to asthma, epilepsy, diabetes and anaphylaxis.
- 24 members of staff have completed choking prevention training.
- 21 members of staff have Team Teach training.
- CPD training is offered regularly to enhance the school's Improvement plan and afford personal development to staff. Our training plan for the next 6 months includes: Mindfulness training, mental health risk and resilience training, ASD training and attachment training.
- SENDCos attend 'Special Educational Needs Co-ordinator Cluster Meetings' throughout the year funded by the L.A. These meetings support work in school and provide an opportunity to discuss special educational needs issues with colleagues in other schools and disseminate information regarding current practice to colleagues in our school.
- At the close of each school year teachers hold meetings with the class's next teacher to discuss SEND and Medical information in preparation for the following year.



- The SENDCo meets with the Headteacher once per half term to review and plan the training, guidance and advice that staff across the school need to ensure they meet the additional learning requirements of our children. The SENDCo organises training on a needs basis and also staff may request specific training.
- The school is proactive in engaging with specialists in order to ensure that we are using best practice.

6. How are the equipment and facilities used to support children with SEND secured?

- Through discussion with specialist agencies involved
- Through discussion with parents
- Through discussion with our Headteacher.
- Equipment and facilities to support children with SEND are non-negotiable in our school; whatever our children with SEND require, within reason, they get e.g. provision of coloured overlays; provision of equipment e.g. balance boards, weighted boards, strength balls etc
- We regard our duty to make reasonable adjustments as an anticipatory duty – i.e. it applies not only to disabled children who already attend our school but also to disabled children who may attend in the future (this does not imply that we anticipate every possible auxiliary aid and service that may be required by current or future children attending our school, but that we anticipate those auxiliary aids and services which it would be reasonable to expect may be required).Auxiliary aids could include for example the provision of a piece of equipment; additional staff assistance for disabled children; readers for children (and adults in our school community) with visual impairments.
- For children who have SEND or may be considered vulnerable to the transition process additional transition visits are designed to meet their needs and ensure transition is successful. There are currently 'additional transition programmes' in place across the Federation.
- The school's Accessibility Plan (available on this website) outlines adaptations made to the building to meet particular needs and enhance learning.

7. What are the arrangements for consulting parents of children with SEND and involving parents in the education of their child?

- Throughout the year there are x3 evenings available for parents to evaluate their child's progress towards their termly targets on their Individual Education Plans.
- Parents may also attend the termly Parent Consultation Meeting and there is an end of year annual report to parents.
- Our parents appreciate the 'open door' policy whereby all school staff are easily contactable via the school office/telephone/email. Parents may be invited into school to discuss their child's progress at any time and additional meetings are set up as required or as requested by parents to discuss particular aspects of a child's SEND. We particularly welcome information from parents about how their child learns best in order that it can be shared with those people who teach the child.
- Progress and outcomes are also discussed during consultation meetings with our Educational Psychologist or Learning Support Teacher; parents are given a report and discussion takes place regarding the outcomes of any assessments/observations.
- Progress and outcomes of assessments by other external agencies may also be discussed with parents at consultation meetings (e.g. with our speech and language therapist or with specialist support teachers from the LA)



- The progress of children holding an Education, Health and Care Plan is discussed at their annual review (interim reviews may also be called as necessary). At Y5 annual reviews/EHC plan reviews transition to secondary school is considered with discussion involving parents and the LA. At Y5 and Y6 annual reviews the SENDCo of the anticipated receiving secondary school is invited to attend.
- For children with an ASD diagnosis in Y5 and Y6 the LA's ASD protocol is used help parents and carers make informed choices with regards to secondary provision .
- When desired, the SENDCo will join parents and pupils to visit prospective schools.
- Parental survey forms are used at annual reviews and throughout the year to obtain parents' views about their child's SEND, support in place to address needs and any modifications to this support which parents feel may be appropriate.

8. What are the arrangements for consulting children with SEND and involving them in their education?

- Children with SEND are represented in proportion to their numbers in the school in our School Council. All pupils in Key Stage 1 and 2 take part in Class Council meetings and Pupil Voice Assemblies.
- IEP targets are reviewed with children.
- Children's self-evaluation is actively encouraged throughout the school and children are supported where necessary to think of areas for development and how best to develop in these areas in school and at home; children are aware of their targets set to support their development.
- When appropriate and with consent from parents, child survey forms are used at annual reviews and throughout the year to obtain children's views about their SEND, support in place to address needs and any modifications to this support which children feel may be helpful for them.

9. What are the arrangements made by the Governing Body relating to the treatment of complaints from parents of children with SEND concerning the provision made by the school?

It is in everyone's interests for complaints to be resolved as quickly and at as low a level as possible and our SEND complaint procedure is as follows:

- ❖ The complaint is dealt with by the class teacher – the complainant needs to feel that they have been listened to and that all points raised have been addressed. If the matter remains unresolved, the complaint is dealt with by the SENDCo or Assistant Head Teacher. If there is still no resolution:
- ❖ The Headteacher should become actively involved.
- ❖ If the matter is still not resolved, the complainant must put their complaint in writing to the Chair of Governors.
- ❖ The Governing Body will deal with the matter through their agreed complaint resolution procedures
- ❖ In the unlikely event that the matter is still not resolved, the parent can then take the complaint to the Local Authority or request independent disagreement resolution and the school will make further information available about this process on request.



10. How does the Governing Body involve other bodies, including health services and social services bodies, local authority support services and voluntary organisations in meeting the needs of our children with SEND and in supporting the families of such children?

- The school commissions the services of a Learning Support Teacher, Educational Psychologist, Speech Therapist and Counsellor to work directly with children in our school and to provide advice and support to staff in addressing needs throughout the school.
- External support services play an important part in helping school identify, assess and make provision for pupils with special educational needs. Our school receives regular visits from a member of specialist services such as CAMHS to help us shape the provision we offer for children.
- When necessary the school seeks advice from specialist advisory teachers from the LA.

11. What are the contact details of support services for parents of children with SEND, including those for arrangements made in accordance with clause 32?

- Head Of Children's Services Louise Allen CETL Brierton Lane Hartlepool 01429 523209
- Louise Hurst SEN Office CETL Brierton Lane Hartlepool 01429 523218
- Educational Psychology Service, Jennifer Gilling CETL Brierton Lane Hartlepool
Jennifer.gilling@hartlepool.gov.uk

12. What are the contact details of support services for supporting children with SEND in transferring between phases of education?

- Transition from setting to school - EY Team, EPS, SEN Team Head Of Children's Services Louise Allen CETL Brierton Lane Hartlepool 01429 523209

13. Where is the Local Authority's Local Offer and school's Local Offer published?

- The Local Authority's Local Offer can be found on the website or at www.hartlepool.fsd.org.uk/send

14. What are the admission arrangements for children with SEND?

- To view the SEND Admission arrangements for Golden Flatts Primary School please refer to the website or alternatively :
https://www.hartlepool.gov.uk/info/20014/schools_and_learning/314/school_admissions_and_transfers



SEND impact Statement

2016 End of Key Stage 2 Results

Number of children in the cohort: 24

SEND Support number and percentage of children: 2 children / 8.3% SEND

EHC Plan number and percentage of children: 0 children / 0% SEND

Maths, Reading and Writing Level 4+

	School	National
SEND Support	0%	Not yet available
No SEND	63.6%	Not yet available

Maths- working at expected standard

	School	National
SEND Support	0%	Not yet available
No SEND	77.3%	Not yet available

Reading - working at expected standard

	School	National
SEND Support	50%	Not yet available
No SEND	63.6%	Not yet available

Writing- working at expected standard

	School	National
SEND Support	50%	Not yet available
No SEND	72.7%	Not yet available

Spelling, Grammar and Punctuation - working at expected standard

	School	National
SEND Support	0%	Not yet available
No SEND	72.7%	Not yet available



2016 End of Key Stage 1 Results

Number of children in the cohort: 23

SEND Support number and percentage of children: 2 children / 9% SEND

EHC Plan number and percentage of children: 0 children / 0% SEND

Maths - working at expected standard

	School	National
SEND Support	50%	Not yet available
No SEND	76.2%	Not yet available

Reading - working at expected standard

	School	National
SEND Support	50%	Not yet available
No SEND	81%	Not yet available

Writing - working at expected standard

	School	National
SEND Support	50%	Not yet available
No SEND	71.4%	Not yet available



2016 Phonic Screening Results

Number of children in the cohort: 25

SEND Support number and percentage of children: 6 children / 24% SEND

EHC Plan number and percentage of children: 0 children / 0% SEND

Phonic Screening

	School	National
SEND Support	50%	Not yet available
No SEND	95%	Not yet available