

## Penny Acres Primary School

### School Information for Children with Special Educational Needs

All Dronfield schools have a similar approach to meeting the needs of pupils with Special Educational needs and are supported by the Local Authority to ensure that all pupils, regardless of their specific needs, make the best possible progress in school. All schools are supported to be as inclusive as possible, with the needs of pupils with a Special Educational Need(s) and or disabilities being met in a mainstream setting wherever possible, where families want this to happen.

#### A. PEOPLE WHO SUPPORT CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL EDUCATIONAL NEEDS/AND OR DISABILITIES IN THIS SCHOOL

School based information	People	Summary of responsibilities
Who are the best people to talk to in this school about my child's difficulties with learning/Special Educational Needs/Disability (SEND)? And how can I talk to them about my child if I need to?	Class Teacher	<b>As per the SEND Policy. He/She is responsible for:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Ensuring that all children have access to good/outstanding teaching and that the curriculum is adapted to meet your child's individual needs (also known as differentiation).</li><li>• Checking on the progress of your child and identifying, planning and delivering any additional help your child may need (this could be things like targeted work, additional support, adapting resources etc..) and discussing amendments with the Special Educational Needs Co-ordinator (SENDCO) as necessary.</li><li>• Ensuring that all members of staff working with your child in school are aware of your child's individual needs and/or conditions and what specific adjustments need to be made to enable them to be included and make progress.</li><li>• Ensuring that all staff working with your child in school is supported in delivering the planned work/programme for your child, so they can achieve the best possible progress. This may involve the use of additional adults, outside specialist help and specially planned work and resources.</li><li>• Ensuring the school's SEND Policy is followed in their classroom and for all the pupils they teach with any SEND.</li></ul>





## B. HOW COULD MY CHILD GET HELP IN SCHOOL?

Children in school will get support that is specific to their individual needs. This may be all provided by the class teacher or may involve:

- Other staff in the school
- Staff who visit the school from the Local Authority central services such as the ASD Outreach Team, Educational Psychologist or Sensory Service (for students with a hearing or visual need)
- Staff who visit from outside agencies such as the Speech and Language Therapy (SALT) Service.

	Types of support provided – also showing the stage of the Code of Practice Children will be at when receiving this input.	What would this mean for your child?	Who can get this kind of support?
What are the different types of support available for children with SEN and/or disabilities in this school?	<p>Class teacher input via high quality classroom teaching.</p> <p><b><u>SEND Support</u></b> The following levels of support develop in a graduated way and mean that your child has been identified as in need of extra</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The teacher will have the highest possible expectations for your child and all pupils in their class.</li><li>• All teaching is based on building on what your child already knows, can do and can understand.</li><li>• Putting in place different ways of teaching so that your child is fully involved in learning in class. This may involve things like using more practical learning or providing different resources adapted for your child.</li><li>• Putting in place specific strategies (which may be suggested by the SENDCO or staff from outside agencies) to enable your child to access the learning task.</li></ul>	All children in school receive this.

	<p><b>help to support their learning. These levels of support were previously called School Action and School Action Plus. They now come under one heading of 'SEN Support'.</b></p> <p><b>SEND Support includes the following:</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•</li> </ul>	
	<p><b>Specific small group work.</b> This group may be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Run in the classroom or outside the room.</li> <li>• Run by a teacher or (most often) a Teaching Assistant who has had training to run these groups.</li> </ul> <p>These are often called Intervention Groups by schools. (<i>Stage of SEND code of practice previously School Action</i>).</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Your child's teacher will have carefully checked on your child's progress and will have decided that your child has gaps in their understanding/learning and needs some extra support to close the gap between your child and their peers.</li> <li>• He/She will plan group sessions for your child with targets to help your child to make more progress.</li> <li>• A teaching assistant/teacher (or outside professional like a Speech and Language Therapist) will run these small group sessions using the teacher's plans, or a recommended programme.</li> </ul>	<p>Any child who has specific gaps in their understanding of a subject/area of learning.</p> <p>Some of the children accessing intervention groups may be at the stage of the SEND Code of Practice which was called <b>School Action</b>, which means they have been identified by the class teacher as needing some extra support or intervention in school.</p>
	<p><b>Specialist groups run by outside agencies e.g. Speech and Language therapy OR</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• If your child has been identified as needing more specialist input instead of or in addition to good and outstanding</li> </ul>	<p>Children with specific barriers to learning that</p>

	<p><b>Occupational Therapy groups.</b></p> <p><b>AND/OR individual support</b>  Stage of SEN Code of Practice previously known as School Action Plus.  This means they have been identified by the class teacher/SEND CO as needing some extra specialist support in school from a professional outside the school. This may be from:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Local Authority central services such as the ASD Outreach Team or Sensory Service (for students with a hearing or visual need)</li> <li>• Outside agencies such as the Speech and Language therapy (SALT) Service.</li> </ul>	<p>class room teaching and intervention groups, referrals will be made to outside agencies to advise and support the school in enabling your child to make progress.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Before referrals are made you will be asked to come to a meeting to discuss your child's progress and help plan possible ways forward.</li> <li>• If it is agreed that the support of an outside agency is a way forward, you will be asked to give your permission for the school to refer your child to a specialist professional e.g. a Speech and Language Therapist or Educational Psychologist. This will help the school and yourself understand your child's particular needs better.</li> <li>• The specialist professional will work with your child to understand their needs and make recommendations, which may include:</li> <li>• Making changes to the way your child is supported in class e.g. some individual support or changing some aspects of teaching to support them better</li> <li>• Support to set targets which will include their specific professional expertise</li> <li>• Your child's involvement in a group run by school staff under the guidance of the outside professional e.g. a social skills group or sensory circuit</li> <li>• A group of individual work with outside professional</li> <li>• The school may suggest that your child needs some agreed individual support or</li> </ul>	<p>cannot be overcome through whole class high quality teaching and intervention groups.</p>
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<p><b>NB* the EHCP is to replace Statements of Special Educational Needs. If your child currently has a Statement, it will change to an EHCP.</b></p>		<p>group support in school. They will tell you how the support will be used and what strategies will be put in place.</p>	
	<p><b>Specified individual support</b> for your child.</p> <p><i><b>This is usually provided via a Statement of Special Educational Needs or an Education, Health and Care Plan (EHCP)*</b></i> This means your child will have been identified by the class teacher/SENDCO as needing a <b>particularly high level of individual and small group teaching</b> which cannot be provided from the resources already delegated to the school.</p> <p>Usually, if your child requires this high level of support they may also need specialist support in school from a professional outside the school. This may be from:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Local Authority central services such as the ASD Outreach Team or Sensory Service (for students with a hearing or visual need)</li> <li>• Outside agencies such as the Speech and Language Therapy Service (SALT), Occupational Therapy Service, Physiotherapy and/or CAMHS.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The school (or you) can request that the Local Authority carry out a statutory assessment of your child's needs. This is a legal process and you can find more details about this in the Local Authority (LA) based Local Offer, on the Derbyshire web site: <a href="http://www.Derbyshiresendlocaloffer.org">http://www.Derbyshiresendlocaloffer.org</a></li> <li>• After the school have sent in the request to the Local Authority (with a lot of information about your child, including some from you), they will decide whether they think your child's needs (as described in the paperwork provided), seem complex enough to need a statutory assessment. If this is the case they will ask you and all professionals involved with your child to write a report outlining your child's needs. If they do not think your child needs this, they will ask the school to continue with the support at the relevant level of the SEN code of practice. (<i>School Action Plus</i>).</li> <li>• After the reports have all been sent in the Local Authority will decide if your child's needs are severe, complex and lifelong and that they need further extra and additional support in school to make good progress. If this is the case they will write a Statement of Special Educational Needs or an EHC Plan. If this is not the case, they will ask the school to continue with</li> </ul>	

		<p>the SEN support at its current level and also set up a meeting in school to ensure a plan is in place to ensure your child makes as much progress as possible.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Statement of EHC Plan will outline the number of hours of individual/small group support your child will receive from the LA and how the support should be used and what strategies must be put in place. It will also have long and short term goals for your child.</li> <li>• Additional adults may be used to support your child with whole class learning, run individual programmes or run small groups including your child.</li> </ul>	
<b>How will we support your child with identified special needs when starting school?</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• We will first invite you to visit the school with your child to have a look around and speak to staff.</li> <li>• If other professionals are involved, a Team Around the Child (TAC) meeting or similar, may be held to discuss your child's needs, share strategies used, and ensure provision is put in place before your child starts.</li> <li>• We may suggest adaptations to the settling in period to help your child to settle more easily.</li> <li>• If applicable, visits by staff to your child's previous setting may be made to facilitate a successful transition.</li> </ul>		
<b>How can I let the school know I am concerned about my child's progress in school?</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• If you have concerns about your child's progress you should speak to your child's class teacher initially.</li> <li>• If you are not happy that the concerns are being managed and that your child is still not making progress you should speak to the SENDCO or Headteacher.</li> <li>• If you still have concerns you can speak to the school SEND Governor.</li> </ul>		
<b>How will the school let me know if they have any concerns about my child's learning in school?</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• When a teacher or a parent has raised concerns about your child's progress, and targeting teaching has not met the child's needs, the teacher will raise this with the SENDCO.</li> <li>• Schools also have meetings every term between each class teacher and a senior staff member in the school to ensure all children are making good progress. This is another way your child may be identified as not making as much progress as expected.</li> <li>• If your child is then identified as not making expected progress the school will make a decision about whether to monitor this or set up an intervention group and will inform you.</li> </ul>		



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• If you child is still not making expected progress the school will discuss with you: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Any concerns you may have</li> <li>○ Any further interventions or referrals to outside professionals to support your child's learning</li> <li>○ How school and home can work together to support your child.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	
<b>How is extra support allocated to children and how do they move between the different levels.</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The school budget, received from Derbyshire LA, includes money for supporting children with SEN.</li> <li>• The Headteacher decides on the budget for Special Educational Needs in consultation with the school governors, on the basis of the needs of the children currently in the school.</li> <li>• The Headteacher and the SENDCO discuss all the information they have about SEN in the school, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ The children getting extra support already</li> <li>○ The children needing extra support</li> <li>○ The children who have been identified as not making as much progress as would be expected.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>They then decide what resources/training and support is needed.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All resources/training and support are reviewed regularly and changes made as needed.</li> </ul>	
<b>Who are the other people providing services to children with SEN in this school?</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• There are various outside agencies involved with our school. Some are funded by the LA, NHS, charities or the school itself.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Family Support Worker</li> <li>• Educational Psychology Service</li> <li>• Autism Outreach Service</li> <li>• Sensory Service for children with visual or hearing needs</li> <li>• Speech and Language Therapy (provided by Health but paid for by the Local Authority)</li> <li>• Occupational Therapy</li> <li>• Children's Centre Multi Agency Team (MAT)</li> <li>• Physiotherapy Service</li> <li>• Professional training for school staff to deliver medical interventions</li> <li>• Parent Partnership Service (to support families through the SEND processes and procedures).</li> <li>• School Nurse</li> <li>• Children and Adolescents Mental Health</li> </ul>

		Team (CAMHS)
<b>How are the adults in school helped to work with children with a SEND and what training do they have?</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The SENDCO's job is to support the class teachers in planning for children with SEN.</li> <li>• The school has a school development plan, including identified training needs for all staff to improve the teaching and learning of children including those with SEND. This may include whole school training on SEND issues or to support identified groups of learners in school, such as ASD and dyslexia.</li> <li>• Whole staff training to disseminate knowledge, strategies and experience, to ensure consistency of the school's approach for children with a SEND.</li> <li>• Individual teachers and support staff attend training courses run by outside agencies that are relevant to the needs of specific children in their class e.g. from the ASD Outreach service and Sensory service or medical/health training to support staff in implementing care plans.</li> </ul> <p>Training takes place on a regular basis. If you would like to hear about the training which is currently taking place or has taken place by the staff members in the school, please speak to the Headteacher or SENDCO.</p>	
<b>How will the teaching be adapted for my child with learning needs (SEN/and or disabilities)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Class teachers plan lessons according to the specific needs of all groups of children in their class, and will ensure that learning tasks are adjusted in order to enable your child to access their learning as independently as possible.</li> <li>• Specially trained support staff can implement the teachers modified/adapted planning to support the needs of your child where necessary.</li> <li>• Specific resources and strategies will be used to support your child individually and in groups.</li> <li>• Planning and teaching will be adapted on a daily basis if needed to meet your child's learning needs and increase your child's access to what is on offer.</li> </ul>	
<b>How will we measure the progress of your child in school? And how will I know about this?</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Your child's progress is continually monitored by his/her class teacher.</li> <li>• His/her progress is reviewed formally every term and a National Curriculum level or equivalent given in Reading, Writing, Maths as well as progress in other areas, as appropriate, such as attendance, engagement in learning and behaviour.</li> <li>• At the end of key stage 2 (year 6) all children are required to be formally assessed using Standard Assessment Tests (SATs). This is something the government requires all schools to do and are the results that are published nationally.</li> <li>• The progress of children with a statement of SEN/EHC Plan is formally reviewed at an Annual Review with all adults involved with the child's education.</li> <li>• A range of ways will be used to keep you informed, which may include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Home/school book</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Letters/certificates sent home</li> <li>○ Additional meetings as required</li> <li>○ Reports.</li> </ul>
<p><b>What support do we have for you as a parent of a child with a SEN and/or disabilities?</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● We would like you to talk to your child's class teacher regularly so we know what they are doing at home and we can tell you about what we are doing in school. This is to ensure that we are doing similar things to support them both at home and school and can share what is working in both places. Parent evenings take place regularly throughout the year where any Individual Education Plans (IEP's) can be shared.</li> <li>● All information from outside professionals will be discussed with you with the person involved directly, or where this is not possible, in a report. The SENDCO will also arrange to meet with you to discuss any new assessments and ideas suggested by outside agencies for your child.</li> <li>● Homework will be adjusted as needed to your child's individual needs.</li> <li>● A home/school contact book may be used to support communication with you, when this has been agreed to be useful for you and your child.</li> </ul> <p><b>In addition:</b> If your child is undergoing statutory assessment/EHCP assessment, you will also be supported by the school and Local Authority. They will ensure that you fully understand the process.</p>
<p><b>How have we made this school physically accessible to children with SEND?</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● The school is as accessible as it can be, given that it is built on 3 levels, to children with physical disability. The LA has some limited resources for providing adaptations necessary should pupils with physical disabilities be admitted. There is also an accessibility plan.</li> <li>● We ensure that equipment used is accessible to all children regardless of their needs.</li> </ul>
<p><b>How will we support your child when they are leaving this school? Or moving on to another class?</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● We recognise that 'moving on' can be difficult for a child with SEN and/or disabilities and take steps to ensure that any transition is as smooth as possible.</li> <li>● If your child is moving to another school: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ We will contact the new school's SENDCO and ensure he/she knows about any special arrangements or support that need 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> </li> <li>● When moving classes in school: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Information will be passed on to the new class teacher IN ADVANCE and in most cases, a planning meeting will take place with the new teacher.</li> </ul> </li> <li>● In Year 6 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ The SENDCO and/or class teacher will liaise with to discuss the specific needs of your child with the SENDCO of their secondary school</li> <li>○ Where possible your child will visit their new school on several occasions and in some cases</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

	staff from the new school will visit your child in this school.
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# GLOSSARY OF TERMS

SEN	Special Educational Needs
SEND	Special Educational Needs and or Disabilities
SENDCO	Special Educational Needs & Disability Coordinator
SEN Code of Practice	The legal document that sets out the requirements for SEN
S	Statement stage of the SEN Code of Practice
SA	School Action stage of the SEN Code of Practice
SA+	School Action Plus stage of the SEN Code of Practice
IEP	Individual Education Plan
EHC plan	Education, Health, Care Plan
SALT	Speech and Language Therapist
CAMHS	Child and Adolescent Mental Health Service
EP	Educational Psychologist
ASD	Autistic Spectrum Disorder