



# Downview Primary School

## Special Educational Needs Provision

### -The Local Offer.

#### 1. HOW DOES DOWNVIEW SCHOOL KNOW IF MY CHILD NEEDS EXTRA HELP?

- As a school we liaise with your child's previous setting via visits to local nurseries and we receive information from children's previous schools and preschools.
- If your child is working at National Curriculum levels considerably lower than expected for a child of similar age.
- We monitor your child's levels of achievement and rate of progress over time.
- We value concerns raised by parents.
- Concerns raised by Teaching Staff.
- Concerns raised by SENCO as a result of further investigation or testing.
- Liaison with external agencies.
- Health diagnosis through school nurse/paediatrician.

**IF YOU THINK YOUR CHILD HAS SPECIAL EDUCATIONAL NEEDS PLEASE SPEAK TO YOUR CHILD'S CLASS TEACHER, MRS ADAMS (SENCO) OR MRS OLIPHANT (PASTORAL TEACHER).**

#### 2. HOW WILL DOWNVIEW SCHOOL SUPPORT MY CHILD?

- Quality first teaching by the child's Class Teacher.
- Additional appropriate support or specific interventions to meet the needs of your child.
- IEP (Individual Education Plan)-Termly planning of specific targets for children with significant additional educational needs with the SENCO, Class Teacher and Teaching Assistant to aid progress.
- The SEN Governor will liaise with the SENCO and School Management team to monitor progress, use of resources and standards.
- The Governors agree priorities for spending within the SEN budget with the overall aim that all children receive the support they need to maximise progress.
- Outside agency advice will be sought where necessary and the advice will be acted upon.

#### WHO WILL EXPLAIN THIS TO ME?

- Parents are invited to attend termly parent's evenings and drop-ins where progress, targets and any additional support that is needed can be discussed with your child's Class Teacher.
- Parents can request a meeting with Class Teachers at any mutually convenient time.
- Mrs Adams (SENCO) and Mrs Oliphant (Pastoral Teacher) are available to discuss your child's needs and support in more detail at parent's evenings or at a mutually convenient time.

#### 3. HOW WILL THE CURRICULUM BE MATCHED TO MY CHILD'S NEEDS?

- Through careful differentiation the curriculum and teaching will be tailored to meet the needs of all children to enable all children to access the curriculum through support and the modification of lessons.
- All teachers plan for a range of abilities and individual needs.
- Additional adult support or additional resources may be provided.
- All children have individual targets.
- Children with significant additional educational needs may follow an individually adapted curriculum where appropriate.

#### **4. HOW WILL DOWNVIEW SCHOOL KNOW AND HOW WILL I KNOW HOW WELL MY CHILD IS DOING?**

- We measure and track children's progress in learning against National expectations and age related expectations.
- Children who are not making expected progress are identified through regular review meetings with the Class Teacher, Deputy/Head Teacher, SENCO and Pastoral Teacher. In this meeting a discussion takes place considering why individual children are experiencing difficulty and what additional support can be offered to aid their progress. We report this to you through:
  - Parent's evenings.
  - Target review meetings (usually within the parent's evening).
  - Informal discussion and drop-in meetings.
  - IEP reviews.
  - Annual reports.
  - Additional meetings as necessary.

**IF YOU HAVE ANY CONCERNS ABOUT YOUR CHILD'S PROGRESS PLEASE SPEAK TO YOUR CHILD'S CLASS TEACHER, MRS ADAMS (SENCO) OR MRS OLIPHANT (PASTORAL TEACHER).**

#### **HOW WILL YOU HELP ME TO SUPPORT MY CHILD'S LEARNING?**

- Discussions at parent's evenings.
- IEP target reviews and sharing new targets.
- If your child is not meeting expected targets, the reasons for this will be considered, the targets may be adapted into smaller steps or a different approach may be used to support your child's learning.
- Discussion with class teacher, SENCO or Pastoral Teacher.
- Parent drop-ins.
- Parent Workshops, Maths mornings and reading workshops
- Coffee mornings.

#### **5. WHAT SUPPORT WILL THERE BE FOR MY CHILD'S OVERALL WELL BEING?**

- Your child's Class Teacher has overall responsibility for the pastoral and social care of every child in their class.
- At Downview School we have our Pastoral Support Teacher, Mrs Oliphant who can offer Pastoral support to children, parents and teachers.
- WWO Seal Project.
- PSHCE curriculum and Circle Time.
- Members of staff trained in TAMHS (Targeted Mental Health Support)
- Further support and advice can be accessed through the SENCO and outside agencies such as the School Nurse, Family Support, Play Therapist and CAMHS (Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services)
- Downview School has a policy regarding the administration and management of medicines both on and off the school site. A trained and designated member of staff will oversee the administration of any medicines.
- Parents need to contact the school office if medication is recommended by Health Professionals to be taken during the school day.
- Children with specific medical needs will have a health care plan created in consultation with parents and health professionals.
- As a staff we have regular training and updates of conditions and medication affecting individual children to ensure that all staff are able to manage medical situations.
- Downview School has a Behaviour Policy.

**6. WHAT SPECIALIST SERVICES AND EXPERTISE ARE AVAILABLE AT OR ACCESSED BY DOWNVIEW SCHOOL?**

- Mrs Adams (SENCO) is a fully qualified Teacher with a Postgraduate Certificate in Professional Practice: National Award for SEN Coordination.
- Mrs Oliphant (Pastoral Teacher) is a fully qualified Teacher with an MA in Education.
- School Nurse.
- Family Link Worker.
- Family Support Worker.
- Play therapy.
- Speech Therapist.
- Occupational Therapist.
- Physiotherapist.
- Social Communication Team.
- Learning Inclusion Team.
- Educational Psychology Service.
- CAMHS.
- Social Care.
- CAF.
- Sensory Support Team.
- Children and Young People's Planning Forum.
- EMAT (Ethnic Minority and Traveller Support Service) who assist us in supporting our families with English as an additional language and children from Travelling communities.

**7. WHAT TRAINING HAS THE STAFF SUPPORTING CHILDREN WITH SEN HAD OR ARE CURRENTLY HAVING?**

- SENCO Diploma.
- Makaton Signing.
- Occupational Therapy-Jump Ahead Programme.
- Reading Recovery (Every Child a Reader).
- Fischer Family Trust Reading Support Programme.
- 1<sup>st</sup> Class@Number2.
- Speech and Language.
- Targeted Mental Health Service (TaMHS).
- Winston's Wish Bereavement Training.
- WWO.
- Safeguarding.
- Autism training-Early Bird Plus Programme.
- Dyslexia Aware Award
- Autism Aware Award

**8. HOW WILL MY CHILD BE INCLUDED IN ACTIVITIES OUTSIDE THE CLASSROOM INCLUDING SCHOOL TRIPS?**

- School trips are planned, risk assessed and pre-visits are made by staff taking into consideration the needs of the group of children and individual children involved in the school trip.
- Reasonable adjustments, arrangements and support will be made to ensure that all children are included whilst maintaining the safety of the children as the top priority.
- The suitability and access to outside the classroom learning opportunities are discussed with the external service providers.
- Where appropriate parents and carers will be invited to attend activities outside the classroom.

- Information is shared with parents about residential visits to allow parents to make informed decisions and advise the school of any adjustments they feel may need to be made.
- In the unlikely event that it is considered unsafe for a child to take part in an activity, then alternative activities which will cover the same curriculum areas will be provided in school.

#### **9. HOW ACCESSIBLE IS THE SCHOOL ENVIRONMENT?**

- The Downview School site is wheelchair accessible with disabled toilet facilities, two being large enough to accommodate changing.
- The school is all on one level with ramps at specified fire exits and up to one of the two mobile classroom units.
- EMAT (Ethnic Minority and Traveller Support Service) who assist us in supporting our families with English as an additional language and children from Travelling Communities.

#### **10. HOW WILL DOWNVIEW SCHOOL PREPARE AND SUPPORT MY CHILD WHEN JOINING DOWNVIEW SCHOOL AND TRANSFERRING TO A NEW SCHOOL?**

- As a school we liaise with your child's previous setting via visits to local nurseries and we receive information from children's previous schools and preschools.
- All children are invited to the Transition Day in the summer term prior to starting Downview in the September where they will meet their new class teacher in their new classroom.
- All children receive a "Moving-On Pack" at the Transition Day which gives information for parents and children about the staff in their child's new year group, where the classroom is, the curriculum and topics to be covered and classroom routines such as where to keep book folders and water bottles etc.
- An opportunity for parents to meet their child's next teacher at the end of the Transition Day.
- We welcome visits from new parents and we are happy to show parents and children around our school
- For children with SEN and for children who are less confident with change we can arrange and accompany the children on additional visits to help them get to know staff members and the new surroundings, i.e. Year 6 transferring to secondary school.
- Social stories can aid smooth transition.
- We liaise closely with Staff when receiving and transferring children to different schools ensuring all relevant paperwork is passed on and all needs are discussed and understood.
- For children with complex needs a meeting can be arranged or a Statement Review can be used as a transition meeting. Parents, staff from both schools and all outside agencies involved with your child can be invited to contribute to these meetings.
- Enhanced transition programmes can be implemented as appropriate.

#### **11. HOW ARE THE SCHOOL'S RESOURCES ALLOCATED AND MATCHED TO CHILDREN'S SEN NEEDS?**

- We ensure that all children with Special Educational Needs have their individual needs met to the best of the school's ability with the funds available.
- We have a team of Learning Support Assistants and Teaching Assistants who are funded from the SEN budget and deliver programmes designed to meet groups of children's and individual children's needs.
- We access specialist support from outside agencies where appropriate.
- The School Governors liaise with Senior Management (including the SENCO) in the allocation of the SEN budget. Funds and resources are allocated on a needs basis. The

Children who have the most complex needs are given the most intensive support which may require a Specialist Teacher, an LSA and/or a TA.

## **12. HOW IS THE DECISION MADE ABOUT HOW MUCH SUPPORT MY CHILD WILL RECEIVE?**

- After appropriate monitoring, tracking, the collection of relevant information and evidence, your child's Class Teacher, TA, SENCO, Pastoral Teacher and possibly outside agencies and other professionals will discuss your child's needs and consider the type of support that would best support learning.
- Professional judgement will be used within the limitations of the SEN budget and resources available.
- Different children will require different levels of support in order to narrow the gap to achieve age expected levels.
- Discussion and communication with parents is vital and essential.

### **HOW WILL I KNOW IF IT HAS HAD AN IMPACT?**

- Interventions and support programmes are monitored half termly to measure impact. If progress is not evident then targets may be divided into smaller steps or an alternative programme or intervention will be used.
- IEP Targets are reviewed termly with new targets being set.
- Communication and verbal feedback from your child, the Class Teacher, SENCO and you (parent).
- Children may be removed from the SEN Register if it is felt that the child has made sufficient progress compared with class mates.

## **13. HOW CAN I BE INVOLVED IN DOWNVIEW SCHOOL?**

- Come to the monthly coffee mornings.
- Attend Parents Evenings, Drop-ins, Sharing Assemblies, Performances, Parent Information Evenings, Workshops, Transition Meetings, DSA fund raising events such as the Summer Fair and Quiz Nights.
- Volunteer to help in class, hearing children read, helping children with sewing or art activities etc.
- Provide us with feedback either through Parent Questionnaires, written or verbal feedback.

### **WHO CAN I CONTACT FOR FURTHER INFORMATION?**

- First point of contact is your child's Class Teacher to share any concerns.
- Mrs Adams (SENCO) and Mrs Oliphant (Pastoral Teacher)
- Mrs Williams (Head Teacher) and Mr Martin (Deputy Head Teacher)
- Access the Downview SEN policy on our website.
- Contact The West Sussex Parent Partnership Services.