



# HYDE PARK SCHOOLS

## SEN Information Report

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# WHAT IS SEND?



A child or young person has a SEND if they have a learning difficulty or disability which calls for special educational provision to be made for him or her (6.15 CoP).

A child of compulsory school age or a young person has a learning difficulty or disability if he or she:

Has a significantly greater difficulty in learning than the majority of others of the same age or

Has a disability which prevents or hinders him or her from making use of facilities of a kind generally provided for others of the same age in mainstream schools or mainstream post-16 institutions (Children & Families Act, Part 3, section 20).

# ...WHAT IS SEND?



We are an inclusive and ambitious school, aiming to support all children and their individual needs within the limitations of our school budget.

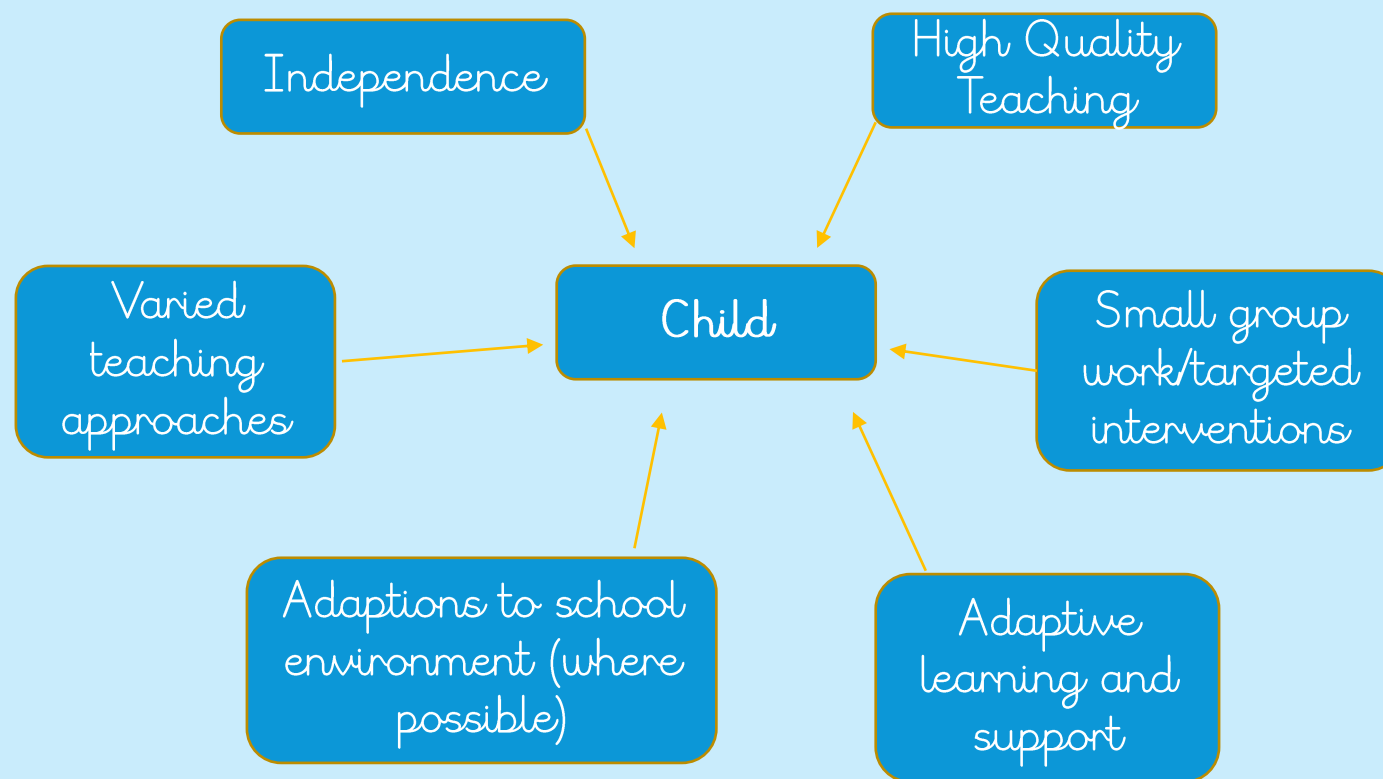
The Code of Practice 2015 identifies 4 broad areas of need:

- 1. Communication and interaction
- 2. Cognition and learning
- 3. Social, emotional and mental health difficulties
- 4. Sensory and/or physical needs

Children who have English as an Additional Language are not regarded as having a learning difference if the only difficulties are language barriers.

Health conditions and/or physical disabilities which require special educational provision to be made will be covered by this SEND definition.

# HOW DOES HYDE PARK SUPPORT CHILDREN WITH SEND?





Wherever possible, the teaching and learning environment is tailored to meet the needs of all children. In addition to this we have a progression of steps in order to support children who have, or may have SEND.



High Quality Teaching - differentiated as necessary



Small group support, either in class or as part of a targeted intervention



Specialist support within school within the school e.g. ELSA (Emotional Literacy Support Assistant)



Referral to an outside agency for specific assessment, support or advice

## The 3 levels of SEN provision within the Approach

### Universal Provision

- **Pupil characteristics**
- Pupils operate broadly within the expected range of abilities for their age but their progress/development may occur at a somewhat slower pace than that of other pupils
- Pupils remain part of the mainstream teaching timetable for all activities
- Individual goals for improvement are identified and the quality of teaching and learning is monitored to ensure it is appropriate to pupils' needs

### Targeted Provision

- **Pupil characteristics**
- Pupils' progress with learning and development is at a very slow rate and additional support is needed to achieve this
- Pupils may be attaining at a level significantly below age-related expectations and there may be evidence of an increasing gap between them and their peers
- Evidence based interventions (group or individual) have been identified and put in place on the basis of the identified need
- Evidence of impact of the intervention is recorded, to inform decisions about whether the intervention remains appropriate

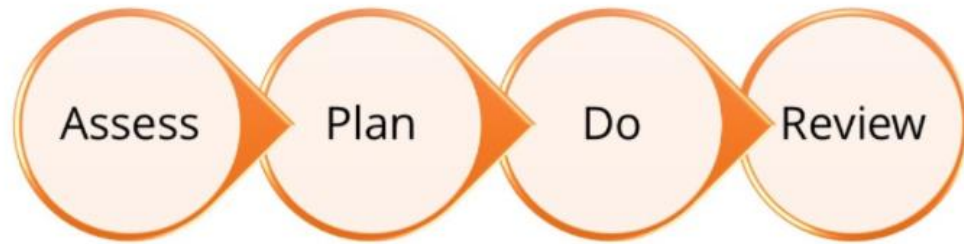
### Specialist Provision

- **Pupil characteristics**
- Pupils have significant and persistent learning difficulties despite access to appropriate learning opportunities and support
- Pupils may have life-long learning difficulties or disabilities, across several areas of development, and will require more specialist intervention and advice



- At Hyde Park School the majority of pupil's needs will be met through universal provision.
- Should a child be identified as needing targeted provision, their needs will be discussed with the SENCO at termly meetings, as well as communicated to parents through an open door policy and parents evenings.

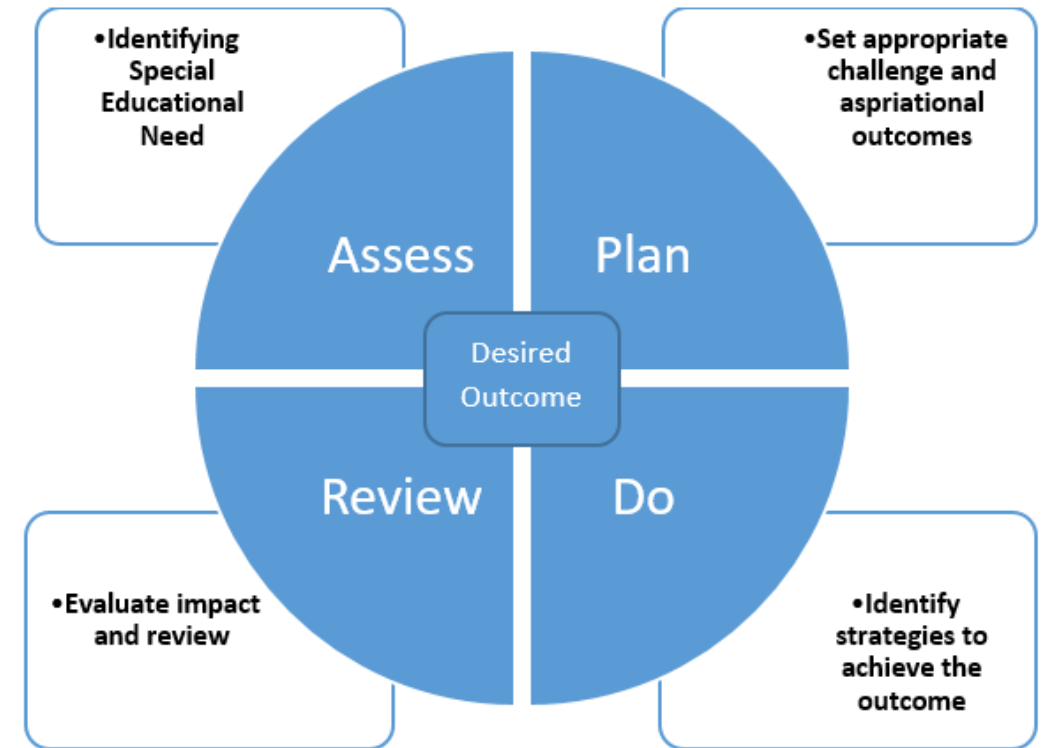
# GRADUATED APPROACH



## Graduated approach to inclusion

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The school follows the graduated approach to inclusion and an assess, plan, do review cycle to help target the support a child requires.

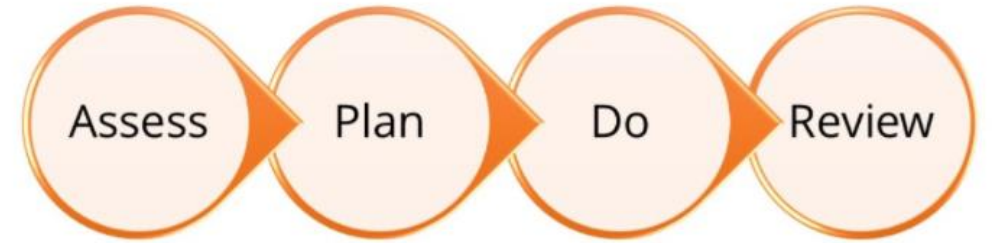


# GRADUATED APPROACH: REVIEW



Within our graduated approach, we review our provision and support. We review through taking into consideration and triangulating multiple different pieces of data and information for instance:

- summative data
- progress against SMART targets
- observations
- outside agencies reports
- pupil voice
- views of parents and guardians



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# WHAT WILL HAPPEN IF MY CHILD DOES NOT MAKE EXPECTED PROGRESS OR IS IDENTIFIED AS NEEDING MORE SUPPORT?

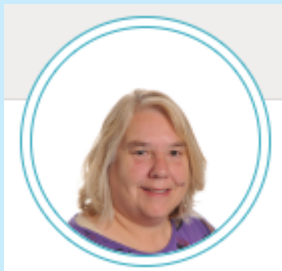


- Each class teacher will assess the children continually, as part of their everyday teaching. If they feel a child is not making expected progress they will try different approaches and styles to help them to learn. This will then be discussed with the Special Needs Co-Ordinator at a Termly Pupil Progress Meeting and next steps recorded.
- If more or different support is needed, targeted provision will be put in to place to support the child to help them to make more progress. This is discussed with parents. This is monitored through SEND Review meetings with the SENCO and class teacher.
- Sometimes, the school's SENCO will offer advice on their particular difficulty and appropriate support/resources recommended. Screening tools may also support this.
- If necessary the SENCO will seek advice from other professionals to make more detailed assessments. An IEP may be needed at this point, to support the delivery of specialist advice and measure impact.
- If a multi-agency response is required, targets may be documented through a Multi Agency Support Plan (MASP/TAM) or an Early Help Assessment Tool (EHAT). This helps co-ordinated the advice from multiple agencies.

# WHERE CAN I FIND INFORMATION ABOUT HYDE PARK'S APPROACH TO PUPILS WITH SEND?



- Our school website has lots of information about the school. There is a designated area for SEND, where you can find a copy of the SEND Policy, as well as a link to the Plymouth Online Directory (POD), which has a wealth of useful links.
- Alternatively, you are welcome to contact Miss McNamee, our school SENCO, Mrs Razey (Head of School HPI)/ Mr Dellow (Head of School HPJ) or Mrs Jones (Executive Headteacher), who will gladly discuss any issues with you.



Mrs Razey



Mr Dellow



Mrs Jones

# WHO IS THE PERSON RESPONSIBLE FOR CHILDREN WITH SEND?



- Miss McNamee is our school SENCO. This stands for Special Educational Needs Co-ordinator. She co-ordinates the provision for our SEND children across the school.
- Each class teacher is responsible for the day to day teaching of SEND children in their class. The Heads of School and the Executive Headteacher has overall responsibility for all pupils.
- All of the staff within the school work in partnership with Miss McNamee to meet the needs of our SEND children.



Miss McNamee

# HOW DO I CONTACT THE PEOPLE RESPONSIBLE FOR SEND OR ARRANGE TO MEET THEM?



Miss McNamee can be contacted:

1. By Writing:

Hyde Park School

Hyde Park Road

Peverell

Plymouth

PL3 4RH

2. By Telephone:

01752 404489

3. By email:

[hydepark.office@horizonmat.com](mailto:hydepark.office@horizonmat.com)

# WHAT TRAINING OR SPECIALIST EXPERTISE DO THE HYDE PARK STAFF HAVE AROUND SEND?



- Miss McNamee is working towards the National SENCO Qualification.
- Miss McNamee regularly attends specialised CPD and then shares this with school staff.
- The majority of our Teaching Assistants have received training in ELSA (Emotional Literacy Support Assistants) and Lego Therapy.
- The SLT and Year Leaders have all received training from the Trauma Informed Schools.
- SLT and select members of staff have received PIPS (Passive Intervention and Prevention Strategies)
- EYFS, KS1 and KS2 staff have all been trained in the use of Cued Articulation to support speech and language development.



# WHAT FURTHER EXTERNAL SUPPORT CAN HYDE PARK ACCESS AND WHEN WOULD THIS HAPPEN?



When a differentiated, targeted curriculum is no longer having an impact on a child's progress or emotional well-being the SENCO may request further advice, support or assessment from the relevant outside agency.

The school has access to the following services and more:

- Speech and Language Team - NHS or PLP
- Communication Interaction Team (CIT)
- School Nurse
- Multi Agency Support Team (MAST) including Family Support Workers and Educational Psychologist
- Transition support from the local secondary schools
- Social Services
- Primary Mental Health Team
- CAMHS
- Adoption Support UK
- Jeremiah's Journey
- Woodlands Outreach Team
- Child Development Centre - via the GP
- Occupational Therapy

# WHO CAN I CONTACT TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL ADVICE AND SUPPORT FOR MY FAMILY?



- Mrs Razey and Mr Dellow is available to support families in their role as Pastoral Leads. They are able to offer a range of support and impartial advice including:
- Signposting parents to different organisations that may help them such as Plymouth Information Advice and Support for SEND (PIAS).
- Listening and talking to parents about their anxieties or difficulties.
- Providing support for parents to help them deal with parenting challenges such as behaviour, sleeping, eating, bereavement and other difficulties.
- Depending on the issue, the class teachers, Executive Headteacher and SENCO are also able to offer advice and support.
- Parents can also access the Plymouth Online directory for further advice or support:
- [SEND Local Offer - Plymouth Online Directory](#)

# HOW DOES HYDE PARK INVOLVE PARENTS AND CHILDREN IN THEIR SEND SUPPORT?



- At Hyde Park we value our strong relationships with parents and carers. We recognise the importance of working together to secure the best possible outcomes for all children. We also have regular parents meetings with class teachers, where parents can share and review targets, progress and support arrangements.
- Children are actively encouraged to understand their targets and celebrate their success in achieving them and a 'Person Centred Planning' approach is taken.

# PARENT TESTIMONIAL



'Miss McNamee the SENCO at Hyde Park has been an incredible support since she was initially in E's life as her year 3 teacher. I don't know the origin of her understanding in the field of SEN, but as a parent of a SEN child, it comes across to me as someone with a personal knowledge and understanding, rather than a textbook one.

E went into her class as below expectations across the board and unable to read, and left her class reading fluently. It was a small miracle.

The following year Miss McNamee was announced as SENCO and I felt such a relief. So many people in education/life mean well, but really don't have a clue about the reality of living with a SEN child and their "invisible" struggles (to most people). The current SENCO is hands down the best person for the role and will work her hardest to ensure that any SEN child is happy both at school and at home. She is the only teacher/SENCO my daughter has ever felt comfortable to be honest with in 9 years of nursery and school. She picks up on my daughter's queues as if she is one of the family who knows her inside out, and even has the understanding to check to make sure her little sister is coping as well as she seems to be with a SEN sister.

I was intimidated at the thought writing a review, normally it's something I'd discard as not important because I'm so busy with other things. However, Miss McNamee is the best SENCO I could ever wish for. My child would still be unable to read if it wasn't for her super human understanding. She advocates for my little girl constantly to people who (quite luckily) do not know what they're dealing with. Anyone with a SEN child can absolutely trust that their child is in the best possible hands with the current SENCO at Hyde Park School.'

# PARENT TESTIMONIAL



'This time last year, we considered moving him to a Special School: searching for advice and consulting with numerous Special School head teachers throughout the summer term. However, Mr Dellow and Mrs McNamee went out of their way to reassure us that they could accommodate A's social, emotional and educational needs in the forthcoming years. They even switched the location of no less than six classrooms, to locate his class as near as possible to the Snug, withdrawal room! That is definitely 'going above and beyond' for a pupil. This year Mrs McNamee has worked tirelessly for the benefit of our child: expertly chairing regular meetings, with all professionals involved with A; filling in endless, but necessary paperwork; devising and adapting challenging, engaging and well-pitched timetables to meet his unique needs; and above all been his strongest advocate. She is incredibly well informed and has supported us with positivity and kindness, when we have struggled to understand the referral processes and how to seek the support we need.

When receiving a class with a child, such as Alfie, the task of differentiating so widely must have been daunting. His class teacher has been a true professional and expertly adapted the curriculum to both engage and challenge him. He has returned home 'buzzing' about all that he has learnt in school that day; wanting to research further or read more about a given topic.

A's I to 1 TA is simply the most wonderful human being that a child (and parent) could have the pleasure to meet. She is a whirlwind of fun, love, compassion, firmness, trust, challenge and mischief. To say that we have been bowled over with the level of commitment she has to the Special Needs children of Hyde Park School would be an understatement. Watching her interact with Alfie is quite something to behold. This is an educator, who really, truly understands the complexities of a neurodivergent child and loves them for it. '



# WHERE CAN I FIND INFORMATION ABOUT THE LOCAL AUTHORITY'S LOCAL OFFER FOR CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE WITH SEN AND THEIR FAMILIES?



- The Local Authority's Local Offer can be found at:
- [SEND Local Offer - Plymouth Online Directory](#)
- This contains a directory of services available to parents and children and provides information about SEN support and provision in Plymouth.
- For any other information about our school and the opportunities we offer, please refer to our website or contact the school office on 01752 225314.

# WHAT HAPPENS AT DIFFERENT TRANSITION POINTS?



- The school works closely with parents and local Pre-schools to ensure quality transition into school, for pupils with SEND. This is to ensure successful strategies can continue within a new setting, as well as communication of needs and support required.
- The school adheres to the Local Authorities Transition Programme using the appropriate paperwork and transition codes.
- The transition process to Secondary School for children with SEND, begins in Year 5. Parents will be involved in the process of an enhanced transition, through TAM meetings and visits to the Secondary School.
- Throughout Year 6, children with SEND are provided with a gradual, planned transition. Those needing it will have this enhanced transition to familiarise themselves with the new setting and staff. In this way a thorough exchange of information about the child will take place and they will be supported from both staff at Hyde Park and the receiving school.

# IF I AM NOT HAPPY WITH THE PROVISION AT HYDE PARK, HOW CAN I SHARE MY CONCERNS OR MAKE A COMPLAINT?



- We very much hope that you will be happy with the provision for children with SEND at Hyde Park. However, if you are not happy with the provision in place for your child, there are several ways to resolve this:
- Talk to the class teacher
- Talk to the SENCO
- Talk to the Head of School/Executive Head
- Contact Plymouth Information Advice and Support for SEND who offer impartial support and advice.

# GLOSSARY

CAMHS - Child Adolescent Mental Health Support

CDC - Child Development Centre

CIT - Communication Interaction Team

EHAT - Early Help Assessment Tool

ELSA - Emotional Literacy Support Assistant

EP - Educational Psychologist

IEP - Individual Education Plan

MASP - Multi Agency Support Plan

MAST - Multi Agency Support Team

PIAS - Plymouth Information Advice and Support

POD - Plymouth Online Directory

TAM - Team Around Me meeting

SENCO - Special Educational Needs Co-Ordinator

SEND - Special Educational Needs and Disabilities