



## Special Educational Needs & Disability Information Report

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Further Information/Guidance	<p>Equality Act 2010: advice for schools DfE (May 2014)</p> <p>SEND Code of Practice 0-25 (January 2015)</p> <p>Schools SEN Information Report Regulations (2014)</p> <p>Supporting pupils at school with medical conditions (December 2015)</p> <p>The National Curriculum in England Key Stage 1 and 2 framework document (September 2013)</p> <p>Safeguarding Policy</p> <p>Special Educational Needs and Disability Policy</p> <p>Accessibility Plan <a href="http://www.derbyshiresendlocaloffer.org/Tupton-Accessibility-Plan-1.3.pdf">Tupton-Accessibility-Plan-1.3.pdf (tpna.org.uk)</a></p> <p>Teachers' Standards 2012</p> <p>The SEND Local Offer <a href="http://www.derbyshiresendlocaloffer.org/">http://www.derbyshiresendlocaloffer.org/</a></p>

At Tupton Primary and Nursery Academy we strive to create a learning environment where all children feel happy, safe and cared for and able to achieve their full potential. Children, parents, staff and governors achieve this by having PRIDE in being part of the Tupton family.

Our values of partnership, respect, independence, determination and enjoyment apply to all our children regardless of race, gender, creed, ability or disability and provide the basis for all decision making within the school. Children with SEND will be afforded the same rights and responsibilities as other pupil members of the school's community.

Tupton Primary and Nursery Academy caters for children from 3 to 11 years of age. At the time of writing there are **240** children on roll and **37** of our pupils are identified as having special educational needs or disabilities (March 2025). The admission arrangements for all pupils are in accordance with national legislation, including the Equality Act 2010. This includes children with any level of SEND; those with Education, Health and Care Plans, and those without.

Tupton Primary and Nursery Academy works within the Derbyshire Local Offer. Please visit this website for further information. <http://www.derbyshiresendlocaloffer.org/>

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## What does SEND mean?

SEND means Special Educational Needs and Disabilities. Children have a special need if they have a learning difficulty which calls for special educational provision to be made. This will be if the child:

- a) has significantly greater difficulty in learning than the majority of children of the same age or
- b) has a disability which prevents or hinders them from making use of educational facilities of a kind generally provided for children of school age within the Local Authority

A child under compulsory school age has special educational needs if they fall within the definition at (a) or (b) above or would do so if special educational provision was not made for them.

The area of special need will be identified as either:

**Communication and Interaction** (This includes children with speech and language delay, impairments or disorders, specific learning difficulties such as dyslexia, dyscalculia, dysgraphia and dyspraxia, hearing impairment, and those who demonstrate features within the autistic spectrum).

**Cognition and Learning** (This includes children who demonstrate features of moderate, severe or profound learning difficulties or specific learning difficulties or specific learning difficulties such as dyslexia, dyscalculia, dysgraphia or dyspraxia).

**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, multi-sensory and physical difficulties).

Behavioural difficulties do not necessarily mean that a child or young person has a SEN and should not automatically lead to a pupil being registered as having SEN.

The following are not considered to be SEN but they may impact on progress and attainment;

- Disability (if reasonable adjustments can be made Code of Practice 0–25)
- Attendance and Punctuality
- Health and Welfare
- EAL (English as an Additional Language)
- Being in receipt of Pupil Premium Grant
- Being a Looked After Child
- Being a child of a Serviceman/woman

## How will my school identify if my child has special educational needs?

At different times in their school life, a child or young person may have a special educational need. School staff understand a pupil has SEND if:

- Parents inform the school prior to or during admission.
- Previous educational settings liaise with school.
- Outside agencies contact the school prior to / during admission or whilst the child is a pupil at the school.
- The class teacher, SENCO, school leaders identify that a pupil has significantly greater difficulty in learning than the majority of children of the same age or has a disability which prevents or hinders them from making use of educational facilities of a kind generally provided for children of school age within the Local Authority.
- Information from parents.
- Pupil voice.
- Any other additional information available.

## How do we identify children with SEND and assess their needs?

It maybe that the school seeks additional information from a screen by a specialist teacher e.g. a dyslexia assessment, or assessments completed by outside agencies e.g.; Educational Psychology, CAMHS, School Health, Paediatricians, Speech and Language Therapists.

## Our Approach to Teaching Learners with SEND

At Tupton Primary and Nursery Academy we ensure that all pupils in our school are equally valued by having equal access to a broad and balanced curriculum, which is differentiated to meet individual needs and abilities.

### Our school:

- Has effective management systems and procedures in place for SEND, taking into account the current Code of Practice (2014).
- Has successful communication between teachers, children with SEND, parents of children with SEND, teaching assistants who run groups and outside agencies.
- Acknowledges and draws on parents' knowledge and expertise in relation to their own child.
- Is committed to developing the knowledge and skills of all the staff to manage the challenges of the range of needs in the school, and to ensure that all support is of high quality
- Has an effective review cycle that allows us to monitor, review and plan for the next steps of development based on the Assess, Plan, Do, Review cycle
- Ensures that consideration for SEND crosses all curriculum areas and all aspects of teaching and learning.

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

### **The Class Teacher is responsible for:**

- Monitoring the progress of all children and identifying, planning and delivering any additional help your child may need (this could be interventions, resources, additional support) and informing the SENCO and parents as necessary.
- Writing and updating a pupil profile for all children in their class identified as having SEND in line with our Assess, Plan, Do, Review cycle.
- Keeping a provision map detailing additional intervention support for pupils in their class.
- Ensuring that the school's SEND policy is followed in the classroom for all the pupils they teach with SEND.
- Liaising with outside agencies who may be coming into school to support your child's learning e.g. School Health, Paediatricians, Speech and Language Therapists.

### **Mrs Ellie Brown, SENCO & Inclusion Lead, is responsible for:**

- Developing and reviewing the school's SEND policy.
- Co-ordinating all the support for children with special educational needs or disabilities (SEND).
- Ensuring that you as parents / carers are:
  - involved in supporting your child's learning
  - kept informed about the support your child is getting
  - involved in reviewing how your child is doing
- Liaising with all the other people who may be coming into school to support your child's learning, e.g. Speech and Language Therapist, Educational Psychologist.
- Updating the school's SEND register and making sure that records of your child's progress and needs are kept.
- Providing specialist support for teachers and support staff at the school so that they can help children with SEND difficulties in the school to achieve the best progress possible
- Coordinating EHC referrals, Early Years SEN Inclusion Fund and Inclusion Panel Funding, where appropriate.

**Miss Katherine Richards, Head Teacher, is responsible for:**

- The day to day management of all aspects of the school, including the support for children with SEND.
- Working closely with the SENCO and class teachers.
- Ensuring that the Governing Body is kept up to date about issues relating to SEND.
- Ensuring your child's needs are met.

**SEND Governor, who is responsible for:**

- Making sure that the necessary support is given for any child who attends the school who has SEND.

**What are the different types of support available for children with SEND in our school?**

**Targeted classroom teaching (Quality First Teaching)**

**For your child this would mean:**

- The teacher has the highest possible expectations for your child and all pupils in their class.
- All teaching is built on what your child already knows, is able to do and understands.
- Different ways of teaching are in place so that your child is fully involved in learning in class. For example, differentiated work, mixed ability groupings, pre-teaching and scaffolded tasks.
- Specific strategies, which may be suggested by the SENCO or outside agencies, are in place to support your child to learn. For example movement breaks, visual supports, practical resources, social stories or using particular technology.

**Specific group work**

**Interventions which may be run:**

- In the classroom or in another space in school.
- By a teacher, teaching assistant or pastoral manager.

Intervention Programmes at Tupton Primary and Nursery Academy may include:

Phonics, Individual Reading, Precision Teaching, Box Jobs, KSI and KS2 Talk Boost, Reading Detectives, Anger and Anxiety Gremlins, Drawing and Talking, Positive Play, Lego Therapy, Forest School, Behaviour Toolbox and Nurture.

Intervention Programmes may change on a termly basis, dependent on need.

### **Specialist activities run or advised by outside agencies (e.g. ISAT or Speech and Language therapy)**

- This means they have been identified by the SENCO / class teacher as needing some extra specialist support in school from a professional outside the school.
- You may be asked to give your permission for the school to refer your child to a specialist professional e.g. a Speech and Language Therapist or Educational Psychologist. This will help the school and yourself understand your child's particular needs better and be able to support them better in school.
- The specialist professional will work with your child to understand their needs and make recommendations as to the ways your child is given support. Staff will then act upon those recommendations and arrange for a specifically tailored intervention to take place.

### **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, initially, speak to your child's class teacher. If you continue to be concerned that your child is not making progress, you may speak to the SENCO or Head Teacher.

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

- Initially, the class teacher will approach you to discuss these concerns.
- 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 that you may have.
  - Plan any additional support your child may need.
  - 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 progress in their learning?**

- The school budget received from Derbyshire Education Authority, includes money for supporting children with SEND. Different children will require different levels of support in order to help them make progress and achieve their potential. Where appropriate, the SENCO will make an application for additional funding if it is agreed a child's barriers to learning cannot be overcome within the means of the delegated budget.
- The Head Teacher decides on the deployment of resources for children with SEND in consultation with the SENCO and governors, on the basis of needs in the school

- The Head Teacher and the SENCO 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 expected progress and for whom Inclusion Profiles are developed. These identify all resources / training and support for children with SEND, are reviewed regularly and changes made as necessary.

## Arrangements for the admission of pupils with disabilities

The admission arrangements for all students are in accordance with national legislation including the Equality Act 2010. This includes children with any level of SEND, those with Education, Health and Care Plans and those without. No child will be refused admission solely on the grounds that he or she has SEND or a Disability. However, where he or she is the subject of a "Statement of Special Educational Need" or an "Education, Health and Care Plan" and it is proposed that Tupton Primary and Nursery Academy is named in that Statement or EHC Title: SEN and Disability Policy Page 11 of 12 Plan.

Tupton Primary and Nursery Academy, where relevant make representations to the local authority that placement at our school is incompatible with the efficient education of others, or the efficient use of resources, and no reasonable steps may be made to secure compatibility. Students with SEND will be given extra transition visits prior to joining, where appropriate. Parents are welcome to visit and discuss any individual needs and concerns in detail.

## Arrangements for supporting children and young people who are looked after by the local authority and have SEN

A pupil with SEND who is looked after by the local authority will be provided for in the same ways as all pupils with SEND, as outlined in this information report. However pupils who are looked after by the local authority will also have a Personal Education Plan or Early Years Personal Education Plan. This is a record of progress, achievement and professional support for the child. PEP meetings will be conducted at least termly and overseen by the designated teacher of LAC (Miss Katherine Richards) alongside the SENDCo & Inclusion Lead (Mrs Ellie Brown). Pupil Premium Plus funding is allocated to the Virtual School from central government and will be claimed by school to support the child's educational needs identified through the PEP process.

## Who are the other people providing services to children with SEND in this school?

### School Provision

- Teachers are responsible for planning differentiated lessons to meet the needs of all pupils within the class setting.
- Teaching Assistants working with small groups or individual children.



- Small groups for interventions listed in our school offer.

### **Multi Agency Provision including Local Authority Provision which may be delivered in school**

- Derbyshire Education Psychology Service
- Inclusion Support Services
- Child and Adolescent Mental Health Service (CAMHS)
- Speech and Language Therapy Service
- School Nurse and School Doctor Service
- Physiotherapy and Occupational Therapy
- Physical Impairment Support Service
- Visual Impairment Support Service
- Hearing Impairment Support Service
- Positive 4 Young People (P4YP)
- The Elm Foundation
- CRUISE Derbyshire

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

- One of the roles of the SENCO is to support the class teacher in planning for children with SEND.
- The school provides training and support to enable all staff to improve the teaching and learning of children, including those with SEND. This includes whole school training on identifying needs and different intervention strategies. During the academic year 2024/2025, staff training planned includes oracy, ADHD awareness and sensory environments.
- Individual teachers and support staff attend training run by outside agencies that are relevant to the needs of specific children in their class.

### **How will 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.
- Support staff, under the direction of the class teacher, can adapt 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.
- More information can be found on the school's accessibility plan.

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

Your child's progress is continually measured by their class teacher.

- Progress in Reading, Writing and Maths is formally assessed each term.
- Progress is monitored regularly by the Head Teacher, SENCO and Class Teachers.
- Where appropriate, staff make use of standardised diagnostic assessments.
- At the end of Reception pupils are assessed against the Early Years Outcomes. In Year One pupils take part in the Y1 Phonics Screening. Teacher assessments are submitted in Year 2 and external assessments take place in year 6. These are government requirements and the results are published nationally.
- All pupils with SEND will have a Pupil Profile based on areas of identified need. Progress against these targets will be reviewed regularly and future provision amended as necessary.
- The progress of children with an EHC Plan will be formally reviewed at an Annual Review where all the adults who work with the child along with parents can celebrate success, set further targets and evaluate provision.
- The school will also check that your child is making good progress within individual work and targeted group work through:
  - book scrutiny
  - observations if thought necessary
  - data analysis

### **How do we evaluate the effectiveness of the provision?**

At Tupton Primary and Nursery Academy, we regularly monitor the effectiveness of provision through tracking progress and pupil progress meetings. Performance during interventions is monitored and evaluated regularly. Class teachers and the SENDCo make ongoing assessments if appropriate. Relevant data is also collected and reviewed. We follow the ongoing cycle of the graduated approach.

### **What co-curricular activities do school have available for my child?**

Co-curricular is very important at our school and we encourage all children, to access all the activities and trips that we have available.

### **How do we support the improvement of social and emotional development?**

At our school, the SENDCo (Mrs Brown) is also our Inclusion Lead and ensures that there are a wide range of interventions which support SEMH needs.

### **How does school support children who are looked after by the authority, and have SEND?**

All pupils on the SEND register have regular reviews and the SENDCo will attend all PEP meetings with the local authority and external agencies for those pupils with SEND who are also looked after.

## What support do we have for you as a parent of a child with a SEND and how will school involve you in your child's education?

- The class teacher is available to discuss your child's progress, any concerns you have or to share information.
- The SENCO (Mrs Brown) is available to meet with you to discuss any concerns or worries you may have.
- All information from outside agencies / professionals will be shared with you by the person involved directly, or where this is not possible, in a report.
- You will be involved with setting new Inclusion Profile targets.
- If required, a home / school communication book can be set up.

## How do we involve pupils in their own education?

- Each child on the SEND register has an Inclusion Profile, which outlines their interests, their strengths/weaknesses and how school can help them. These are regularly updated as part of the review process.

## How is Tupton Primary School accessible to children with SEND?

- The school is fully compliant with DDA requirements.
- We have an up to date Disability Equality Scheme which includes our Accessibility Policy and Plan (see website).
- The school classrooms and disabled toilet are on one level, with easy access via a ramp to the lower door and wide doors to the main entrance.
- Our toilet is fitted with a changing couch.
- There is a disabled toilet area.
- We ensure wherever possible that equipment used is accessible to all children regardless of their needs.
- After school provision is accessible to all children, including those with SEND.
- Extra-curricular activities are accessible for children with SEND.
- We work closely with specialist teacher advisors (where appropriate) to complete risk assessments for children with physical disabilities, and in advance of any off-site activity or a school visit.

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

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

### **If your child is joining us in Reception from a local nursery, childminder, or from home:**

- The SENCO and or class teacher will visit the pre-school as appropriate and meet with your child, teachers, and parents.
- The SENCO and/or class teacher will make a home visit to develop a good working relationship. Outside agencies already involved may also be present.
- A book introducing the staff and setting may be produced if this would be beneficial to your child
- Adaptations to the length of the school day, or a phased start can be arranged if this would be beneficial to your child.

### **If your child is moving to a new school we will:**

- Contact the SENCO and ensure they know about any special arrangements or support that need to be made for your child.
- Make sure that all records about your child are passed on as soon as possible.
- We will inform outside agencies that your child has moved to a different school so that the relevant agencies can continue to support them.

### **When moving classes in school:**

- Information will be passed on to the new class teacher and if appropriate a planning / transition meeting will take place.
- New class teacher to be invited to any meetings that are arranged during the summer term prior to moving classes.
- If your child would be helped with a book, photographs or a passport to support them in understanding moving to a new class this can be made for them.

### **In Year 6:**

- The SENCO and / or class teacher will discuss the specific needs of your child with the SENCO and / or head of year of the child's chosen secondary school. In most cases, an Inclusion Profile review meeting, where transition will be discussed, will take place with the SENCO from the new school

- As well as the arranged transition days if your child requires additional visits this can be arranged. On some occasions the staff from the new school will visit your child while they are at Tupton Primary and Nursery Academy.
- If your child would be helped with a book, photographs or a passport to support them in understanding moving to a new school this can be made for them.

## What is the local offer?

- The **SEND Local Offer** is a resource which is designed to support children and young people with special educational needs and/or disabilities and their families. It describes the services and provision that are available both to those families in Derbyshire that have an Education, Health and Care Plan and those who do not have a plan, but still experience some form of special educational need. The SEND Local Offer includes information about public services across education, health and social care, as well as those provided by the private, voluntary and community sectors. More information can be found on; [www.derbyshire.gov.uk/SEND](http://www.derbyshire.gov.uk/SEND)

## Complaints Procedure

- If a parent or carer has any concerns or complaints regarding the care or welfare of their child, an appointment can be made with the Head Teacher or SENCO, who will be able to advise on formal procedures for complaint. A copy of the policy can also be found on the school's website.