



SEND Information Report

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For further details of our school offer, please see the SEND policy on the School website.

Here is the link to the SEND Local Offer and Graduated approach from Worcestershire County Council.

<http://www.worcestershire.gov.uk/sendlocaloffer>

What kinds of SEND provision are provided for at Finstall First School and how do we support the Local Offer?

We adopt an inclusive approach for all children, including children with SEN and disabilities, which supports Worcestershire's Local Offer and Graduated Approach. We provide high quality first teaching for all pupils and our curriculum is designed to be inclusive, relevant, creative and differentiated. Our provision is adapted to the individual needs of the child to ensure that all children thrive. Special Education needs and provision is considered as falling under four broad areas:

- Communication and Interaction.
- Cognition and Learning.
- Social, Mental and Emotional Health difficulties
- Sensory and or/Physical need.

How do we identify children who may have Special Educational Needs?

We have rigorous procedures in place to quickly identify, plan, implement and review a child's progress in order to provide the support that will help them to achieve the aspirational targets that we set for each individual child. We have a number of different ways of identifying children who may have Special Educational needs.

These include:

- informal observations by classroom teachers and teaching assistants in a variety of situations.
- parental discussion.
- ongoing teacher assessment.
- performance in statutory and optional assessments.
- information from previous schools.
- analysis of ongoing assessment data to identify children who are not making expected levels of progress.
- tracking of the Year group provision map, which identifies children who are in receipt of extra intervention and support.
- analysis of children's work.
- Cause for concern form completed by class teachers.
- recording how well children perform against checklists of: key words, key spellings, phonic sounds in English.
- Moderation of work across year groups.
- SENDCo observations.
- Regular analysis of assessment information in reading, writing, mathematics and science, through our assessment system (Target Tracker)
- SENDCo analysing assessment information on a regular basis to identify children who are at risk of falling behind the levels of progress we would expect of them.
- SENDCo carries out a book trawl of SEND children's work to measure progress and ensure that all SEND children access a full, inclusive curriculum.

Examples of this evidence is then brought forward to be discussed by the Senior Leadership team, and external agencies where necessary, to determine whether an identification of SEND is appropriate.

What are the school's arrangements for assessing and reviewing progress of SEND children?

We use a "graduated" approach - a cycle of assessment - when assessing and reviewing the progress of children who may have a special educational need and / or a disability. This cycle consists of four stages:

- 1 – Assessing needs: Class teacher and SENCo identify a child's needs.
- 2- Plan: Interventions or adaptations to the curriculum are planned for.
- 3- Do: Interventions or adaptations are carried out by the direction of the class teacher.
- 4 – Review: The effectiveness of these time- limited interventions and adaptations are reviewed on an agreed date.

(For further information on these stages see the SEN policy on the School website)

After identifying a child's needs, we plan and carry out support/ interventions in order to accelerate progress under the direction of the class teacher. The class teacher will retain responsibility to plan and assess the impact of interventions. Subject specific interventions will take place at the same time as that subject is being taught where possible, so that the same lesson is not being missed each week. Each child on the SEND register will receive an Individual Education Plan (IEP) or an Individual Behaviour Plan (IBP) with a set of specific time limited, measurable targets. These are reviewed with parents on a termly basis.

Regular book trawls of SEND children's books are carried out by the SENDCo and by the Senior Leadership team to look at progress and to ensure that SEND children are having access to the full curriculum. The school SENDCo also looks at SEND provision by tracking the progress and attainment made by pupils with SEND in Reading, Writing and Maths.

**What are the arrangements for the admission of pupils with disabilities? What is our approach to teaching pupils with SEN?
How do we adapt the curriculum or learning environment to meet the needs of children with SEN?**

We are a fully inclusive school for all pupils in our care and ensure that all pupils have access to the full curriculum. The admission of pupils with disabilities is considered in the same way as pupils without a disability. We adapt our teaching and the curriculum to meet the needs of all pupils through the use of differentiation, provision, support, use of different resources or different teaching strategies and have high expectations for all pupils. Communication between staff, the SENDCo and parents is ongoing and we adapt provision based on the needs of the child at that time.

We will take reasonable steps to modify / adapt the learning environment to meet the individual needs of children with SEND and will seek advice from outside agencies if necessary and carry out their recommendations. Steps are taken to prevent any pupils being treated less favourably than other pupils. We ensure that classroom and extra-curricular activities allow all children to participate, including those children who have SEN or a disability.

What specialist equipment and facilities are there for children with SEND?

Our school is on one level providing easier access for children with mobility difficulties including children with wheelchairs. We have disabled toilets which children can access and ramps provide access to the school and the field for wheelchair users. Specialist equipment can be loaned from different external agencies, including Chadsgrove School and external agencies such as the Visual Impairment Team and Hearing Impairment team from Worcestershire County Council.

How do we evaluate the effectiveness of the provision made for children with SEND?

We evaluate the effectiveness of our SEND provision by carefully tracking the progress and attainment made by pupils with SEN and or disabilities in reading, writing and maths. We publish an impact report on our website on an annual basis. This summarises the progress made by SEND pupils, to demonstrate the impact that our SEND provision has had on the learning and achievement of SEND pupils. We also measure the impact of the interventions employed so that we can be sure that the support provided has been effective.

How do we support SEND children including how we improve children's emotional and social development?

We understand the importance of having good mental health for our children and our staff. As a school we adopt the 'Jigsaw' curriculum for our PSHE curriculum which promotes and develops good mental health for all pupils.

We also provide social skills interventions and Lego Therapy, delivered by Teaching Assistants or Special Support Assistants to support children who may need support with their social development or to help to build their self-esteem.

We also make use of additional adults at playtimes and lunchtimes to support children when they are socialising with their peers. We also have structured, adult led lunchtime games sessions to help to develop the emotional and social skills of targeted children who would otherwise find such sessions difficult. Children are also taught about bullying as part of our anti bullying week and during PSHE sessions and assemblies. All staff follow the anti- bullying policy. This policy can also be found on our School website.

What expertise and training do our staff have to support pupils with SEND?

Our teaching staff, teaching assistants and special assistants have a wealth of experience and expertise in supporting children with SEND. This includes supporting children with Autism, ADHD, Attachment difficulties, Speech and Language difficulties, Cerebral Palsy, Visual Impairment and Hearing Impairment. Staff update their skills and knowledge through regular training. Senior Leaders encourage and provide opportunities for staff to continually develop their skills and whole school training is organised regularly throughout the school year.

During the academic year 2023-2024 staff received training for the following:

SENCo network meeting termly.

SENCo Annual conference

What is Universal provision and what do we provide at our school at universal level?

Dyslexia training

Writing effective IEPs

Targeted provision and specialist provision and the graduated response.

Masking and Autism delivered by the CCN team

Adaptations through scaffolding and pitch

Mental Health First Aider training

An introduction to Emotional regulation For Autistic Learners delivered by the CCN team

An introduction to supporting children with Speech, language and communication needs for all staff delivered by our private Speech and Language therapist – Helen Farmer-Breffitt

What are the arrangements for consulting and involving parents of children with SEND?

We understand the importance of establishing strong relationships with parents/carers and pupils and the need for communicating effectively with them. Parents are kept informed about the interventions their child is receiving and how effective these have been. Parents of children who receive Individual Education Plans (IEPs) and Individual Behaviour Plans (IBPs) are also invited to discuss their child's progress and review their targets at least termly. Parents are invited to contribute to and attend any reviews or meetings about their child and to attend annual reviews for those children who have an Education Health Care Plan.

What are the arrangements for consulting and involving children with SEND about their education?

All children with SEN and or a disability are made aware of their next steps that will help them to improve and make progress. The targets set on their IEP / IBP are discussed with pupils by staff and by their parents. During lessons, children follow a success criteria and they often assess their own work or that of their peers against the success criteria. Staff use marking to explain to children what they have achieved and how they can make their work even better. A green pen is used for examples where a child has completed something well in relation to the success criteria and a pink pen for something that the child needs to improve upon. Sometimes the children will have to complete follow up tasks after their work has been marked. Examples of such tasks include writing an incorrect spelling three times or identifying where they should have put full stops in their work.

What arrangements are there for supporting children moving between phases of education?

The SENDCo and Year 4 class teachers are fully involved in the transfer of children from First School to Middle School. The SENDCo meets with the SENDCo from the respective Middle School and will discuss a child's needs and the type of interventions they have received. The receiving SENDCo will also arrange to meet and observe the children in their current setting. A number of transition sessions are arranged during Year 4 for children to go to the local Middle School to become familiar with the School and its staff. Additional sessions are also planned for children with SEN and / or Disabilities to visit the Middle School with their parents.

The SENDCo and year R staff make contact and visit nurseries of children who will be transferring to our school. All children have additional visits in the Summer term to support their transition into our school. In these sessions, children get to know their new surroundings and key staff by taking part in a story session with their new teacher. Additional visits can be arranged to meet staff and support the transition process where required. Transition packs can be sent home to parents with photos of the school, key areas in school and key staff.

How does the School involve other bodies, including Health and Social Care bodies and Local Authority support services?

The SENDCo will seek the support of outside agencies if a child is still not making progress despite timed interventions being carried out. Strong working relationships already exist between our SENDCo and other School staff and the external support agencies listed below:

- Chadsgrove School – Learning Support Assessments,
- Worcestershire County Council- supporting children with sensory impairments, visual and hearing impairments, children with complex communication difficulties and children with an Autism diagnosis.
- Educational Psychologist from Worcestershire County Council.
- CAMHS – Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services and CAMHS Cast.
- Speech and Language Therapy Service
- Occupational Therapy Department
- Community Paediatricians - generally based at the Princess of Wales Hospital
- School Nurse
- Private Speech Therapist – Helen Farmer-Breffitt
- Audiology department
- Reach for Wellbeing
- Early Intervention Family Support (Early Help)

Contact details of the majority of these support services can be found on our website via the 'Supporting families' tab or on the Worcestershire County Council website. Alternatively, details can be obtained from the School's SENDCo.

How will we secure equipment and facilities to support pupils with SEND?

The SENDCo will obtain equipment for SEND children on the recommendations from outside agencies. Further equipment can also be hired from the Chadsgrove Outreach Service which is part of Chadsgrove Special School.

What support services are available to parents?

Parents can contact the SEN Information Advice and Support Service (www.hwsendiass.co.uk) for support and advice.

Parents can contact SEN Services which is part of Worcestershire County Council for any information about Education and Health Care plans (sen@worcestershire.gov.uk 01905 845579)

Parenting and Community Team Bromsgrove and Redditch for parenting support and advice.

<https://www.neighbourly.com/project/5bc89b54c7ac8e18cc224d23>

Parents can request parenting support or access parenting workshops and groups from the Starting Well Partnership

<https://www.startingwellworcs.nhs.uk/>

There is a wealth of websites and useful links available to support parents as part of Worcestershire's local offer. See the link below for more details or use the supporting families tab on the school website.

<https://www.sendiasshw.co.uk/sendiassworcestershireandherefordshire/info/37/support-z>

What are the arrangements for parents of children with SEND who may wish to complain about the provision?

Parents who wish to complain about SEND provision should initially speak to their child's Class Teacher or the School SENDCo. If the issue cannot be resolved, they can then discuss their complaint with the Head Teacher. If the issue still cannot be resolved, parents are directed to the School's Complaints Policy and procedures, which can be found on the School Website.