



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

The class teacher

Responsible for:

- Checking on the progress of your child and identifying, planning and delivering any additional help your child may need (this could be targeted work or additional support) and letting the Special Educational Needs Co-ordinator (SENCO) know as necessary.
- Writing Pupil Progress targets/support plans, and sharing and reviewing these with parents at least once each term and planning for the next term.
- Personalised teaching and learning for your child.
- Ensuring that the school's SEN Policy is followed in their classroom and for all the pupils they teach with any SEN.

The SENCO : Mrs D Rizo (Acting SENCO)

Responsible for

- Developing and reviewing the school's SEN policy.
- Co-ordinating all the support for children with special educational needs or disabilities (SEND)
- Liaising with all the other people who may be coming in to school to help support your child's learning, e.g. Speech and Language Therapy, Educational Psychology.
- Updating the school's SEN register.
- Providing specialist support for teachers and support staff in the school, so that they can help children with SEND in the school to achieve the best progress possible.

Ensuring that you are

- Involved in supporting your child's learning
- kept informed about the support your child is getting
- Involved in reviewing how they are doing.





Head teacher Daisy Rizo

Responsible for

- The day-to-day management of all aspects of the school; this includes the support for children with SEND.
- The Head teacher will give responsibility to the SENCO and class teachers, but is still responsible for ensuring that your child's needs are met.
- The Head teacher must make sure that the Board of Champions are kept up to date about issues relating to SEND.

 School contact telephone number: 01773 602258





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

Class teacher input, via excellent targeted classroom teaching (Quality First Teaching).

For your child this would mean:

- That the teacher has the high expectations for your child and all pupils in their class.
- That all teaching is built on what your child already knows, can do and can understand.
- That different ways of teaching are in place, so that your child is fully involved in learning in class. This may involve things like using more practical learning.
- That specific strategies are in place to support your child to learn.
- Your child's teacher will have carefully checked on your child's progress and will have decided that your child has a gap or gaps in their understanding/learning and needs some extra support to help them make the best possible progress.

Specific group work

Intervention which may be:

- Run in the classroom.
- Run by a teacher or a Teaching Assistant (TA).
- Specialist groups run by outside agencies, e.g. Speech and Language therapy.

SEN Code of Practice: School Support (SS)

This means a pupil has been identified by the SENCO /class teacher as needing some extra specialist support in school from a professional outside the school. This may be from

- Local Authority services, such as the SSEN, Autism Outreach Team, Behaviour Support Team or Speech and Language Services.
- Outside agencies such as the Education Psychology Service (EPS).

What could happen?





- 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 you to 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 as to the ways your child is given support in school.

Specified Individual support

This type of support is available for children whose learning needs are severe, complex and lifelong.

This is usually provided via an Education, Health and Care Plan (EHCP). This means your child will have been identified by professionals as needing a particularly high level of individual or small-group teaching.

This type of support is available for children with specific barriers to learning that cannot be overcome through Quality First Teaching and intervention groups.

For your child this would mean:

- The school (or you) can request that Local Authority Services carry out a statutory assessment of your child's needs. This is a legal process which sets out the amount of support that will be provided for your child.
- After the request has been made to the 'Panel of Professionals' (with a lot of information about your child, including some from you), they will decide whether they think your child's needs (as described in the paperwork provided), seem complex enough to need a statutory assessment. If this is the case, they will ask you and all professionals involved with your child to write a report outlining your child's needs. If they do not think your child needs this, they will ask the school to continue with the current support.
- After the reports have all been sent in, the Panel of Professionals will decide if your child's needs are severe, complex and lifelong. If this is the case, they will write an Education Health Care Plan (EHCP). If this is not the case, they will ask the school to continue with the current level of support and also set up a meeting in school to ensure a plan is in place to ensure your child makes as much progress as possible.
- The EHC Plan will outline the number of hours of individual/small group support your child will receive from the LA and how the support should be used, and what strategies must be put in place. It will also have long- and short-term goals for your child.





- An additional adult may be used to support your child with whole class learning, run individual programmes or run small groups including your child.

How can I let school know that I am concerned about my child's progress?

- If you have concerns about your child's progress, you should firstly 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 Special Education Needs/Disabilities Co-ordinator (SENCO) or the Head teacher (Daisy Rizo).





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

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 you may have.
- Plan any additional support your child may need.
- Discuss with you any referrals to outside professionals to support your child.





How is extra support allocated to children and how do they progress in their learning?

- The school budget, received from Derbyshire Local Authority, includes money for supporting children with SEN.
- The Head Teacher decides on the deployment of resources for Special Educational Needs and Disabilities, in consultation with the school 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 as much progress as would be expected.
- From this information, they decide what resources/training and support is needed.





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

School provision:

- Teachers responsible for teaching SEN groups/individuals on a part-time basis.
- Teaching Assistants are mainly working in the rooms with either individual children or small groups.
- Nurture group staff working with children with emotional and social development through our Positive Play programme.

Local Authority Provision delivered in school

- New Inclusion Advisory team (SSSEN, BSS, Autism Outreach)
- Educational Psychology Service
- School Doctor
- Sensory Service for children with visual or hearing needs
- Parent Partnership Service
- Speech and Language Therapy
- Educational Psychologist
- Health Provision delivered in school
- Additional Speech and Language Therapy input to provide a higher level of service to the school
- School Nurse
- Occupational Therapy
- Physiotherapy
- CAMHs





How are the teachers in school helped to work with children with SEND?

- The SENCO's job is to support the class teacher in planning for children with SEN.
- The school provides training and support to enable all staff to improve the teaching and learning of children, including those with SEN. This includes whole school training on SEN issues, such as Autism (ASD) and speech and language difficulties.
- Individual teachers and support staff attend training courses run by outside agencies that are relevant to the needs of specific children in their class, e.g. from the Inclusion advisory service.





How will the 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 (including using individual targets) 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.
- Planning (including that for support plans and EHCP targets) and teaching will be adapted, on a daily basis if needed, to meet your child's learning needs.





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

- Your child's progress will be continually monitored by his/her class teacher.
- His/her progress will be reviewed formally with the Head teacher and SENCo every term in reading, writing and Maths.
- At the end of Year 6 children are required to be formally assessed using Standard Assessment Tests (SATs). This is something the government requires all schools to do and these results are published nationally.
- Where necessary, children will have a support plan based on targets set by outside agencies specific to their needs. Targets will be set according to needs are these are designed to accelerate learning and close the gap. Progress against these targets will be reviewed regularly, evidence for judgments assessed and a future plan made.
- The progress of children with a statement of SEN/EHC Plan will be formally reviewed at an Annual Review with all adults involved with the child's education.
- The SENCo will also check that your child is making good progress within any individual work and in any group that they take part in.
- Regular book scrutinies and lesson observations will be carried out by the SENCo and other members of the Senior Leadership Team to ensure that the needs of all children are met and that the quality of teaching and learning is high.





What support can I access as a parent of a child with SEND?

The class teacher is regularly available to discuss your child's progress or any concerns you may have and to share information about what is working well at home and school, so that similar strategies can be used.

- The SENCO is available to meet with you to discuss your child's progress or any concerns/worries you may have.
- All information from outside professionals will be discussed with you with the person involved directly, or where this is not possible, in a report.
- Personal progress targets (support plan) will be reviewed with your involvement every term.
- Homework will be adjusted as needed to your child's individual requirements.
- A home-school contact book may be used to support communication with you when this has been agreed to be useful for you and your child.

Parents can also access support and guidance by looking at:

<http://www.derbyshireiass.co.uk/>

<https://www.localoffer.derbyshire.gov.uk/home.aspx>





How is Somerlea Park Junior School accessible to children with SEND?

- The school is fully compliant with legal requirements.
- We ensure where ever possible that equipment used is accessible to all children regardless of their needs.
- After-school provision is accessible to all children, including those with SEN.
- Extra-curricular activities are accessible for children with SEN.





How will we support your child when they are joining this school, leaving this school or moving into another class?

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

If your child is joining us from another school:

- If your child would be helped by a book/passport to support them in understanding moving on, then one will be made for them.
- Your child will be able to visit our school and stay for a taster session, if this is appropriate.

If your child is moving to another school:

- We will contact the school SENCo and ensure he/she knows about any special arrangements or support that need to be made for your child. Where possible, a planning meeting will take place with the SENCo from the new school.
- We will make sure that all records about your child are passed on as soon as possible.
- If your child would be helped by a book/passport to support them in understanding moving on, then one will be made for them.

When moving classes in school:

- Information will be passed on to the new class teacher in advance and in necessary cases a planning meeting will take place with the new teacher. IEPs will be shared with the new teacher.
- If your child would be helped by a book/passport to support them in understanding moving on, then one will be made for them.

In Year 6:

- The SENCo will discuss the specific needs of your child with the SENCo of the child's secondary school. In most cases, a transition review meeting to which you will be invited will take place with the SENCo from the new school.
- Your child will participate in focused learning relating to aspects of transition, to support their understanding of the changes ahead.





- Where possible, your child will visit their new school on several occasions, and in some cases staff from the new school will visit your child in this school.
- If your child would be helped by a book/passport to support them in understanding moving on, then one will be made for them.

How will we support your child's emotional and social development?

We recognise that some children have extra emotional and social needs that need to be developed and nurtured. These needs can manifest themselves in a number of ways, including behavioural difficulties, anxiousness, and being uncommunicative.

All classes follow a structured PSHE (Personal, Social, Health and Economic education) curriculum to support this development (Jigsaw). However, for those children who find aspects of this difficult we offer:

- An in-school Nurture programme.
- Lunchtime support through planned activities and groups.
- A whole staff with training and experience in listening and guiding children to develop their social and emotional skills.

If your child still needs extra support, with your permission, the SENCo will access further support through the Team Around the Family (TAF) process or involvement of counselling agencies such as CAMHs.

