



## Thirsk Community Primary School SEN information report

Code of Practice 6.79

'The governing bodies of maintained schools and maintained nursery schools and the proprietors of academy schools have a legal duty to publish information on their websites about the implementation of the governing body's or the proprietor's policy for pupils with SEN. The information published **must** be updated annually and any changes to the information occurring during the year must be updated as soon as possible. The information required is set out in the draft Special Educational Needs (Information) Regulations and reflects the information required for the local offer'.

The North Yorkshire local offer can be found at:

<http://www.northyorks.gov.uk/article/23542/SEND---local-offer>

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We aim to develop confident young people who enjoy learning and strive to achieve the best.  
Together we will provide each pupil with a safe and caring school community that promotes fairness, tolerance and respect.  
SEE: Success - everyone, every day!

Special Educational Needs Co-ordinator (SENCO): Mrs B Kaufman  
Headteacher Mr R Chandler

Please see the SEN Policy which can be found in the 'Policies' section of the school website or ask for a copy in school.

This is what we provide in our school	This is North Yorkshire LA's minimum expectations of good practice
<b>1 What kinds of SEN are provided for in your school?</b>	
We provide support for any pupil who has significantly greater difficulty in learning than the majority of others of the same age, or has a disability which prevents or hinders them from making use of educational facilities of a kind generally provided for others of the same age.	Children and young people (CYP) with a wide range of SEN are welcomed into the school. If a parent of a pupil with an EHCP requests a place at the school, the CYP is welcomed and strategies sought to meet needs.

<p>These needs can be described broadly under the following headings:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Communication &amp; Interaction</li> <li>• Cognition &amp; Learning</li> <li>• Social, Mental and Emotional Health</li> <li>• Sensory and / or physical needs</li> </ul>	
<p><b>2 What policies do you have for identifying children and young people with SEN? How do you assess their needs? What is the SENCo's name and how can I contact them?</b></p>	
<p>Our SEND Policy explains how we identify pupils with SEND. However, the SENCO, Mrs B Kaufman or Headteacher, Mr R Chandler, can be contacted at any time for information or advice, tel: 01845 524349.</p> <p>We aim to identify needs as early as possible by considering parental knowledge of the child, class teacher and support staff's observations, the use of school-based assessment tools and where appropriate, assessments and information from other agencies, such as speech and language therapists or specialist teachers.</p> <p>If it is felt that a pupil needs a significantly higher level of support, the school may suggest asking the local authority to carry out an Education, Health and Care Assessment. The SENCO works very closely with parents where this is felt to be necessary.</p>	<p>The name and contact number of the SENCo should be readily available for parents. Where the school feels that something additional or different is needed to support your child because they have SEND they will discuss this carefully with you. This information may well be recorded in a document for you and your child, known as an individual provision map or an individual education plan. This should include:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• details of any strategies being used to support your child in class;</li> <li>• details of any extra support or interventions for your child</li> <li>• your child's learning targets and their long term desired outcomes</li> <li>• the next date when your child's progress will be reviewed.</li> </ul> <p>Most pupils will benefit from SEN support, but some pupils who need high levels of support, or who have complex needs will need to be referred for an education, health and care plan.</p>
<p><b>3 What arrangements do you have for consulting with parents of children with SEN and involving them in their child's education?</b></p>	
<p>Where it is felt that a pupil has a special educational need or disability, parents / carers will be consulted, concerns discussed and their consent sought to add the pupil to the school's register of SEND. The aim of formally identifying a pupil with SEND is to help the school ensure that effective provision is put in place which removes barriers to learning and accelerates the pupil's progress.</p> <p>Parents/carers, pupil (this may be very informal for our youngest pupils) and teacher meet to identify targets and the type of support which is needed, and record this information in an Individual Pupil Provision Map (IPPM). We encourage parents / carers to work in partnership with us, and to take an active role in supporting their child.</p>	<p>Schools communicate regularly with parents, usually once a term, to discuss how well their child is doing. They listen to what parents have to say and respond to it. For pupils with SEND it is often desirable that there is more frequent communication as it is vital that parents and school work together closely. Your knowledge and understanding of your child's needs is essential to support the school in making the best provision for them. This should also take account of your and your child's hopes, personal goals and interests.</p> <p>This will allow the school to regularly explain to you where your child is in their learning, and to work with you to ensure the most appropriate targets are set to ensure progress.</p>

<p>Individual Pupil Provision Maps are reviewed and evaluated termly at a meeting with the class teacher. The SENCO may join these meetings to offer further advice or support, if required.</p> <p>Reviews can take place more frequently, if necessary.</p>	<p>On-going communication with school may include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• regular contact through a home-school book or by e-mail to keep you informed of things that are going well or particular successes</li> <li>• more regular meetings to update you on your child's progress and whether the support is working</li> <li>• clear information about the impact of any interventions</li> <li>• guidance for you to support your child's learning at home.</li> </ul>
<p><b>4. What arrangements do you have in place in your school to consult with young people with SEN and how do you involve them in their education?</b></p>	
<p>Pupils with SEND discuss their needs formally at their reviews and on an informal basis during lessons with their teacher or support staff. Any changes or enhancements to provision identified as being necessary, are shared with the SENCO who will for example, arrange for additional equipment to be purchased or access arrangements to be made.</p> <p>All pupils are eligible to be elected by their class as school council representatives. Pupils are encouraged to discuss their views on any matter with their class representative, who will raise the matter at our school council meetings.</p>	<p>School will obtain the views of all children (pupil voice) to shape provision in school. Your child's school may have a school council. In addition, it is vital that the views and aspirations of children and young people with SEN are listened to and they are supported to achieve their aspirations as far as possible. Your school will be able to describe how this is undertaken and the frequency with which the child is consulted.</p>
<p><b>5. What arrangements are in place for assessing and reviewing children and young people's progress towards outcomes. Please can you explain what opportunities are available to enable you to work with parents and young people as part of this assessment and review.</b></p>	
<p>Pupils' attainment is carefully monitored in order to ensure that progress is being made.</p> <p>Progress can be that which:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• better the child's previous rate of progress.</li> <li>• closes the attainment gap between a child and their peers.</li> <li>• prevents the attainment gap from widening.</li> <li>• demonstrates an improvement in self-help, or personal skills.</li> <li>• demonstrates an improvement in the child's social, emotional and mental well-being.</li> </ul> <p>Progress is discussed with parents / carers and is recorded on the IPPM during the termly review, and includes both progress with individual targets and towards the age-related expectations of the National Curriculum. We encourage parents to maintain an on-going dialogue with us on a regular basis</p>	<p>All pupils with SEND should make at least expected progress, in line with their peers. Your school will be able to explain how it will be monitoring your child's progress to ensure that it is at least in line with expectations. This will usually include progress made with personal targets, and overall progress on the National Curriculum.</p> <p>Many schools use inclusion passports. This is a document that summarises the support that has been given to a pupil over a period of time, and the difference that this support has made. You may like to ask your child's school whether an inclusion passport would be useful for you and your child. Your child may well have their own version which they can share with staff and which can help to explain their interests and things that help them learn and to enjoy school.</p>

and can arrange to review provision at any time that it is felt to be necessary between formal review dates.	
<b>6. What are the arrangements for supporting children and young people in moving between phases of education and in preparing for adulthood? How do you ensure that as young people prepare for adulthood the desirable outcomes reflect their ambitions, which could include higher education, employment, independent living and participation in society</b>	
<p>We recognise that transitions can be difficult for a child with SEND and take steps to ensure that any transition is as smooth as possible.</p> <p>If your child is moving to another school:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• We will contact the receiving school's SENCo and ensure that he/she knows about any special arrangements or support that needs to be made for your child.</li> <li>• We will make sure that all records about your child are passed on as soon as possible.</li> </ul> <p>When moving classes in school:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Information will be passed on to the new class teacher during the preceding term and in most cases, a planning meeting will take place with the new teacher. Individual Target and Provision Maps will be shared too.</li> <li>• All children visit in their new classroom at the end of the summer term to familiarise themselves with new staff and their new environment.</li> <li>• If your child would be helped by a transition book to support their understanding of moving on, this will be made with them.</li> <li>• An individual transition plan will be devised, if required.</li> </ul> <p>In Year 6:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Year 6 teacher and/or SENCo will meet with the SENCo of their secondary school to discuss the specific needs of your child and a transition package will be put together for them individually. You will be invited to join this meeting to share information and raise any concerns.</li> <li>• Extra visits, in addition to the routine induction arrangements for all pupils, will be arranged if necessary.</li> </ul>	<p>Your SENCo should arrange an appropriate transition review in plenty of time before any move. Staff from the receiving school should be invited to attend. Transition meetings and visits should be arranged for the pupil or student, often accompanied by a well-known member of staff. The pupil should receive as much transition work as they feel necessary.</p>
<b>7. What is your School's approach to teaching children and young people with SEN?</b>	
All staff are committed to providing quality first teaching so that all pupils can make good progress with their learning. Staff ensure that lessons are tailored	High quality support for learning within mainstream lessons is the most important factor in helping pupils with SEND to make good progress

to the needs of pupils. This may include the use of specific resources or ensuring that particular learning styles are catered for.

We are able to offer a variety of targeted programmes of support which are delivered by our trained support staff, to address gaps in pupils' development. These may take place in small groups, or on a 1:1 basis, depending on need, and are recorded on pupils' individual pupil provision maps. This support may take place within the classroom, or in a smaller, quiet space.

From time to time, pupils who have a high level of need receive more individualised support throughout the day. However, we place a strong emphasis on independence for all pupils, supporting in a manner which promotes and develops this, rather than a dependence on adult support.

alongside their peers. There may be occasions when the school feels that some additional support within lessons may help your child to make better progress. This is by no means always the case. However, if some additional small group or one to one support within lessons is planned, the school will explain how this will work, what the aims of this support will be and how and when the impact of this support will be reviewed. Most importantly, this support should be aiming to make your child more independent in lessons

Schools use a range of evidence based interventions to support pupils with SEND to make better progress. Interventions are structured learning programmes. Your school will be able to explain to you:

- what interventions your child is receiving and what are the intended learning outcomes;
- when during the week any interventions will be delivered and for how many weeks;
- who will be delivering the interventions (usually a well trained teaching assistant) and where (e.g. in class or outside the classroom)
- how the interventions will relate to and support learning in the classroom;
- how they will be monitored closely to make sure they are helping your child to make accelerated progress.

#### **8. What sort of adaptations are made to the curriculum and the learning environment of children and young people with SEN?**

Differentiated teaching and learning activities are in place so that every child is fully involved in learning in class. This may include presenting and recording learning in different ways (written, through use of ICT or practical activities); support from a Teaching Assistant for some pupils; or work set at different levels, with different expectations.

Specific strategies or modifications may be in place to support your child to learn: e.g. use of coloured overlays, specialist hearing equipment, social stories, or magnifiers for pupils with visual impairment.

Your child's teacher will have checked on your child's progress and will have planned the support your child needs to help them make the best possible

Your school will be able to describe some of the approaches that classroom teachers and other staff will be using throughout the day to help address your child's needs within lessons. They may also be able to share with you the school's overall plan of support (provision map), which outlines many of these strategies.

Some children with a high level of need will also need a care plan or a health care plan which may include a risk assessment.

progress.	
<b>9. What sort of expertise for supporting children and young people with SEN do you currently have in school? How do you ensure that the expertise and training of staff to support children and young people with SEN is current? How do you access and secure further specialist expertise?</b>	
<p>The school has an experienced SENCO who supports class teachers and support staff in planning for children with SEND. In addition, the school's learning mentor has wide ranging experience of working with pupils with SEND and supports staff in tailoring resources and strategies to support individual pupils.</p> <p>Our teaching assistants have a wide range of experience in supporting pupils with needs across all categories of SEND.</p> <p>We have a training plan for all staff to improve the teaching and learning of children including those with SEND.</p> <p>Individual teachers and support staff attend training courses run by outside agencies that are relevant to the needs of specific children in their class.</p> <p>When additional training is required, we access support from a wide range of specialist teachers and agencies.</p>	<p>All staff should receive regular training to enable them to meet a range of SEN. Teachers and teaching assistants should have regular generic training and specific training to meet individual needs as necessary. Schools must make good use of their SEN funding to meet a range of need. However, if a pupil has particular needs and the school has exhausted its repertoire, specialist support should be sought promptly.</p>
<b>10. How do you evaluate the effectiveness of the provision made for children and young people with SEN?</b>	
<p>Progress and attainment is reviewed and discussed with parents / carers when reviewing the IPPM each term. Progress towards targets is discussed and the effectiveness of the strategies and / or interventions which have been used is evaluated.</p> <p>Your child's attainment levels are recorded on the IPPM each term in order that progress can be monitored. Attainment is recorded as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• EYFS: using the developmental statements of the EYFS Development Matters Curriculum</li> <li>• Y1-6: using the school's Classroom Monitor assessment system.</li> <li>• Where pupils' attainment requires a more finely graded method of monitoring and tracking, the Pupil and School SEN Support Toolkit component</li> </ul>	<p>The progress and attainment of all children is carefully monitored and reported to parents. Your school will be able to explain how they track pupil progress in their school. If a child is provided with additional and different provision/interventions, the school will carefully monitor the impact by a variety of methods; such as: measuring how the intervention accelerated progress over a given time - known as a ratio gain or the before and after impact on self-confidence, behaviour etc. During the planning meeting with parents and where possible the child or young person, the teacher will explain what the expected impact will be by the time the intervention is reviewed and how this will be measured. Many schools use Individual Provision Maps (IPMs) to capture this information, which is written during your meeting. This meeting with you and your child</p>

<p>of Classroom Monitor is used.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Where appropriate, the progress of pupils' personal social and emotional development is also tracked.</li> </ul> <p>Our senior leaders monitor the progress of pupils with SEND each term to evaluate the impact of provision and to identify and adjust provision as changing needs arise.</p>	<p>is often described as a 'learning conversation'.</p> <p>The school will evaluate the impact of all interventions and whether they have a strong evidence base of effectiveness.</p> <p>Other provision, for example provision regularly used in-class (known as Quality First Teaching), will be evaluated regularly by the Senior Leadership Team. Your school will be able to describe how this is undertaken.</p>
<p><b>11. How are children and young people with SEN enabled to engage in activities available with children and young people in the school who do not have SEN?</b></p>	
<p>We actively encourage pupils with SEND to participate in all aspects of the school curriculum, as widely as all other pupils. This includes our regular attendance at cluster sporting events and extra-curricular clubs, participating in residential visits, school discos and in community events and performances. We ensure that: pupils' individual strengths are recognised; that they know what to expect during the activity; preparatory visits are made by the pupil if necessary; visiting adults are made aware of pupils' needs; and that any specialist equipment is available.</p> <p>We ensure that our school environment is adjusted and adapted to meet the specific needs of any individual pupil.</p>	<p>The school's policies should all state how all pupils are actively included in a wide range of curriculum and extra-curricular activities, including school trips. Pupils with SEN should be equally represented in positions of responsibility e.g. the school council.</p>
<p><b>12. How do you support children and young people with SEN to improve their emotional and social development? Please explain the extra pastoral support arrangements for listening to the views of children and young people with SEN and measures to prevent bullying.</b></p>	
<p>Our PSHEC curriculum supports the needs of all pupils including those with SEND.</p> <p>Our pastoral support team which is made up of the Headteacher, SENCO and Learning Mentor meet regularly to review the needs of all pupils.</p> <p>Where a particular need is identified, intervention is put in place to support pupils. This may be individual or group work with the learning mentor or teaching assistant, or referral to another agency for specialist support, with parental consent.</p> <p>We use a Restorative Practice model to resolving conflict which helps all pupils learn how to manage relationships, social situations and their responses to others, and to develop respect for others.</p> <p>We are an enhanced mainstream school for Social, Emotional and Behaviour</p>	<p>Some of the interventions implemented should be for emotional support e.g. SEAL nurture groups, the provision of a key worker.</p>

<p>Needs.</p> <p>We regularly raise awareness of our anti-bullying policy with pupils through themes covered in assembly and regular reminders about our bystander code. All staff know that bullying can happen anywhere, at any time and report all instances to senior leaders.</p>	
<p><b>13. How does the School involve other bodies, including health and social care bodies, local authority support services and voluntary sector organisations, in meeting children and young people's SEN and supporting their families?</b></p>	
<p>We maintain close working relationships with a broad range of external support services in order to ensure it provides the best possible support for its pupils with SEND.</p> <p>We readily share information with parents regarding agencies who may be able to support and can make referrals on their behalf, with their consent, or sign-post for self-referrals. Our Learning Mentor, Mrs N Kennedy, is able to help parents identify the most appropriate agency to support their or their child's needs. The headteacher has the lead role in liaising with Children's Social Care.</p>	<p>The Local Authority offers a range of specialist support and outreach services, including educational psychologists and local enhanced mainstream schools, to help schools to deliver appropriate support and interventions, Other specialists such as speech and language therapists can also support schools in this. If the school feels that the involvement of another agency will help them to meet your child's needs you will be informed and asked to give your consent.</p>
<p><b>14. What are the arrangements for handling complaints from parents of children with SEN about the provision made at the school.</b></p>	
<p>If a parent / carer has any concern or complaint regarding their child, they should make an appointment to speak to the Headteacher, Mr R Chandler, as soon as possible.</p> <p>Full details of our complaints procedure can be found on the school's website or by asking for a written copy of the procedure.</p>	<p>There must be a designated governor for SEN in the school and complaints about SEN should follow the general complaints procedure. It is always best to approach the teacher or the Headteacher first, to see if your concerns can be immediately addressed. If you still feel that your view has not been listened to or answered to your satisfaction you can make a formal complaint by writing to the chair of governors at the school.</p>