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SEND Information Report

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Amendments:

- Updated pupil, parent and staff voice.
- Updated figures for SEND pupils.
- Updated training undertaken over the last academic year.
- Updated challenges and areas for development section.
- Updated finance sections.



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Whole School Approach:

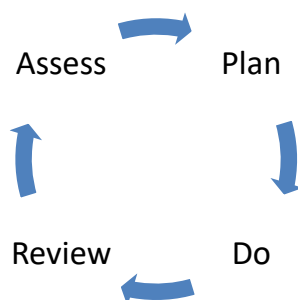
Across the whole school, from The Early Years Foundation Stage through to Year Six, all planning is fully differentiated to meet the needs of individual children, irrespective of their skills base and the level in which they are currently working. The provision and progress for all children is the responsibility of the class teacher. High quality first teaching and additional support is available to all children and adapted to suit their needs. We have high expectations embedded within our school ethos and aim to provide a personalised approach to learning. We are committed to providing the highest possible educational standards and giving every learner the confidence to succeed.

(Reference: Teaching & Learning Policy January 2018)

We strongly believe that **ALL** children should be given every opportunity to be fully included in all aspects of school life and therefore ensure that all of our learners have access to a broad, balanced, relevant and differentiated curriculum which meets individuals' needs whilst allowing them to develop their social skills.

Our Christian values are Compassion, Forgiveness, Friendship, Hope, Endurance, Peace and Respect. We strive to ensure that the Children and Young People in our school consider these in all aspects of their school life to create an all-inclusive environment based on mutual respect where **everybody** has the opportunity to have success through effort.

Underpinning ALL our provision in school is the **graduated approach** cycle of:



- **Assess:** We are committed to the early identification of special and additional educational needs. Initial concerns regarding a child needing extra support will come from the class teacher and parents. Following these concerns the child's needs will be assessed and closely monitored. This involves observations made by the class teacher which are then

discussed with the SENDCo, key members of staff and parents or carers. The assessment process could also include discussions with previous settings, additional assessments and tests and analysis of the pupil progress data that is used in school to monitor and track the progress and attainment of all pupils. Outside agencies may also be involved with the consent of the parents.

Our starting point is use a Neurodiversity Checklist which helps to identify which areas of need to explore further. From here, we use the more specific toolkits produced or recommended by specialist services to select appropriate support strategies such as the Boxall Profile (for behaviour), ASET checklist or Sensory Needs Toolkit (for children who may be displaying characteristics of Autism), the GL Portfolio (for children who may be presenting with dyslexic tendencies) or the SALT toolkit (for children who may have speech, language or communication difficulties). If further support is needed, we submit a referral to the Emotional Health and Wellbeing Team for bespoke strategies to help children in school and at home.

SENDCo

- **Plan:** The child, their parents or carers and any professional agencies that are involved will then be involved in the planning process. Targets and support will be identified focusing on the desired outcomes for the individual child. This planning process will also identify how the outcomes are to be achieved. These will be clearly detailed within an Individual Support Plan (ISP).

Possible actions formed from this planning process may include:

- The use of different materials or special equipment.
 - Further group or individual support.
 - Commencement of specific programmes, such as 'Nessy' or 'Write from the Start'.
 - Extra time with an adult to carry out specific interventions, such as Precision Teaching.
 - Staff development and training to support specific strategies.
 - Access to support from within the local authority, such as outreach support from St. Luke's Primary School.
 - Meetings with outside agencies, such as Educational Psychology or the Physical Disability Team to carry out further assessment or offer programmes of support.
- **Do:** The plan is then implemented by the class teacher and interventions or targeted activities are carried out by either the teacher or by support staff under the guidance of the class teacher and SENDCo. These will be delivered over a set period of time and monitored closely to ensure their impact is maximised. The SENDCo monitors and evaluates the effectiveness of the provision and intervention programmes.

It depends on the child's needs as to the focus of Precision Teaching. It has been used to improve the reading of Y1 common exception words, number recognition, recall of number bonds and recognition of phonemes. It is a quick and easy intervention to implement. In most cases, it is effective but if it doesn't suit the child's needs, we try a different approach.

Teaching Assistant

Review: All targets and the progress made towards the agreed outcomes will be reviewed regularly. The time scale will depend on the individual and the length of the intervention or support programme that is being used. These are discussed with parents and the child and this discussion then informs the next cycle of report.

I am happy with ***'s progress this year even despite the lockdowns we have had and the education he has missed. He's made noticeable progress with his reading, spelling and writing. He's also turned into an amazing little artist!

LKS2 Parent

Please see our **Graduated Approach Documentation** that outlines these stages which support all children in our school.

SEND Needs:

The SEND Code of Practice 2014 defines a child as having a special educational need if they have “a significantly greater difficulty in learning than the majority of others of the same age” or, “has a disability which prevents or hinders him or her from making use of facilities of a kind generally provided for others of the same age in mainstream school.”

Children and young people's SEN are generally thought of in the following four broad areas of need and support:

1. Communication and interaction

Children who need support in this area may have difficulties with speech, communication, social interaction or have an Autism Spectrum Disorder. We have established strong professional relationships with the Speech and Language Therapy Team (SALT) as well as the Autism Spectrum Education Team (ASET). Partnership working, which includes regular 'Communication Planning' meetings with the Speech Therapist and SENDCo, enables us to ensure all children are receiving the best support. This could be through individual therapy, additional classroom support, or the use of resources and strategies to support their varying communication needs.

Children with specific SALT needs are identified early and conversation between school, parents and the SALT team is efficient. This means that the children are given the best possible chance to overcome their barriers. The SALT toolkit is used in the first instance to identify, and confirm, the sounds that we are looking to support. Once a child is receiving support from the SALT team, we work on delivering their specific intervention three times a week. This involves Miss Allison devising games and other activities to make sure that the children access SALT through play, in line with the EYFS curriculum. We have regular caseload meetings to ensure that children are identified and no one falls through the gaps, with suggestions given to help children with mild needs.

EYFS Teacher

2. Cognition and learning

Children that have difficulties with cognition and learning may have a Specific Learning Difficulty (SpLD), such as dyslexia or dyscalculia. More severe learning difficulties would be described as Moderate Learning Difficulties (MLD), Severe Learning Difficulties (SLD) or Profound and Medical Learning Difficulties (PMLD). Within our school we have a number of pupils with Specific Learning Difficulties. All work is tailored to suit the needs of the individual ensuring that their progress is monitored, often in smaller steps, and that they are receiving a suitable level of challenge. We have a number of specific interventions that can support these children, including Toe by Toe and use of the Nessy programme. We also provide guidance to parents in ways that they can help at home.

To support children with dyslexia, this year, we have purchased some licenses for Nessy (an online intervention produced by the British Dyslexia Association). Nessy assesses the gaps in a child's reading and spelling skills and sets lessons accordingly. It is very engaging and effective in tracking progress.

SENDCo

Nessy is fun because you get to play games and it helps you.

LKS2 Pupil

Nessy is a spelling game that makes spellings easy and more fun.

UKS2 Pupil

3. Social, emotional and mental health

Having difficulties with social, emotional and mental health could include conditions such as Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD), or behaviour. The social wellbeing of ALL our children is very important to us. The development of the role of the Inclusion Manager has ensured that families and their children are supported in the most effective way. The Inclusion Manager is also our school 'Mental Health Champion'. She has established excellent links with other professionals such as the Children and Adolescent Mental Health Service (CAMHS). We have a number of different types of therapies that we are able to offer children including Play Therapy, Lego Therapy and Drawing and Talking Therapy. Some SEND children participate in Get Going Wellbeing Sessions which is funded through our Sports Premium Funding.

'When I bumped in to him at school he was bursting with excitement and happiness, he couldn't tell me quick enough about the fantastic session he just had with Dan.' (Teacher)

'Just watching him now play, he looks and sounds like a totally different child. (Teacher)

'Full U-turn literally from not liking himself to now being so confident and happy. (Teacher)

'Since working with Dan, he is much more confident to talk in class'. (Teacher)

'He is now able to communicate his ideas better.' (child)

Pupil and Teacher feedback following online Get Going Wellbeing Sessions (Spring 2021)

4. Sensory and/or physical needs

Children's sensory or physical needs can vary greatly. This area of need includes children that may have a visual or hearing impairment, multi-sensory integration disorder or a physical difficulty such as hypermobility syndrome. We aim to ensure that all children can access the school environment fully and we strive for the inclusion of all within the capabilities of our school building. Plans for individual children are put into place in consultation with parents and the accessibility plan is reviewed annually taking into consideration the sensory and physical needs of the children and their parents. Please also see the Disability and Accessibility Policy on our website.

As of the end of the Autumn term 2021, we have 30 children on the SEND Register.

2 of these children have an Education, Health and Care Plan.

We currently seek advice and support from professionals in the following agencies:

- Autism Spectrum Education Team (ASET)
- Educational Psychology
- Child & Adolescent Mental Health Service (CAMHS)
- Educational Welfare Officers (EWO)
- Physical Disability Team
- Speech & Language Therapy (SALT)
- Occupational Therapy
- Physiotherapy
- School Nurse and Learning Disability Nurse
- Primary Behaviour Support
- St. Luke's Outreach Support
- SEN and Disability Information and Support Service (SENDIASS)

We have internal processes for monitoring quality of provision and assessment of need.

These include:

- A rigorous Graduated Approach that includes an 'Initial Concern' cycle so that children can be monitored closely to assess their needs before a decision is made about whether they have a specific barrier to learning or a special educational need.
- Access to an extensive range of assessment tools including British Picture Vocabulary Scale (BPVS), GL Assessment Dyslexia Screener, Autism Spectrum Education Team Toolkit, Sensory Needs Toolkit, Speech and Language Therapy Toolkit and Boxall Profile.
- Close monitoring of interventions through provision mapping for all children that receive additional support in each class with vulnerable groups highlighted.
- Individual tracking documents for each intervention that clearly show the children's starting points, targets and the small steps progress that they are making.
- Additional assessment points and systems for Maths and English (NFER).
- Pupil progress meetings.

- Analysis of data against national data sets through Target Tracker and use of the Fisher Family Trust data analysis tool.

Consulting with children, young people and their parents

Involving parents and learners in the dialogue is central to our approach and we do this through:

Action/Event	Who's involved	Frequency
ISP Reviews	Class Teacher / Parents or Carers / Child / SENCo	At least termly
Parent Consultations	Class Teacher / Parents or Carers	October, March and July or as required for some children
EHCP Annual Review Meetings	Class Teacher / Parents or Carers / Child / SENCo / Professionals involved with supporting the family or child / children	Yearly
Early Help Meetings	Inclusion Manager / Class Teacher / Parents or Carers / Child / SENCo / Professionals involved with supporting the family or child / children	As required (typically half termly)

Staff development

We are committed to developing the ongoing expertise of our staff.

The designated Special Needs Coordinator for our school is Miss. S. Brown. She completed the National Award for Special Educational Needs Coordination with Bath Spa University in November 2020.

This year, the following training has been completed:

	Whole School Staff	SENDCo	Inclusion Manager	Specific teachers	Specific Support Staff
Autumn Term 2020		GL Portfolio Screener Training with Tracey Butroid (LA Education Inclusion (SEND) Teacher)			
Spring Term 2021		North Lincolnshire Termly SEND Network meeting (online)			
Summer Term 2021					

In addition to this further individual support has been provided by the SENDCo to teachers as required.

Looking forward to the Autumn Term 2021, we have whole-school staff training on 'Emotional Coaching' to be delivered by the school's Educational Psychologist and training on how to support children with dyslexia within the classroom to be delivered by an Educational Consultant.

SENDCo

Staff deployment

Considerable thought, planning and preparation goes into utilising our support staff to ensure children achieve the best outcomes, gain independence and are prepared for their future.

The class teacher has overall responsibility for providing targeted and effective support to children requiring extra help. The extra support may include working as part of a small group or working on a 1:1 basis with an adult. This additional help could be provided by both the class teacher and a member of support staff.

Support staff deployment is reviewed regularly to ensure the correct support is in place and that the children's needs are being met. This could be support with learning, but also emotional and well-being support.

Some children have requirements within their Education, Health and Care Plans that allocate a specific amount of time that they should be supported and these are closely monitored.

Finance

Our notional SEN Budget this year was **£77,804** and the expenditure breakdown of that income is as follows:

- Support staff (additional to quality first provision) = £42,841.25
- Additional teaching resources = £111.98
- Plus any other expense nominal variable amount for staff release time to attend meetings and additional SEND report writing / multi-agency liaison and Early Help attendance = £34,850.77

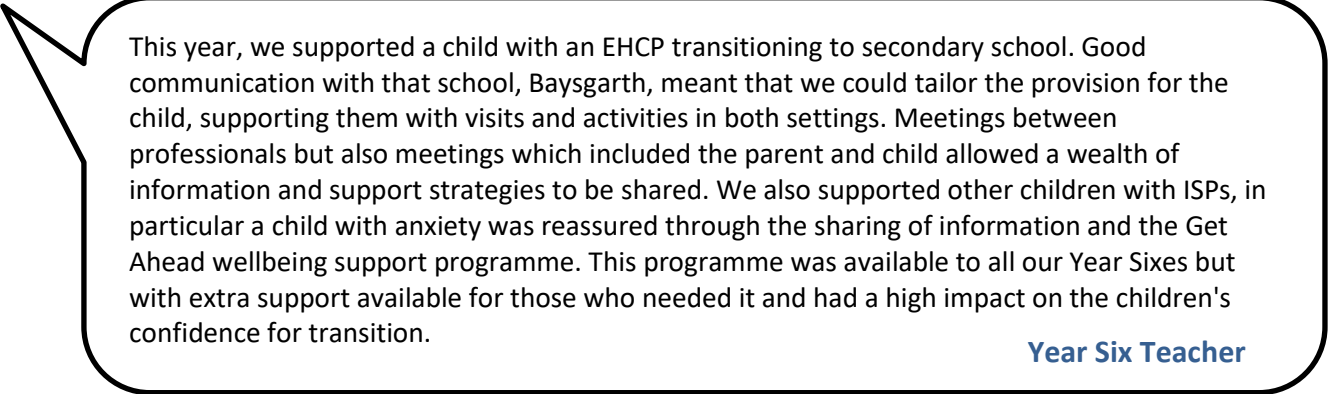
School Partnerships and Transitions

For all children when entering or leaving our school we have extensive school transition plans that are put into place to ensure the process is as smooth as possible. Staff will prioritise meetings with parents and key professionals and, where needed, a specific transition programme will be set up to cater for a child's individual needs to ensure they are prepared to move onto the next stage. This includes home visits and visits to pre-school settings and links with the area SENDCo supporting children in the pre-school phase.

This year, we supported 3 children in their transition to secondary school.

Transition programmes will be set up to cater for a child's individual needs to ensure they are prepared to move onto the next stage of their education. This included close liaison with the SENDCo at the receiving school.

In addition to this as part of the Barton Local Collaborative Trust, we have close links with local primary schools and Baysgarth Secondary School. We also have close links with the local pre – school.



This year, we supported a child with an EHCP transitioning to secondary school. Good communication with that school, Baysgarth, meant that we could tailor the provision for the child, supporting them with visits and activities in both settings. Meetings between professionals but also meetings which included the parent and child allowed a wealth of information and support strategies to be shared. We also supported other children with ISPs, in particular a child with anxiety was reassured through the sharing of information and the Get Ahead wellbeing support programme. This programme was available to all our Year Sixes but with extra support available for those who needed it and had a high impact on the children's confidence for transition.

Year Six Teacher

Transition sessions within school took place with children meeting their new class teachers outside. For pupils moving from Key Stage 1 to Key Stage 2, we emailed out a 'Guide To Year 3' with photographs of Key Stage 2 as they had not visited this part of school before.

Complaints

Our complaints procedure is clearly detailed in our Concerns and Complaints Policy available under the Policies Tab of our school website:

<https://johnharrisonceprimary.com/northlincs/primary/johnharrison/site/pages/policies>

This year, we have had no complaints.

Challenges this year

Challenges for our school have included:

- COVID-19 continued to bring significant challenges and changes to our usual ways of working. We experienced another period of lockdown where school was closed to the majority of pupils between 5th January 2021 and 8th March 2021. All liaison meetings had to be conducted online due a necessary change to our visitor's policy. Many of our SEND children were unable to attend school and therefore educated at home. Parents were able to email their child's class teacher regarding the home learning and their child's wellbeing. Class teachers also made telephone calls to the parents of children with SEND. If any concerns were expressed, these were passed onto the SENDCo. If necessary, further help was sought. Where SEND children were able to attend school and when school reopened to all pupils, interventions continued to be carried out within the classroom (as opposed to in a quiet space free from distraction). Speech and language therapy had to adapt their usual assessments as there were some tasks that could not be carried out online. Staff also supported children with online SALT appointments as some were initially reluctant to engage in this unfamiliar situation.

Further development

Our strategic plans for developing and enhancing SEND provision in our school next year include:

- All staff to receive training on Emotion Coaching from Adele Neale (Educational Psychologist) and how to support children with dyslexia within the classroom from Liz Croft (Educational Consultant).
- Host a drop-in 'coffee morning' session for all parents to informally discuss any issues with the SENDCo, Educational Psychologist and Family Liaison Officer and hopefully build a wider support network with other parents in our school community.
- Supporting class teachers to 'close the gap' for children with SEND due to school closure.
- Continue to monitor the effectiveness of interventions.
- Conduct parental questionnaire to ascertain strengths and areas for development from their perspective.

In preparing this report, we have included staff, parents and children and young people through discussions with individual pupils and small groups, talking to parents at consultations, meetings and reviews and by seeking the views of staff within school.

Relevant school policies underpinning this SEN Information Report include:

- SEND Policy
- Health and Safety Policy
- Medical Needs Policy
- Equality and Diversity Policy
- Disability and Accessibility Policy
- Teaching and Learning Policy

Legislative Acts taken into account when compiling this report include:

- Children & Families Act 2014
- Equality Act 2010
- Mental Capacity Act 2005

Date presented to/approved by Governing Body: September 2021

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