

# Special Education Needs and Disabilities (SEND) at Hawthorn Community Primary School



## A Guide for Parents

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### ***What is SEND?***

SEND stands for Special Educational Needs or Disabilities. Some children find it more difficult to learn than children of a similar age to themselves and can need additional support to help them reach their potential. This means that they may need more help or different support or equipment than others to make the progress that they are capable of. Some children will have a need for extra support at some point in school for a short period of time, whereas others will need on-going support throughout their school years. What is important is that your child receives the right support so that they can make progress they are capable of. All teachers give their pupils the correct tasks and learning 'at their level'. This is called 'differentiation.' However, some children will require some support on top of good quality teaching. This can mean small group work or individual work tailored to each child's needs, known as an 'intervention', or 'additional provision'.



### ***What can I do if I'm concerned about my child's progress?***

All children are closely monitored to make sure that they progress well at our school. Their progress is reported to parents three times a year. If your child progresses at a slower rate than we would expect, we will arrange for extra support as part of small group intervention, usually over a 6 week period. These are planned and monitored by class teachers. This does not mean your child has been identified as having special needs if they are part of a small group intervention. The majority of children take part in one during their time at primary school.

If however, you do have concerns, the best place to start is your child's class teacher. They know your child well and can listen to your concerns.

If you would like to meet with the Inclusion Leader (Miss York), we can arrange a meeting where we can discuss your concerns. Please contact the school office to make an appointment.

### ***What do we mean by extra support?***

Through consultation the Class Teacher and Inclusion Leader will determine the desired outcome, they will plan to remove barriers and determine the support to be put in place. In the first instance Class Teachers will ensure that high quality teaching is in place and differentiated for individuals. Where children are not making the expected progress or attainment high quality teaching will be targeted at areas of weakness, this may be done through extra teaching or interventions in a small group or on a 1:1 basis. We will inform you as parents/carers if we are making any special provision for your child and it may be useful to discuss what we will provide as well as how you can support at home.

It may also become necessary to involve specialists or outside agencies such as a Community Paediatrician, Educational Psychologist or Speech and Language Therapist and we will discuss this with you and gain your consent before a referral is made.

You can find more information about how we support pupils with SEND and the types of provision we normally provide in our SEND Policy and SEND Information report both of which are available on our school website, within the SEND section.



### ***What can you do if you're worried about your child's emotional wellbeing?***

We have a family support worker, Miss Brown, who is in school between 10-2 every day. Miss Brown can provide children and parents/carers with emotional and wellbeing support. She has access to services provided by the County such as support with sleeping, behaviour at home and emotional support. Miss Brown and Miss York will work with you and your child when required.

In school Miss Brown can provide small group nurture clubs, social and emotional support and programmes to support self-esteem. To make an appointment with Miss Brown, please contact the school office.



# Local Offer Northamptonshire

If you are a parent/carer of, a professional supporting, or a young person with: **Special Educational Needs/Disabilities** who is age between 0–25, living in Northamptonshire... then the Local Offer is for you!

We provide information and guidance on services which you can access within the county and across our borders.

Information includes:

**Early Years**



**Education**



**Health**



**Social Care**



**Finance**



**Getting Around**



**Independent Living**



**Social and Leisure**



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