

NORTON HILL PRIMARY SCHOOL

Annual SEND Report to Governors-A report on the school's policy and special educational needs.

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At Norton Hill Primary School, we are working together to raise the outcomes for all children in our care. It is our team's collective role to enable all children to reach their full potential. We offer our children a well-balanced curriculum and make reasonable adjustments to support all children with additional needs. We challenge all our children using a range of different strategies both inside and outside of the classroom. We use a variety of tools and adaptations to enable all children to access daily learning challenges, children are also supported via self-led Discovery Time sessions suited to their age and stage of development. We are building curious learners regardless of barriers and we are always seeking new ways to help engage children with SEND in our classrooms. Each child is supported on their own journey via different means, some by question and support sessions, others by adapted knowledge and skills focus time. Regardless of the level of support required, our team is committed to each and every child leaving Norton Hill Primary with the knowledge and skills to support them in future years.

The Role of the SENCo:

The SEN Coordinator (SENCo), in collaboration with the Local Governing Body (LGB) plays a key role in determining the strategic development of the SEN policy and provision in the school in order to raise the achievement of children with SEND.

The SENCo takes day-to-day responsibility for the operation of the SEN policy and coordination of the provision made for individual children with SEND. This entails working closely with staff, parents and carers, and other agencies.

The SENCo also provides related professional guidance to colleagues with the aim of securing quality first teaching for all children, including those with SEND.

The SENCo, with the support of staff and colleagues, seeks to develop effective ways of overcoming barriers to learning and sustaining effective teaching. This will be through the analysis and assessment of children's needs, by monitoring the quality of teaching and standards of children's achievements, as well as by setting targets for improvement.

The SENCo ensures that the learning for all children is given equal priority, and available resources are used to maximum

effect. The responsibilities of the SENCo:

- *Overseeing the day-to-day operation of the school's SEN policy*
- *Coordinating provision for children with SEN*
- *Liaising with the relevant teacher where a looked after pupil has SEN*
- *Advising on the graduated approach to providing SEN support*
- *Advising on the deployment of the school's delegated budget and other resources to meet pupils' needs effectively*
- *Liaising with parents of children with SEN*
- *Liaising with Early Years providers, other schools, Educational Psychologists, Health and Social Care professionals*
- *Being the key point of contact with external agencies, especially the Local Authority and its support services*
- *Working with the LGB to ensure that the school meets its responsibilities under the Equality Act 2010 with regards to reasonable adjustments and access arrangements*
- *Ensuring that the school keeps the records of all pupils with SEN up-to-date*

- Managing Teaching Assistants
- Contributing to the training of staff

How do we support students at Norton Hill Primary School?

*Our aim is always to develop children's independence allowing each individual to develop the skills required to allow them to be successful in both academic and social environments in preparation for their next phase of learning and beyond. **With each passing year we find ourselves adapting to new children and varying needs-this year we have a child who has been diagnosed with ARFID (Avoidance, restrictive, food intake disorder) we are having to make adaptations to her meals, food timings and add additional eating breaks into the curriculum timetable. We have also had a number of children that have been identified as having high SEMH needs and we have therefore appointed a second Thrive Practitioner and a trained ELSA to support children across the school and age ranges.***

The priorities for Support Staff deployment are:

- *Firstly, to meet the needs of students with Educational, Health and Care Plans (EHCPs) or those in receipt of Transition Funding or Inclusion support Funding.*
- *Secondly, to provide interventions for a range of pupils with various learning difficulties or SEMH needs.*
- *Finally, to support a wide range of other pupils on the SEN register across the curriculum.*

In-class support

TAs work alongside the class teacher in the classroom to support children with their learning or social needs. Support may include individual withdrawal from the group, small groups or whole-class support. We also run a keep up each day and this enables us to swiftly identify and support to ensure no child is left behind.

Small group and 1:1 withdrawal interventions

A range of support is offered to children outside of the classroom environment. The types of interventions offered vary on an annual basis according to a child's needs but may include programmes to support literacy, numeracy, social needs, speech, language and communication, ASD, occupational health support, or by addressing issues affecting social, emotional or mental health needs, such as the use of Thrive.

Differentiating resources

An important aspect of the work of the SENCo is to liaise with teachers to enable all children to access the learning environment appropriately.

Additional support for statutory tests.

Some children with identified educational needs are entitled to special access arrangements for all their public examinations. Support may include: use of a separate room, a reader, extra time, supervised rest-breaks and use of a prompt, word processor or a scribe. Children are assessed and appropriate support is put in place if needed.

Communication between school staff, parents and students

The school recognises the importance of effective dialogue between teachers and parents.

Parents are invited to meet with the SENCo or class teachers at various times throughout the academic year to encourage their involvement in establishing Support Plans and in reviewing targets and support strategies. The school

aims to provide at least three opportunities during the school year for parents to meet with key staff in school to discuss the needs, provision and progress of their child. The Inclusion team also make regular phone calls home to touch base with parents and carers.

Parents are encouraged to contact the SENCo or class teachers by telephone or email if there are any SEN concerns or queries regarding the support of their child.

Children with an EHCP have a statutory Annual Review meeting. Parents and other relevant professionals are formally invited to these meetings and all paperwork relating to the meeting is sent by post or secure email.

Transition support

The school has a well-established and successful transition programme for children with special educational needs.

Those children identified by nurseries and child-minders needing additional transition support, participate in a transition programme tailored to their needs which may include additional visits to the school prior to the September. Sometime the school will receive Transition Support Funding which allows us to support individual children during their first year in school.

Additional visits to the school to meet key staff or to become familiar with the routines and layout of the school can be arranged with the Headteacher during the summer term. This is done in liaison with the settings and the parents and is tailored to meet the individual needs of the child.

External Professional Agencies

The SENCo works closely with a wide range of external professionals. Most of these agencies form part of the B&NES local authority Children's Service or Primary Care Trust. The SENCo has regular contact with the following agencies:

B&NES Local Authority services

Inclusion Support Service
Specialist Behaviour Support Service
Educational Psychology Service
Hospital Education & Reintegration Service
Social Care Services
Looked After Children Support Team & Virtual School for LAC
Specialist Family Intervention Service
Mentoring Plus
Integrated Working Team

Primary Care Trust (Health Authority services)

Child and Adolescent Mental Health Service (CAMHS)
Sensory Impairment Team
Speech & Language Therapy Service
Occupational Therapy Service
Physiotherapy Service
Community School Nurse

Other services

Education Welfare Services
Off The Record
Occupational Therapy support service
ASDSS (ASD Support Service)
Sporting Family Change

Arrangements for Identification and assessment of SEND students:**Start of Year**

- *Liaison with nurseries and preschools*
- *Baseline assessments*
- *SENCo will triangulate all of the information and make a decision about whether to place children on the register.*
- *Parents are informed if their child is placed on the SEN register.*
- *Support Plans are completed and shared with parents*
- *Referrals made to outside agencies if necessary*

Mid – year

- *Referral from staff, information received from pastoral and subject meetings*
- *Parental concerns expressed about progress and difficulties*
- *SENCo will observe students in class*
- *SENCo will arrange for any necessary additional assessment*
- *SENCo will refer for outside agency support where necessary*
- *SENCo will decide whether to place student on the SEN register*
- *Parents are informed if their child is placed on the SEN register*
- *Students with identified needs are regularly re-assessed to track progress*
- *SENCo will coordinate Annual Reviews*

SEN register: Updated September 29th 2025- continue with early identification from new eyfs cohort and so we expect numbers to increase over the year once the children have settled.

Year group	Number on roll	SEN support	EHCP/TSF/ISF	Total receiving support	%
N	53	4	1	5	5/53=9%

R	42	3	1	4	4/42=10%
1	59	6	3 applied for	9	9/59=15%
2	32	3	1	4	4/32=13%
3	56	8	4	12	12/56=21%
4	45	3	2	5	5/45=11%
5	31	8	2	10	5/31=32%

ISF-inclusion support funding- early years inclusion funding for nursery class

TSF: Transition Support Funding (supporting transition to primary school from nursery/preschool)

pLD: Specific Learning Difficulty (a term that refers to a difference or difficulty with particular aspects of learning. The most common SpLDs include dyslexia, dyspraxia, attention deficit-hyperactivity disorder, dyscalculia). **SLCN:** Speech, Language and Communication Needs (children with SLCN may have difficulty with only one speech, language or communication skill, or with several).

ASD: Autism Spectrum Disorder (a condition that affects social interaction, communication, interests and behaviour).

MLD: Moderate Learning Difficulty (pupils with this problem are usually performing at a significantly lower level than their peers in reading, writing, spelling and sometimes numeracy).

SEND end of year outcomes: Summer Term 2025

	SEND ARE outcomes		
Year Group	Reading	Writing	Maths
R -GLD	75%	75%	75%
1	75%	75%	75%
2	67%	60%	80%
3	60%	45%	60%
4	73%	82%	73%
5	n/a	n/a	n/a
6	n/a	n/a	n/a

Next steps for 25/26

- *Build our inclusion team across the school*
- *Continue to build early oracy skills for our youngest of children*
- *To develop provision progress by careful monitoring of small step progress.*
- *To continue to offer high quality cpd for all staff; focus on ASC, ADHD, SEMH*
- *To continue to seek early identification of high need children to ensure they receive funded support to close gaps in learning.*