

Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) Information Report



Gossops Green Primary School

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Dear parents and carers,

The aim of this information report is to explain how we implement our SEND policy. In other words, we want to show you how SEND support works in our school.

If you want to know more about our arrangements for SEND, read our SEND policy.

You can find it on our website [SEND-Policy-May-23.pdf \(gossopsgreen.org.uk\)](https://gossopsgreen.org.uk/SEND-Policy-May-23.pdf)

Note: If there are any terms we've used in this information report that you're unsure of, you can look them up in the Glossary at the end of the report.

1. What types of SEN does the school provide for?

Our school provides for pupils with the following needs:

AREA OF NEED	CONDITION
Communication and interaction	Autism spectrum disorder
	Speech and language difficulties
Cognition and learning	Specific learning difficulties, including dyslexia, dyspraxia, dyscalculia
	Moderate learning difficulties
	Severe learning difficulties
Social, emotional and mental health	Attention deficit hyperactive disorder (ADHD)
	Attention deficit disorder (ADD)
Sensory and/or physical	Hearing impairments
	Visual impairment
	Multi-sensory impairment
	Physical impairment

2. Which staff will support my child, and what training have they had?

Our special educational needs co-ordinator, or SENDCO

Our SENDCO is Mrs N Bracknell.

Mrs Bracknell is a qualified teacher with 21 years professional experience. She has achieved the National Award in Special Educational Needs Co-ordination.

SENDCO Assistant

Our SENDCO Assistant is Mrs S Johncock.

Class teachers

All of our teachers receive in-house SEND training and are supported by the SENDCO to meet the needs of pupils who have SEND.

Teaching assistants (TAs)

We have a team of 13 SEND TAs, who are trained to deliver SEND provision.

We have 12 teaching assistants who are trained to deliver interventions such as Phonics, NELI, Toe-by-Toe, Power of 2, Speech and Language.

External agencies and experts

Sometimes we need extra help to offer our pupils the support that they need. Whenever necessary we will work with external support services to meet the needs of our pupils with SEND and to support their families. These include:

- Speech and language therapists
- Educational psychologists
- Occupational therapists
- GPs or paediatricians
- School nurses
- Child and adolescent mental health services (CAMHS)
- Education welfare officers (EWO)
- Social services and other LA-provided support services

3. What should I do if I think my child has SEND?

Tell us about your concerns

We will invite you to a meeting to discuss them

We will decide whether your child needs SEN support

If you think your child might have SEND, the first person you should tell is your child's teacher.

You can contact your child's teacher by writing a message in your child's school diary, speaking to them at the end of the day or arranging a meeting with them through the school office.

The class teacher will pass the message on to our SENDCO, Mrs Bracknell, who will be in touch to discuss your concerns.

You can also contact the SENDCO directly –
nbracknell@gossopsgreen.org.uk

We will meet with you to discuss your concerns and try to get a better understanding of what your child's strengths and difficulties are.

Together we will decide what outcomes to seek for your child and agree on next steps.

We will make a note of what's been discussed and add this to your child's record.

If we decide that your child needs SEND support, we will formally notify you and your child will be added to the school's SEND register.

4. How will the school know if my child needs SEND support?

All our class teachers are aware of SEND and are on the lookout for any pupils who aren't making the expected level of progress in their schoolwork or socially. This might include reading, writing, number work.

If the teacher notices that a pupil is falling behind, they try to find out if the pupil has any gaps in their learning. If they can find a gap, they will give the pupil extra support to try to fill it. Pupils who don't have SEND usually make progress quickly once the gap in their learning has been filled.

If the pupil is still struggling to make the expected progress, the teacher will talk to the SENDCO, and will contact you to discuss the possibility that your child has SEND.

The SENDCO will observe the pupil to see what their strengths and difficulties are. They will have discussions with your child's teacher/s, to see if there have been any issues with, or changes in, their progress, attainment or behaviour. They will also compare your child's progress and development with their peers and available national data.

The SENDCO will ask for your opinion and speak to your child to get their input as well. They may also, where appropriate, ask for the opinion of external experts such as a speech and language therapist, an educational psychologist, the Learning Behaviour Advisory Team (LBAT), the Autism and Social Communication Team (ASCT).

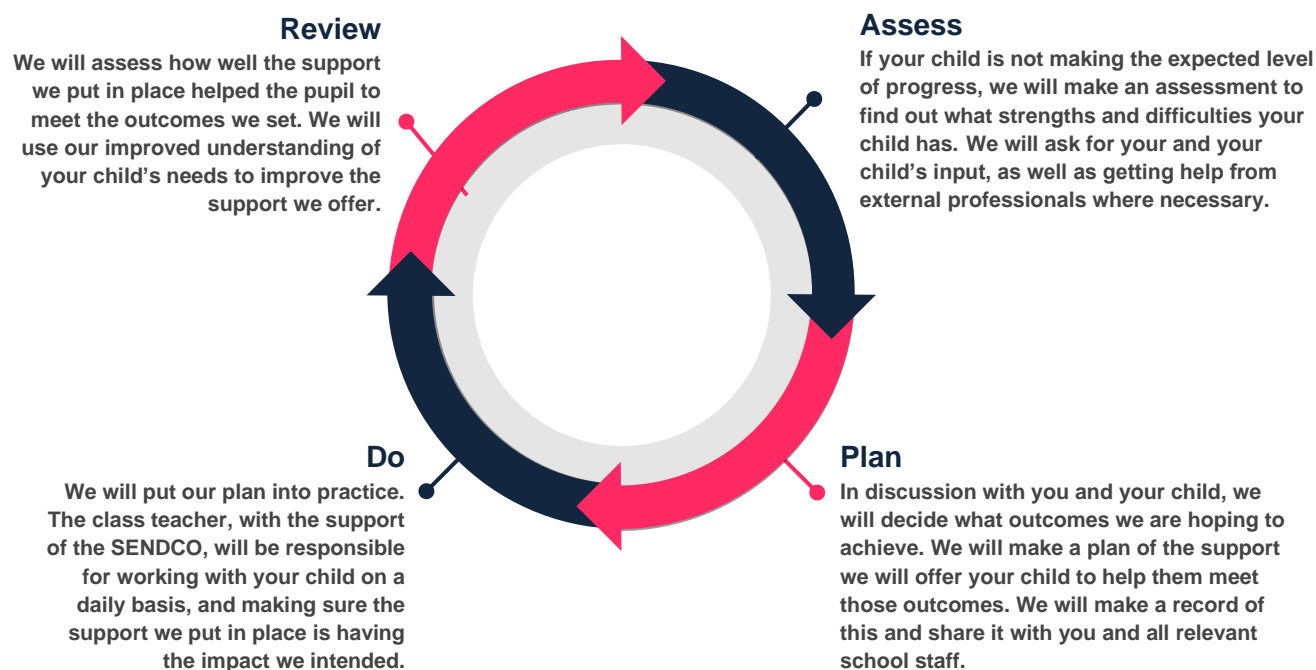
Based on all of this information, the SENDCO will decide whether your child needs SEND support.

If your child does need SEND support, their name will be added to the school's SEND register. An Individual Learning Plan (ILP) will be created for them.

5. How will the school measure my child's progress?

We will follow the 'graduated approach' to meeting your child's SEND needs.

The graduated approach is a 4-part cycle of **assess, plan, do, review**.



As a part of the planning stage of the graduated approach, we will set outcomes that we want to see your child achieve.

Whenever we run an intervention with your child, we will assess them before the intervention begins. This is known as a 'baseline assessment'. We do this so we can see how much impact the intervention has on your child's progress.

We will track your child's progress towards the outcomes we set over time and improve our offer as we learn what your child responds to best.

This process will be continual. If the review shows a pupil has made progress, they may no longer need the additional provision made through SEND support. For others, the cycle will continue and the school's targets, strategies and provisions will be revisited and refined.

6. How will I be involved in decisions made about my child's education?

We will provide termly reports on your child's progress.

Your child's class teacher will liaise with you termly to:

- Set clear outcomes for your child's progress
- Review progress towards those outcomes
- Discuss the support we will put in place to help your child make that progress
- Identify what we will do, what we will ask you to do, and what we will ask your child to do

The SENDCO may also ask to meet with you to provide extra support.

We know that you're the expert when it comes to your child's needs and aspirations. We want to make sure you have a full understanding of how we're trying to meet your child's needs, so that you can provide insight into what you think would work best for your child.

We also want to hear from you as much as possible so that we can build a better picture of how the SEND support we are providing is impacting your child outside of school.

If your child's needs or aspirations change at any time, please let us know right away so we can keep our provision as relevant as possible.

After any discussion we will make a record of any outcomes, actions and support that have been agreed. This record will be shared with all relevant staff, and you will be given a copy.

If you have concerns that arise between these meetings, please contact your child's class teacher.

7. How will my child be involved in decisions made about their education?

The level of involvement will depend on your child's age, and level of competence. We recognise that no 2 children are the same, so we will decide on a case-by-case basis, with your input.

We may seek your child's views by asking them to:

- Attend meetings to discuss their progress and outcomes
- Discuss their views with a member of staff who can act as a representative during the meeting

8. How will the school adapt its teaching for my child?

Your child's teacher is responsible and accountable for the progress and development of all the pupils in their class.

High-quality teaching is our first step in responding to your child's needs. We will make sure that your child has access to a broad and balanced curriculum in every year they are at our school.

We will adapt how we teach to suit the way the pupil works best. There is no '1 size fits all' approach to adapting the curriculum, we work on a case-by case basis to make sure the adaptations we make are meaningful to your child.

These adaptations include:

- Differentiating our curriculum to make sure all pupils are able to access it, for example, by grouping, 1-to-1 work, adapting the teaching style or content of the lesson, etc.
- Adapting our teaching, for example, giving longer processing times, pre-teaching of key vocabulary, reading instructions aloud, etc.
- Adapting our resources

- Using recommended aids, such as laptops, coloured overlays, visual timetables, larger font, etc.
- SEND Teaching assistants will support pupils with an EHCP on a 1-to-1 basis
- Teaching assistants supporting pupils in small groups for parts of a lesson

We may also provide the following interventions:

AREA OF NEED	CONDITION	HOW WE SUPPORT THESE PUPILS
Communication and interaction	Autism spectrum disorder	Visual timetables Social stories
	Speech and language difficulties	Speech and language interventions
Cognition and learning	Specific learning difficulties, including dyslexia, dyspraxia and dyscalculia	Writing slope Use of technology where appropriate Over lays Modelled visuals
	Moderate learning difficulties	Adapted resources Interventions
	Severe learning difficulties	Referrals to outside agencies Interventions
Social, emotional and mental health	ADHD, ADD	Brain breaks Movement breaks Visual timetables Social stories
	Adverse childhood experiences and/or mental health issues	Nurture support Counselling Therapy
Sensory and/or physical	Hearing impairment	BSL training
	Visual impairment	Limiting classroom displays
	Multi-sensory impairment	Multisensory and tactile resources
	Physical impairment	Accessibility consideration Adapted lessons and resources

These interventions are part of our contribution to West Sussex's local offer.

We have an accessibility plan in place to ensure that pupils with SEND can take part in all aspects of school life. Should you wish to know more about our accessibility plan you can find it on our website <https://gossopsgreen.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2023/03/Equality-Accessibility-Policy-Nov.-22.pdf>

9. How will the school evaluate whether the support in place is helping my child?

We will evaluate the effectiveness of provision for your child by:

- Reviewing their progress towards their goals each term
- Reviewing the impact of interventions after 6 weeks
- Using pupil questionnaires
- Monitoring by the SENDCO
- Using provision maps to measure progress
- Holding an annual review (if they have an education, health and care (EHC) plan)

10. How will the school resources be secured for my child?

It may be that your child's needs mean we need to secure:

- Extra equipment or facilities
- More teaching assistant hours
- Further training for our staff
- External specialist expertise

If that's the case, we will consult with external agencies to get recommendations on what will best help your child access their learning.

The school will cover up to £6,000 of any necessary costs. If funding is needed beyond this, we will seek it from our local authority.

11. How will the school make sure my child is included in activities alongside pupils who don't have SEND?

All of our extra-curricular activities and school visits are available to all our pupils, including our before and after-school clubs.

All pupils are encouraged to go on our school trips, including our Year 6 residential trip,

All pupils are encouraged to take part in sports day, school plays, school visits.

No pupil is ever excluded from taking part in these activities because of their SEND or disability and we will make whatever reasonable adjustments are needed to make sure that they can be included.

12. How does the school make sure the admissions process is fair for pupils with SEN or a disability?

We ensure that all stages of the admissions process are inclusive and realistic. Our SENDCo is available at our Open Evenings for discussions with parents and pupils regarding our school offer.

Individual tours of the school can also be booked. We then work closely with the local authority to ensure that any consultations for those pupils with EHCPs are accurate in terms of what we are able to offer pupils with very specific needs.

Our oversubscription criteria is objective and at no point is there an opportunity for pupils with a disability or a SEN to be unfairly discriminated against.

13. How does the school support pupils with disabilities?

Our school does not have any lifts but reasonable adjustments will always be made to allow access around the school for wheelchair users. Advice will always be sought to support all children on a needs basis. Risk assessments are carried out if a child has specific needs based on advice from professionals.

14. How will the school support my child's mental health and emotional and social development?

We provide support for pupils to progress in their emotional and social development in the following ways:

- Pupils with SEND are encouraged to be part of the school council
- Pupils with SEND are also encouraged to be part of nurture club to promote teamwork/building friendships
- Out Nurture team provide extra pastoral support for listening to the views of pupils with SEND
- We run a nurture club for pupils who need extra support with social or emotional development
- We provide 'Time to Talk' cards for children to use when they need to talk to someone

15. What support will be available for my child as they transition between classes or settings, or in preparing for adulthood?

Between years

To help pupils with SEND be prepared for a new school year we:

- Ask both the current teacher and the next year's teacher to attend a final meeting of the year when the pupil's SEND is discussed
- Schedule a moving up morning with the incoming teacher towards the end of the summer term
- Create a resource showing children information about their new teacher, classroom and TA
- Ensure children with SEND make extra visits to their new classroom and school area

Between schools

When your child is moving on from our school, we will ask you and your child what information you want us to share with the new setting.

Between phases (for primary schools)

The SENDCO of the secondary school will come into our school for a meeting with our SENDCO or Year 6 class teachers. They will discuss the needs of all the children who are receiving SEND support.

Pupils will be prepared for the transition by:

- Practising with a secondary school timetable
- Learning how to get organised independently

- Attending additional visits to their secondary school

16. What support is in place for looked-after and previously looked-after children with SEND?

Mrs Bullen (our Assistant Principal) works closely with Mrs Bracknell, to make sure that all teachers understand how a looked-after or previously looked-after pupil's circumstances and their SEND might interact, and what the implications are for teaching and learning.

Children who are looked-after or previously looked-after will be supported much in the same way as any other child who has SEND. However, looked-after pupils will also have a personal education plan (PEP). We will make sure that the PEP and any SEND support plans or EHC plans are consistent and complement one another.

17. What should I do if I have a complaint about my child's SEND support?

Complaints about SEND provision in our school should be made to the SENDCO, Mrs Bracknell, in the first instance. If this is not appropriate or you feel that it is more serious then you need to contact the Principal (Mrs Dunne).

If you are not satisfied with the school's response, you can escalate the complaint. In some circumstances, this right also applies to the pupil themselves.

To see a full explanation of suitable avenues for complaint, see pages 246 and 247 of the [SEN Code of Practice](#).

If you feel that our school discriminated against your child because of their SEND, you have the right to make a discrimination claim to the first-tier SEND tribunal. To find out how to make such a claim, you should visit: <https://www.gov.uk/complain-about-school/disability-discrimination>

You can make a claim about alleged discrimination regarding:

- Admission
- Exclusion
- Provision of education and associated services
- Making reasonable adjustments, including the provision of auxiliary aids and services

Before going to a SEND tribunal, you can go through processes called disagreement resolution or mediation, where you try to resolve your disagreement before it reaches the tribunal.

18. What support is available for me and my family?

If you have questions about SEND, or are struggling to cope, please get in touch to let us know. We want to support you, your child and your family.

To see what support is available to you locally, have a look at West Sussex's local offer. West Sussex publishes information about the local offer on their website:

[West Sussex Local Offer \(local-offer.org\)](http://local-offer.org)

Our local special educational needs and disabilities information advice and support services (SENDIASS) organisations are:

[West Sussex SENDIAS Service](#)

Local charities that offer information and support to families of children with SEND are:

[Reaching Families](#)

[Local Offer Parents and Carers Support Organisation \(pacso.org.uk\)](#)

[West Sussex children and young people's service | ASPENS CHARITIES](#)

[Home Start Crawley, Horsham & Mid-Sussex | Support and Friendship for Families \(homestartchams.org.uk\)](#)

[West Sussex Mind | Home](#)

National charities that offer information and support to families of children with SEND are:

- [IPSEA](#)
- [SEND family support](#)
- [NSPCC](#)
- [Family Action](#)
- [Special Needs Jungle](#)

19. Glossary

- › **Access arrangements** – special arrangements to allow pupils with SEND to access assessments or exams
- › **Annual review** – an annual meeting to review the provision in a pupil's EHC plan
- › **Area of need** – the 4 areas of need describe different types of needs a pupil with SEND can have. The 4 areas are communication and interaction; cognition and learning; physical and/or sensory; and social, emotional and mental health needs.
- › **CAMHS** – child and adolescent mental health services
- › **Differentiation** – When teachers adapt how they teach in response to a pupil's needs
- › **EHC needs assessment** – the needs assessment is the first step on the way to securing an EHC plan. The local authority will do an assessment to decide whether a child needs an EHC plan.
- › **EHC plan** – an education, health and care plan is a legally-binding document that sets out a child's needs and the provision that will be put in place to meet their needs.
- › **First-tier tribunal/SEND tribunal** – a court where you can appeal against the local authority's decisions about EHC needs assessments or plans and against discrimination by a school or local authority due to SEND
- › **Graduated approach** – an approach to providing SEN support in which the school provides support in successive cycles of assessing the pupil's needs, planning the provision, implementing the plan, and reviewing the impact of the action on the pupil
- › **Intervention** – a short-term, targeted approach to teaching a pupil with a specific outcome in mind
- › **Local offer** – information provided by the local authority which explains what services and support are on offer for pupils with SEN in the local area
- › **Outcome** – target for improvement for pupils with SEND. These targets don't necessarily have to be related to academic attainment
- › **Reasonable adjustments** – changes that the school must make to remove or reduce any disadvantages caused by a child's disability
- › **SENDCO** – the special educational needs and disabilities co-ordinator
- › **SEN** – special educational needs
- › **SEND** – special educational needs and disabilities
- › **SEND Code of Practice** – the statutory guidance that schools must follow to support children with SEND
- › **SEND information report** – a report that schools must publish on their website, that explains how the school supports pupils with SEND
- › **SEND support** – special educational provision which meets the needs of pupils with SEND
- › **Transition** – when a pupil moves between years, phases, schools or institutions or life stages