

Wiveliscombe Primary School

SEND Information Report 2020-2021

Co-produced by the School SENCO, Staff, Governors and Parents in
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Our Core Offer

At Wiveliscombe Primary School, 'our goal is for all our children to believe in themselves, be happy, and achieve their best'. This statement reflects our principle that all pupils will be treated fairly and with respect and without discrimination of any kind. We are committed to providing a positive environment enhanced by appropriate, targeted resources and support to enable all children to achieve their best. We recognise and celebrate the range of strengths that children bring to our school, for example celebrating achievements gained at non-school based clubs.

We aim to provide high quality first teaching to ALL children, alongside additional targeted interventions for those that require extra support. Through regular teacher and pupil progress meetings we embed our high expectations among staff about quality first teaching and the application of a differentiated and personalised approach to teaching and learning. Improving our quality first teaching is a crucial and continual process.

Teachers are responsible and accountable for the progress and development of all pupils in their class.

As a school we encourage communication between teachers and parents. Teachers are readily available to meet with parents; parents do not need to wait for an official parents meeting in order to see a teacher. If a parent has a concern about their child we would encourage them to talk to their child's class teacher in the first instance.

A pupil has SEND where their learning difficulty or disability calls for special educational provision, namely provision different from or additional to that normally available to pupils of the same age.

Our information report describes the range of provision and support available to identified children as and when appropriate. This information is subject to change depending on budgetary constraints and policy review.

Wiveliscombe Primary School is a maintained primary school with no specialist provision on site.

Who are the best people to talk to in school about my child's difficulties with learning?

Your child's class teacher - they are responsible for your child's learning and progress and are the first person you should talk to if you have any concerns.



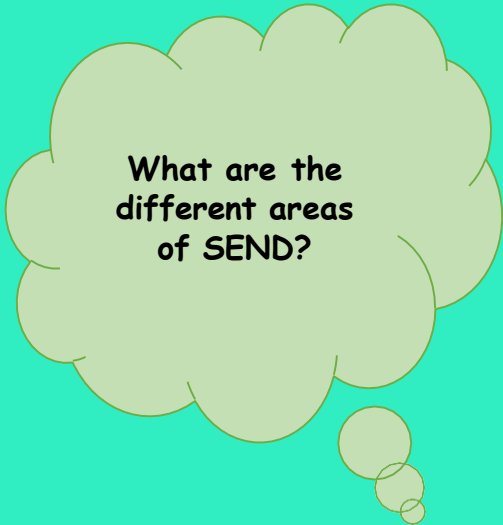
Mrs Sharron Goodwin and Mrs Mary Twomey are the school SENDCO's. They are responsible for the day to day operation of the SEND Policy and coordination of specific provision to support pupils with SEND. They can be contacted via the school office on 01984 623325 or email:

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Mrs Lucy Crowe is the Headteacher. She is responsible for the day to day management of all aspects of the school.



Mrs Angela Valuks and Mrs Carole Burnell- Parnell are the SEND Governors. They are responsible for developing and maintaining an awareness of Special Educational Needs Provision within the school on behalf of the Governing Body.



What are the
different areas
of SEND?

Communication and Interaction

Children and young people with speech, language and communication needs who have difficulty in communicating with others. This may be because they have difficulty saying what they want to, understanding what is being said to them or they do not understand or use social rules of communication.

Cognition and Learning

Support for learning difficulties may be required when children and young people learn at a slower pace than their peers, even with appropriate differentiation.

Learning difficulties cover a wide range of needs, including moderate learning difficulties (MLD), severe learning difficulties (SLD), where children are likely to need support in all areas of the curriculum and Specific learning difficulties (SpLD), where there maybe a difficulty with one or more specific aspects of learning. This encompasses a range of conditions such as dyslexia, dyscalculia and dyspraxia.

Social, Emotional and Mental Health (SEMH)

Children and young people may experience a wide range of social and emotional difficulties including becoming withdrawn or isolated, as well as displaying challenging, disruptive or disturbing behaviour. These behaviours may reflect underlying mental health difficulties such as anxiety or depression. Other children and young people may have disorders such as attention deficit disorder, attention deficit hyperactive disorder or attachment disorder.

Physical / Sensory

Some children and young people require special educational provision because they have a disability which prevents or hinders them from making use of the educational facilities generally provided. Many children and young people with vision impairment (VI), hearing impairment (HI) or a multi-sensory impairment (MSI) will require specialist support and/or equipment to access their learning. Some children and young people with a physical disability (PD) require additional ongoing support and equipment to access all the opportunities available to their peers.

Wiveliscombe Primary School Provision Map

What different types of support are available to children with SEND at Wiveliscombe Primary School?

Wave 3 High Needs

Wave 3 - High Needs
Highly differentiated planning and 1:1 support with support from External Agencies and a possible EHCP.

Wave 2 SEN Support

Wave 2 - SEN Support
All of wave 1 Quality First Teaching and in addition: Individual speech and language support, individual ELSA support, Individual English (ILI) and Maths support in addition to class teaching. Individual precision teaching / phonics / reading. Support from external professionals including care plans (SALT, OT) Positive Behaviour change plans. SENATAS provision (IT). Physical adaptations to the classroom (such as own work stations). Social stories. Now and Next cards.

Wave 1 Quality First Teaching (Whole Class and Small group)

Wave 1 - Quality First Teaching
Whole Class: Differentiated planning / activities/delivery/outcomes. In class TA support. In class targeted teacher support. Differentiated phonics. Increased visual aids. Class / School routines with visual timetables. Writing frames. Alternative forms of recording. Access to IT. Celebration assemblies and house points. School behavior policy. School PSHCE curriculum. Proprioception / movement breaks. Wobble cushions, pencil grips, fiddle toys, buff paper, reading rulers, coloured overlays etc. Practical, hands on resources
Small Group: Pre /Post teaching. Priority readers. Additional phonics boosters. Speech, language, communication and social skills groups (Time to Talk, Talkboost, Socially speaking). Gross and fine motor support (Learn to Move, Speed up, Write from the start). English and Mathematics boosters. Nessy. Precision teaching. Specific proprioception exercises.

What will happen if the school or I have concerns about my child? How will I be involved?

Assess

To enable us to have a clear understanding of the child's need, teaching staff will use ongoing class observations and assessments, along with the views of parent carers and pupils and previous progress and attainment information to identify any potential barrier to learning or additional needs. They may request additional specialist assessment or support to be provided by the school SENCO.

The Graduated Response
When identifying children who may have SEND and require additional support we follow the four part cycle of Assess, Plan, Do and Review (APDR)

Plan

Once an area of need is identified the class teacher and SENCO will agree any additional support and interventions and set desired outcomes. This will be recorded on a pupil passport and shared with parent carers and pupils. If the child has medical needs then it will be recorded on a health care plan.

Review

Termly reviews of the pupil passport/ health care plan will be carried out by class teachers and the SENCO and the desired outcomes evaluated. Continued and further support and outcomes will be agreed and shared with parent carers and pupils if required.



Do

The class teacher remains responsible for the progress of the child whilst the additional support and intervention is carried out and will liaise with any adults providing additional support and parent carers and pupils regarding this support.

How is extra support allocated to children?

The school budget is received from Somerset County Council. The headteacher makes decisions on the allocation of the budget for SEND in consultation with the School Governors, School Business Manager and SENCO. This is allocated on the basis of the needs within the school and is reviewed regularly. Funding is allocated depending on individual children's level of need and the support they require. For some children whose learning needs are severe, complex or lifelong additional high needs funding is provided by the local authority through an Education, Health and Care Plan (EHCP). The school budget is limited but we will always endeavor to do our best to support the SEND pupils within our school. All classes are supported by a learning support assistant every morning to deliver the curriculum and any additional provision identified.



At Wiveliscombe School we use our SEND budget to provide the following additional support. We have a trained Emotional Literacy Support Assistant (ELSA) to support children's social and emotional development. We also have a SEND learning support assistant who supports pupils with cognition and learning needs.

How are the teachers in school supported to work with children with SEND?

The SENCO attends monthly development opportunities with the local cluster of schools and half termly meetings for the local area, which she then shares with other staff members through staff meetings.



Termly Pupil Progress meetings are held with class teachers, the SENCO and the headteacher to discuss and support individual and groups of children.

The SENCO runs half termly staff meetings to develop staff knowledge in the different areas of need and how they can support pupils within their class

Regular review meetings are held with staff, the SENCO, parents and pupils to identify the things working well and things that needs improving.



An Inclusion Audit is completed yearly to identify areas for development and an action plan written to address these throughout the year.

Staff training is provided each term by the Educational Psychologist focused on areas identified within the local cluster.

Who are the other people providing services to children with SEND in this school?



Our school is supported by professionals from Somerset Partnership NHS Trust. These services provide support for individual pupils with additional needs. This includes support from Occupational Therapists (OT), Speech and Language Therapist (SALT), Physiotherapists (PT) and the Children and Adolescent Mental Health Services (CAMHs)



Our school is supported by professionals from the Support Services for Education from the Local Authority. These services provide support and training for school staff. These include The Educational Psychology Service, Autism and Communication Advisory Service, Virtual School and Learning Support Services, Early Years Areas SENCOs, Hearing Support Team and Physical Impairment and Medical Support Team.



Our school works in partnership with Taunton Deane Partnership College to support individual pupils and staff development with Social, Emotional and Mental Health Needs (SEMH)

What support is available for me as a parent of a child with SEND?

We value our relationships with parents and carers and have an open door policy. We work closely and collaboratively with you to identify your child's needs and how together we can support your child to achieve their full potential. We value your views and opinions and involve you in all aspects of your child's support through regular review meetings, including discussions and support that we seek from external professional.



Our school Parent and Family Support Advisor (PFSA), Lucy Campbell-Morgan, is available to support you and your family.



We signpost support for you through SENDIAS and the Parent Carer Forum as well as opportunities to attend workshops run by professionals such as sensory workshops and parenting courses.



Special Educational Needs and Disability
Information, Advice and Support
www.somersetsend.org.uk

How will you support my child with SEND when they are joining the school /moving to a new class / moving to a new school?

When starting school in the Early Years Foundation Stage we hold a School Entry Plan Meeting with parents and all professionals involved in your child's care to share information and carefully plan their transition to school and the support they will need, including additional visits. Home visits are offered to all families.

When your child is moving to Secondary School we hold a transition review meeting with the SENCO from your child's new school to share information and carefully plan any additional support they may require, including additional visits.



When your child is moving to a new class we hold a transition review meeting to share information and carefully plan any additional support they may require.



If your child moves to another school during their time at Primary School then we will contact the SENCO at the new school to share information and ensure that all records are passed on to them as quickly as possible.



If your children moves to Wiveliscombe School during their time at Primary School then we will make contact with the SENCO from their previous school to request information and will arrange a transition meeting with you to share information and carefully plan any additional support they may require.

How have you made
the school accessible
for all children?

Wiveliscombe School is fully wheelchair accessible due to ramps and sloped surfaces. We have a disabled toilet and a fully working shower. We have a designated area to support children in developing their social, emotional and sensory needs. This includes an Emotional Literacy Support Assistant (ELSA) for children identified by the school as requiring this provision. We liaise with the Physical Impairment and Medical Support Team regarding individual pupils to ensure we are supporting their auditory, visual and physical needs. We complete individual risk assessments when required for pupils to engage in the wider curriculum such as school trips and residential trips, taking due note of our duties under the Equalities Act 2010.

