

## Wilbraham Primary Academy SEND Information Report – Autumn 2023

The Special Educational Needs and Disability Regulations 2014 require the school to publish certain information regarding our provision for pupils with SEND. We hope parents of current and prospective pupils find the following information helpful and we encourage all interested parties to contact the school for more information.

### **Our approach and ethos for supporting children with special educational needs:**

At Wilbraham Primary School we ensure that we support the needs of each child as an individual. We have high aspirations for all our children to achieve the best that they can for their ability and personal needs. Children have access to high quality teaching within the classroom, focused interventions and support where needed as well support from specialist services if and when appropriate. When a child is identified by their class teacher as having additional needs we use a graduated approach to support and identify the additional support a child may require. We have a continuum of need which include the following areas:

- First Concerns – a teacher has concerns and additional interventions may be offered
- SEND Support – children who have been identified as having additional needs and require provision that is additional to and different from the mainstream curriculum
- Complex - children who have been identified as having complex and significant needs and may be in the process of an EHC assessment or have an EHC in place
- Specialist – children who have an EHCP and are receiving education in a specialist provision

### **We provide for the following kinds of special educational needs (SEND):**

We are an inclusive mainstream setting catering for children and young people with a wide range of needs who are able to demonstrate capacity for accessing the mainstream curriculum with adaptation and support. We also support and work with children who have a range of complex needs and require a bespoke curriculum that focuses on their individual needs supported by our dedicated team of staff and outside agency support.

We support pupils with a range of needs including Cognition and Learning needs, Communication and interaction Difficulties, Visual and Hearing Impairments, Physical needs, ASD, Speech and Language Disorder and Delay, Social, Emotional and Mental Health Difficulties.

### **We identify and assess pupils with SEND using the following methods:**

Children with SEND are identified as early as possible within our school through discussion with class teachers, teaching assistants (where appropriate) and parents. Initial identification may typically come from school staff working directly with the child or from concerns brought by parents or carers. These concerns might be based on a pupil's wellbeing, their emotional or behavioural presentation, their progress in comparison to their peer group or their profile against recognised characteristics of specific forms of SEND.

Early identification is paramount, therefore staff working in school monitor children's progress every term through pupil progress meetings and discuss the needs of each individual child.

Following identification, concerns are brought to the attention of the school Inclusion Lead who discusses them with school staff working with the pupil, the pupil's family and the pupil themselves, if appropriate. This discussion focuses on the desired outcomes for the child and looks at what provision might be necessary to enable the child to reach those outcomes.

Depending on the level of the child's needs, the decision might be made to offer additional support within the classroom, for example, advice might be offered to the class teacher in order to support an individual curriculum for the pupil or advice might be given on how to adapt the curriculum to meet the needs of the pupil. For some pupils, in addition to the class-based support approaches, a package of out of class interventions might be offered. Those pupils with the highest levels of need might be referred to other agencies for further advice and support. The Inclusion Lead keeps a register of pupils requiring additional support in order to monitor the progress of these pupils, and to plan for provision across the school.

**We evaluate the effectiveness of our SEND provision in the following ways:**

SEND pupils are championed at all pupil progress meetings, termly, by the Inclusion Lead, where progress and attainment (numerical data and objective specific assessment) for all SEND pupils is reviewed and provision from the previous term is evaluated. New targets and provision mapping is then set up for the term ahead. In addition, pupil voice is conducted on a regular basis with all SEND pupils and interventions and support activities are observed to evaluate their quality and impact. As a school we carry out regular learning walks and book looks with a focus on adapted teaching for pupils with additional needs.

**Our arrangements for assessing and reviewing the progress of pupils with SEND are as follows:**

All pupils are assessed on an on-going, formative basis using the school's assessment and tracking system. Where this is appropriate, SEND pupils are assessed using this tool. Where needed, children are tracked using small step progression on an individual basis dependent on the child's needs. The school use PIVATS to track progress of children who require a smaller step progression framework. We also have children who are tracked using the Engagement model across school. Individual provision mapping for each SEND pupil is completed and updated termly, with targets set for each term. These assessments are reviewed termly at Pupil Progress Meetings with the Principal, Inclusion Lead and class teachers.

**Our approach to teaching pupils with SEND includes:**

The school teaches pupils with SEND in accordance with the Manchester Wide Offer. Children are supported in school through:

**Quality First Teaching -**

In every class, the lessons are taught with each child's needs in mind. Activities are adapted in order that all children are appropriately challenged but are able to participate at their level. In order to support children with SEND, class based approaches may include: Alternatives forms of recording work; Visual prompts; Specialised equipment; Small group or individual teaching; Peer support; Extended time for writing/ reading/maths tasks – we refer to the Ordinarily Available Provision Document that has been created for use across Manchester Schools for children with additional needs.

**Interventions -**

If a child needs a higher level of support that cannot be accommodated within Quality First Teaching, small group or individual interventions may be offered. For example: Boosting Reading @ Primary (BRP); Handwriting Bootcamp; Personalised targeted reading; Targeted short term maths intervention; Targeted short term writing intervention; Additional Phonics Interventions; Reception Literacy Programme; Helicopter Stories; Well Comm screener and support programme from nursery to year 6.

For children with more complex needs, a more personalised programme may be appropriate. This could include group or individual interventions on an academic or social level. Programmes used to support children include Nessy, Lexia, Maths 123, Forest schools, SEMH groups, DLD programmes and gross and fine motor skills programmes.

**Outside Agencies -**

For those with significant or complex needs, the school seeks the advice of specialists: Educational Psychologist; Speech and Language Therapist; Child and Adolescent Mental Health Team; Occupational Therapist; Paediatrics; Lancasterian Support Service; RHOSEY; The Grange Outreach support; The Birches; Adelaide Special School. The school currently employs a Speech and Language Therapist, Speech and Language Assistant, Occupational Therapist, Play Therapist and Education Psychologist to support and meet the needs of our pupils.

Where additional levels of support are required, a personalised support plan is created, which will outline the provision available to each child and will be available to parents/carers. In addition, parents/carers will be involved and will have the opportunity to discuss their child's progress at regular parent/teacher meetings. There is also an opportunity to contact the school Inclusion Lead via email or in person to discuss pupil needs in more detail.

**We adapt the curriculum for pupils with SEND in the following ways:**

All class teachers take responsibility for meeting the needs of all learners in their class by adapting the learning and provision. For pupils with SEND, class teachers will be aware of the pupil's strengths and weaknesses, through their SEND Support Plan.

Where learners are working at an attainment level below that of their peer group, class teachers adapt teaching to ensure that gaps in learners' knowledge are covered, for example by revisiting objectives that are covered in previous year groups. Or by pre-teaching learning so that children multiple opportunities to visit new learning. We aim to encourage independence in all learners and this is promoted by ensuring that independent work tasks are matched as far as possible to the strengths of the learners.

For those learners who require a more specialist approach to learning, class teachers are encouraged to discuss approaches to adaptation with specialist staff in and outside the school. For example, the Inclusion Lead or an external agency.

For some of the children in school who have multiple and complex needs who have an EHCP or are awaiting an assessment for an EHCP, the school have created a specialist classroom for support from a teacher and teaching assistants to ensure that these children can access child centred learning that focuses on their individual needs. Currently this classroom is accessed by children from reception to Year 4 and is supported by our Speech and Language Therapist, Occupational Therapist and Educational Psychologist.

All additional provision for pupils with SEND is overseen by the Inclusion Lead and monitoring of these pupil's progress takes place at regular SEND meetings held between the class teacher and the Inclusion Lead

**We enable pupils with SEND to engage in the activities of the school, together with children who do not have SEND, in the following ways:**

The school will always make all reasonable adjustments to ensure that all pupils with SEND can take part in all whole school activities, as well as activities which enhance the wider life of the school. This could include additional or different resources or equipment, changes to the environment, additional or specialist staffing and individual risk assessments.

**The following emotional, mental and social support is available for pupils with SEND:**

The school works with the Child and Adolescent Mental Health Service to gain advice and support wherever necessary. The Principal, Inclusion Lead, Education Case Workers, Behaviour Lead and class teachers also work closely with parents/carers in order to gain a clear picture of each child's needs.

Wilbraham have a trained Mental Health First Aid Youth Worker in school who supports identified children throughout the school day with CBT groups, individualised programmes and groups focusing on resilience and self-esteem. A key part of the curriculum for children with additional SEMH needs is the forest school provision that the school offers. Children who need additional support are identified by class teachers, Education Case Workers and the Behaviour Lead in school. The school supports children via social skills groups, friendships groups, 1:1 talk time, forest schools, 1:1 support in class and at unstructured times, Sports Coaches, attending Bikes and other physical activity outside of school.

Staff are offered training from the Mental Health First Aid Instructor and Specialist Agencies and School Staff on supporting children with SEMH needs within the classroom and at school – this is a focus of our CPD across the Trust for 2023-24

**Safety and SEND**

As a school we recognise the key importance of keeping all our children safe in the community, online and within school. We recognise the additional risks and vulnerabilities that children SEND may have and ensure that all learning is appropriate to their level of understanding and revisited in a timely and consistent manner. Children with SEND needs are taught specific lessons on safety appropriate to their individual needs and at a level that they are able to engage with and understand. The school are supported by the MAT in delivering Online Safety training for staff that has a focus on supporting children with SEND needs.

**SENDD TEAM at Wilbraham**

Inclusion Lead	Sarah Ikin
SENDCO support	Claire Hardy
Speech and Language Therapist	Natasha Wetton
Speech and Language Assistant	Felicity Burgis
Occupational Therapist	Nicole Walker

Behaviour Lead	Kylie Toft
Education Case Worker	Anne-Marie Nelson
Education Case Worker	Carrie Goodwin

**In addition, we use the services of the following specialists:**

- Educational Psychology Service
- Speech and Language Therapists
- School Nurse/NHS
- Child and Adolescent Mental Health Service
- Occupational Therapists
- Physio Therapists
- Social Communication Pathway
- Lancasterian Support Service
- RHOSEY
- The Grange Outreach Support
- Adelaide Special School
- Rodney House
- Manchester Sensory Support Services
- Bridgelea Outreach Support
- Positive Approaches
- Manchester Occupational Therapy Services
- Speech and Language for Kids
- Early Help Hubs
- M Thrive
- Young Carers

**Our admission and transitional arrangements for pupils with SEND include:**

The school complies fully with the Equality Act 2010 and the School Admissions Code 2012 in relation to the arrangements for the admission of disabled pupils.

Where a child is disabled the school will make reasonable adjustments and provide auxiliary aids or services where reasonable to ensure that no disabled child is placed at a substantial disadvantage compared to other pupils

When a child with SEND is transitioning to another school the Inclusion Lead will discuss transition arrangements (both in to school and onwards) with parents, other educational settings and external agencies and plan the most effective transition. This could include additional visits, a longer phased introduction, 1:1 support for a time (If needed)

**Our arrangements for ensuring the involvement of parents of children with SEND are as follows:**

The point of contact for all parents/carers of pupils with SEND is the Inclusion Lead– Mrs Sarah Ikin – [s.ikin@wilbrahamprimary.com](mailto:s.ikin@wilbrahamprimary.com)

Following identification of concerns by a class teacher, the Inclusion Lead and class teacher will meet with the pupil's family for a timely discussion. This discussion focuses on the desired outcomes for the child and looks at what provision might be necessary to enable the child to reach those outcomes. The Inclusion Lead will also signpost the parent to any other agencies and sources of advice/support. Parents of pupils with SEND have regular meetings with their child's class teacher and in some meetings the Inclusion Lead to review their progress, their needs and to plan future provision.

**Evaluation of the Effectiveness of Provision for Pupils with SEND**

The Inclusion Lead meets with class teachers each term to review the progress of children with additional needs. Plans and support are updated in collaboration with parents and any outside agencies involved. A full report on the progress of children will be presented to the LAC once per year and the identified SEND Governor will be encouraged to take a full challenging role regarding the progress of these children with the Inclusion Lead.

**Our arrangements regarding complaints from parents of pupils with SEND are as follows:**

If you are not happy about your child's provision and you would like to discuss further please do not hesitate to contact the Inclusion Lead for further support. The Inclusion Lead, class teacher and parents will meet to discuss concerns and together formulate an action plan for next steps for the child.

Please see the link to the Complaints Policy within the policy section of the school website if you wish to make a complaint:

[https://www.wilbrahamprimary.com/serve\\_file/1590044](https://www.wilbrahamprimary.com/serve_file/1590044)

**Parents of children with SEND may find the following support services helpful, in addition to the school's offerings:**

Manchester's local offer, explaining what is available on a local authority basis, can be found using the following link:

<https://hsm.manchester.gov.uk/kb5/manchester/directory/localoffer.page?localofferchannel=0>

Our school website has access to resources and further information:

[Wilbraham Primary School: SEND \(Special Educational Needs/Disability\)](#)

**Other links and contacts that may be useful include:**

<http://space4autism.com/>

<https://www.nhs.uk/livewell/childrenwithalearningdisability/pages/education.aspx>

<https://youngminds.org.uk/>

<https://mft.nhs.uk/rmch/services/camhs/>

Information, Advice and Support Manchester  
0161 245 7300

School Admissions  
0161 234 7188

School Health Service  
0161 226 0101

Specialist Resource Team  
0161 219 2125