

Ponteland Primary School SEND Information Report

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Our School Vision

Our fundamental aim is to provide a secure, healthy, happy and hardworking environment in which children of all abilities can learn with confidence.

Ponteland Primary School is a fully inclusive school. We ensure that all pupils reach their full potential personally, socially, emotionally, physically and educationally as we strive for “excellence for all”

“High quality teaching that is differentiated and personalised will meet the individual needs of the majority of children and young people. Some children and young people need educational provision that is additional to or different from this. This is special educational provision under Section 21 of the Children and Families Act 2014.” DFE 2014

As part of the Ponteland Partnership of schools we believe that every child has an entitlement to learn, regardless of need. SENDCOs across the partnership work together to share good practice, to plan and to discuss current research. The Northumberland Graduated response permeates our approach; assess the pupil’s needs, plan and implement strategies to meet the identified needs, review progress made.

Compliance

Our practice and the information in this report complies with the statutory requirement laid out in the SEND Code of Practice 0-25 (July 2014) and has been written with reference to the following guidance and documents:

- Equality Act 2014
- Children and Families Act 2014
- Special Educational Needs and Disability Regulations 2014
- SEND Code of Practice 0-25 (July 2014)
- Statutory Guidance on Supporting Pupils At School with Medical Conditions (April 2014)
- Safeguarding Policy
- Accessibility Plan
- Teachers Standards 2012

The SENDCo provides support to staff by:-

- monitoring pupil progress
- working alongside staff, parents and outside agencies
- working with staff to monitor pupils progress
- attending review meetings

We support pupils with Special Educational Needs/Disabilities and their Families

We involve and support parents/carers by:-

- Termly meetings with parents to discuss current needs, progress, targets and levels of support.
- Annual reports to parents in the summer term
- Parents evenings in the spring and autumn terms
- Copies of reviewed and new Pupil Profiles sent to parents termly/half termly to parents of all SEND children
- An 'Open Door' policy, offering additional appointments can be made with staff at any time
- Communication through letters and/or phone calls if required
- Dedicated parent support worker who works in partnership with the SENDCo
- Termly meetings for carers of Looked After Children (LAC)
- Regular Personal Education Plan (PEP) meetings for carers of LAC

We support pupils with SEND by :-

- Inclusive whole class teaching whenever possible (supported by additional adults in class)
- Regular pupil progress meetings with parents to discuss concerns, monitor progress, review interventions and plan support
- Identification of suitable resources needed to support pupils
- Teacher planned interventions in basic skills in English/Maths/Social skills, which are reviewed and monitored.
- 1:1 or small group intervention with a teacher or teaching assistant which is assessed, planned, implemented and monitored regularly.
- individual pupil profiles with SMART targets (specific, measurable, achievable, realistic, time limited) which are reviewed termly/half-termly
- Targets for English/Maths, social skills and life skills are discussed with SEND children
- Trained support staff
- Regular pupil tracking of progress and achievement
- Advice/involvement from outside agencies – which can lead to an Education, Health Care Plan if required
- SEND children complete their own termly reviews of their learning and homework
- School Behaviour & Support Worker who provides pastoral support for children with social/emotional difficulties, listens to the views of children and ensures measures are in place to prevent bullying in school.
- Support staff are placed appropriately in school to ensure pupil progress and attainment.

Our approaches to teaching children and young people with SEND:-

1. Level 1 - Quality First Teaching

Children receive inclusive quality first teaching which may include the provision of differentiated class work. Some children at this level may be on a monitoring list with their progress being carefully tracked and reviewed.

2. Level 2 - School Support

Continued or increased concern may lead to children receiving additional targeted interventions to accelerate their progress to age related expectations. School support can often include specific group work or individual support.

The SENDCo and class teachers will work closely with any support staff to plan and assess the impact of the support and interventions and to link them to classroom teaching. At this stage input from other agencies may be sought.

3. Level 3- High Needs

Where a child continues to make less than expected progress, despite interventions, they receive highly personalised interventions to accelerate their progress and enable them to achieve their potential. When appropriate, a specialist outside agency may support this. The SENDCO and class teachers work with specialists to select effective teaching approaches, appropriate equipment, strategies and interventions in order to support your child's progress.

If this support is not impacting on progress and there is still significant concern, the school, after consultation with parents and other professionals, may request additional funding and / or an Education, Health and Care Needs Assessment from the Local Authority. Parents can also request an EHC Needs Assessment.

This means your child will have been identified by the class teacher or SENDCO as needing a particularly high level of individual or small group teaching which cannot be provided from resources normally available in school and may involve specialist support from a professional outside the school.

For your child this may mean:

- Your child has been identified by the class teacher or SENDCO (or you may have raised your own concerns) as needing specialist input instead of, or in addition to, 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 may be asked to give your permission for the school to refer your child to a specialist professional eg: 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 more effectively in school;
- 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 eg: some individual support or changing some aspects of teaching to support them more effectively;
 - Support to set targets which will include their specific expertise;
 - A group run by school staff under the guidance of the outside professional;
 - The school may suggest that your child needs some agreed individual support in school. They will tell you how the support will be used and what strategies will be put in place.

Outside Agencies which may be involved with children with SEND, following relevant referrals:-

- Educational Psychologist – EP
- Children and Young People's Support Services – CYPS
- Jigsaw Therapy (speech, language and communication support and occupational therapy)
- Speech and Language Therapist – SALT
- Occupational Therapist – OT
- Behaviour Support
- School Health
- Children's Services
- Social Services
- Education Welfare Officer
- Thomas Bewick School (Newcastle) outreach work
- Northumberland Inclusive Education Services (NIES)
- High Incidence Needs Team (HINT)

Staff Training: –

Staff have opportunities to continue to develop their training on special educational needs. Current staff qualifications include:-

- Elklan – speech and language training
- Autism awareness
- Better Reading Programme
- First Class@Number - Maths
- Talk 4 Number – Maths
- Phonics & literacy training
- Supporting children with Speech, Language and Communication difficulties
- Child Protection
- Friends Resilience - developing self awareness, self esteem and relationship building skills
- Talk Boost
- Behaviour Management
- Safeguarding
- First Aid
- Makaton
- Lexia – reading and spelling
- Dynamo – Maths
- My Mental Health Rocks
- Anaphylaxis/Epi Pen training
- 'Managing Asthma/using inhalers' training by Newcastle RVI specialist asthma nurse
- ELSA – Social Skills through literacy training

Support for learners with special educational needs/disabilities:-

Moderate Learning Difficulties	➤ QFT strategies
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Differentiated curriculum when appropriate to develop independent learning ➤ Small group intervention programmes for English/Maths ➤ Small group intervention programmes for specific targeted skills e.g. reading skills, phonics, handwriting etc ➤ Specific computer literacy programme - Lexia ➤ Support and advice from outside agencies ➤ Assess-plan-do review ➤ Pupil profiles reviewed termly/half termly – copies sent to parents ➤ Suitable teaching resources designed to meet the specific learning styles of individual children ➤ Progress monitored through schools self-evaluation process ➤ SEND children access inclusive, whole class teaching whenever possible
<p>Communication & Social Interaction</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Speech, Language & Communication difficulties ● Autistic Spectrum Disorders 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ QFT strategies ➤ Differentiated curriculum ➤ Speech and language teaching assistants ➤ Key workers who work closely with parents and teachers to support the child ➤ Visual timetables ➤ Social skills group ➤ Quiet, distraction free work areas ➤ Support during unstructured times of the day ➤ Small group work ➤ ICT support when appropriate ➤ Support and advice from outside agencies ➤ Assess-plan-do review ➤ Pupil profiles reviewed termly/half termly – copies sent to parents ➤ Suitable teaching resources
<p>Social, Emotional & Mental Health</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Behaviour ● Social Skills ● Emotional & wellbeing ● Mental health 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ QFT strategies ➤ Behaviour policy ➤ Whole school behaviour management systems support pupils and encourage them to make good behaviour choices ➤ Behaviour support worker ➤ Social skills groups ➤ Risk assessments for out of school learning activities/visits

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Advice and support from outside agencies - School Health, Karma Counselling, CYPs ➤ School have an 'open door policy' for parents to discuss any concerns they may have regarding their child's Social, Emotional & Mental health needs ➤ Pupil profiles reviewed termly/half termly – copies sent to parents ➤ Children with emotional, social, mental health issues have additional access to behaviour support worker
<p>Sensory & Physical Needs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Visual/hearing impairment ● Multi sensory impairment ● Physical needs ● Medical needs 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ QFT strategies ➤ Advice and support from outside agencies ➤ Access to ICT support when appropriate ➤ Differentiated curriculum when appropriate to develop independent learning ➤ Work with health professionals to support pupil's specific need ➤ Occupational therapy/physiotherapy programmes ➤ Staff training e.g.: epi pen, first aid, supporting children with asthma ➤ Support with Personal care when needed ➤ Work with professionals to support pupils with sensory needs to meet their needs in their learning ➤ School has a lift to provide access to ICT Suite and Library ➤ School has disabled toilet facilities accessible from all classrooms ➤ School is fully wheelchair accessible

Transition

At the end of the primary phase, the children transfer to secondary school. The SENDCo will meet with the SENDCo at the secondary school and the head of Year 7, to discuss the specific needs of children with SEND who will transfer into Year 7.

The secondary school offers a Transition + programme for pupils with additional needs. This helps children to prepare for the changes ahead. As part of the programme there are additional visits to the secondary school arranged.

Ponteland High School work with Dr Black (Educational Psychologist) Jigsaw Therapy and The Percy Hedley Foundation. This ensures a continuity and consistency of professional support provided across the different phases of education within Ponteland.

Additional, relevant information available on Ponteland Primary School website:-

- Northumberland County Council Local Offer (Link)
- Newcastle City Council Local Offer (Link)
- Special Educational Needs/Disabilities Policy
- Behaviour Policy
- Anti-Bullying Policy
- Safeguarding policy
- Complaint Procedure Policy

Parents can contact Northumberland SEND information, advice and support service: 01670 623555

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