

SEN Information Report



What kinds of Special Education Needs (SEN) are provided for?

Springfield Primary School is a mainstream school with an inclusive ethos which ensures that all pupils achieve their potential.

How does Springfield Primary School know if my child needs additional help?

All children's needs are assessed continually and strategies are developed to ensure that they reach their full potential. These assessments include:

- Progress is below the expectations that relate to their age and peer group
- Progress against previous years performances
- Concerns raised by parents/carers, teachers and the child themselves
- Children's day to day behaviour
- Concerns raised by outside agencies (including GP and School nurses)

What should I do if I think my child needs additional help?

In the first instance as a parent you should make an appointment to see the class teacher. The class teacher will then refer this to the school's SEND team to evaluate and a report will be produced. This report will then be discussed with the parents and a plan prepared to ensure that the child is helped to attain the best possible educational outcome.

How will the School staff support my child's requirements?

- Quality first teaching- providing a high quality of teaching strategies to ensure that the child has every chance of reaching his or her potential.
- Utilising appropriate specialist equipment e.g. writing slopes, pencil grips, move and sit cushions
- Small group one to one support with targeted interventions
- Personalised time tables either individually with direct support or in small groups allowing gifted and able children to push and challenge each other

At Springfield Primary, we promote inclusion where all children take part in all aspects of school life both on and off site. To allow this it is important to identify any special requirements and cater for these to ensure that no event is missed out on.

How will the curriculum be differentiated to match my child's needs?

- The long term curriculum plans are available to parents on the school website, alongside ideas for how parents can support their child's learning outside of school
- All learning activities within class are planned and differentiated at an appropriate level, so that all children are able to access learning according to their specific needs. Typically, this might mean that in a lesson there would be three different levels of work set for the class, however on occasions this might be individually differentiated
- The class teacher, alongside the SENCo will discuss a child's needs and what support will be appropriate
- Children with SEND will have access to the appropriate resources needed in order to help them to make progress
- The SENCo reports to the Headteacher and Governors regularly to inform them about the progress of children with SEND and how resources are being used. Information provided will never name individual children in order to maintain confidentiality at all times
- The governor responsible for SEND also meets regularly with the SENCo. They report on their visit to the governors to keep them all informed with school or LA (Local Authority) information
- The governors agree priorities for spending within the SEN budget, including the Pupil Premium, with the overall aim that all children receive the support that they need in order to make progress. This will include resourcing appropriate equipment and facilities.

How does the school monitor the progress of my child?

- By the class teacher who reports termly to the parents/carers
- Progress reviews by Head teacher and SEN team
- Personalised targets- progress reviewed regularly and reported
- Termly One Plan meetings with parents
- Annual review of all children who have an EHCP requirement (Educational Health Care Plan)
- SEN team monitor all identified children including regular observations

By analysing children's progress and attainment in this way, we are able to build up a detailed picture for each child, and a clear sense of which strategies are having the greatest impact.

How will I know how my child is performing?

The parents of all children are involved both formally and informally in their learning. This policy includes some or all of the following:

- Open door policy to allow parents to speak directly to class and support teachers
- School open mornings
- Class events and assemblies
- Initial autumn term parents/carers consultation evenings on a one to one basis to plan out strategies for the coming academic year
- Termly review meetings between class teacher and parents/carers to review progress
- Annual report on the year's progress
- Parental surveys on school and teaching performances
- SEN team coffee mornings
- SEN reports
- By reviewing children's targets in One Plans and ensuring that they are being met

How will my child's needs be identified and learning and development provision matched to their needs?

Quality First Teaching

Each child's education will be planned for by the class teacher as part of quality first teaching. Teaching and learning will be differentiated accordingly to suit the needs of individual children. This may include additional general support by the teacher or teaching assistants in class.



Additional Needs

If a child's needs relate to a more specific area of learning then the child may be included in an intervention group. This may be led by the class teacher or teaching assistant. The length of time the intervention is run for varies according to need but will be monitored regularly. Interventions will be reviewed by the SENCo team to establish the effectiveness of the provision and to inform future planning. Children with these additional needs are identified as requiring SEN support.



Higher Needs

If a child is in need of further support, it may require the involvement of relevant professionals as well as close monitoring. The process will identify targets for the child and how they may be achieved.



Complex Needs

If a child's needs are more complex, a formal assessment for an education, health and care plan (EHCP) may be undertaken. A child may move between the levels of support depending on their individual need.

What support will there be for my child's overall well-being?

At Springfield Primary we recognise that some children may have additional emotional and social needs that need to be developed and nurtured to ensure that every child can enjoy the educational experiences that school offers them.

The whole school follows a structured PSHE (Personal, Social and Health education) curriculum which supports this ethos. Where we find that children are less able to embrace this, interventions such as one to one support or small group learning are put in place to ensure that all our children develop and enjoy their school life.

Members of the staff are always available to the children to discuss concerns and issues and offer advice and support where required. If it is necessary parents/carers are invited in to discuss issues when it is felt that solutions may be needed both in and out of school to ensure the concerns are addressed. In addition the school has links with many outside support agencies who may be engaged if it is felt that the long term wellbeing of the child will be beneficial such as Emotional Wellbeing and Mental Health Services (EWMHS) and school designated nurses.

We have a full time dedicated member of staff who is responsible for Pastoral Support. She is available to help any children with their emotional wellbeing and liaises with parents.

What Specialist services and expertise are available at or can be accessed by the school?

The school works closely with a variety of outside agencies who support the welfare and needs of the children. These include:

- Specialist Teachers
- Speech and Language Therapists
- Educational Psychologists
- School Nurse
- Occupational Therapist
- EWMHS

What training have the school staff had in supporting children with SEND?

The school provides specific training for all staff to support all the children in their care. Particular emphasis is placed upon those dedicated staff in the SEN team to ensure that they are kept up to date with the changes in policy and requirements which relate to those SEND children. In addition to training the school invites in specialist agencies to assist and observe the staff in their teaching and give feed-back and advice on different strategies to use.

The following areas of SEND are focused on and specialist training given to all teaching staff.

- Autism spectrum
- Speech and Language
- Specific Learning difficulties
- Medical Issues (such as epilepsy and diabetes)

At Springfield Primary we have provided many SEND children with an exciting and challenging curriculum which has allowed them to enjoy their first experience of school and prepared them for their move into senior schools and develop to their full potential. Many of our previous parents with SEND children would

be prepared to talk to prospective parents to share their experiences of the school and how it helped their child develop.

How will you help me to support my child in their learning?

Your child's teacher will work with you to ensure that any strategies that are adopted in school to assist in the learning and development of your child's education can be continued at home within the family.

At Springfield Primary teaching is a partnership between the school, the parents/carers and the child and this is certainly vital in ensuring that any child that has SEND requirements is challenged in the right ways to allow their full potential to be reached. Any strategies will be agreed, documented and monitored so that all partners know what is required and if they are successful.

How will my child and I be involved in making decisions about my child's education?

At Springfield Primary we believe in a child centred approach to education. Where additional needs have been identified to either support or challenge a child the thoughts and feelings of the child, parents/carers and the views of the teaching staff and any relevant professionals are considered when preparing a strategy to assist. These include:

- Informal discussion with staff
- Teacher and child meetings
- Teacher and Parents/Carers meetings
- Review meetings to include outside agencies where applicable
- Informal meetings and discussions to provide focus

How will my child be included in activities outside the class room, including school trips?

We will provide appropriate levels of supervision and medical support where available to ensure that all children are able to attend all school organised activities.

How accessible is the school environment?

Springfield Primary complies fully with the Equality Act 2010 and thought is always given to how any school improvements or alterations will affect all groups of children, and parents/carers

How will the school prepare and support my child to join the school or transfer to a new school?

We recognise that any transition or change for a child with SEND can be difficult or unsettling. We work directly with the parents/carers of these children and prepare a tailored plan that is designed to make any change as smooth as possible to ensure little or no disruption is felt by the child. Strategies include:

- Additional visits to sites
- Social Stories
- One to one advice
- Mentoring services

If your child is joining from another school:

- The SEN team will undertake a pre visit where appropriate
- Appropriate literature will be prepared for both Child and Parents/Carers
- Taster sessions prior to actual starting will be arranged
- Full discussion with Parents/Carers over expectations and wishes
- Meetings with other parents where appropriate

If your child is moving to another school:

Contact will be made with the proposed school and any special arrangements made to ensure the transfer is carried out smoothly with minimum disruption to educational and emotional requirements. It is vital to us that the child remains happy and is ready to continue their educational journey with minimum disruption.

All records will be made available to the new school in a timely manner to ensure any dedicated support is continued.

When moving Year groups within Springfield Primary school:

All educational and social information is passed to the new class teacher prior to the child joining the new class. Where appropriate a visit to the new class will be arranged prior to moving as well as social stories being used.

SEND In Year 6:

- The SEN team will discuss any educational needs and requirements with the chosen Senior school during the summer term.
- Focused learning and activities will be implemented to support and assist in the transition.
- Several structured visits will be arranged prior to leaving the School and joining senior School
- Social Stories to support the transition will be prepared where appropriate to support the transition.

How will the school's resources be allocated and matched to children's special educational needs?

- The total school budget received from the Essex LA includes money for supporting SEND requirements
- The Head Teacher decides on the budget for SEN in conjunction with the School Governing Body and the SEN team who outline specific needs for the academic year
- The money is used to provide additional and supporting resources determined by children's specific needs.
- Additional provision can be made available if needs and requirements change during the academic year. The school's ethos is that no child should be disadvantaged by changing circumstances.

- Strategies include the purchase of specific resources dependent on need, dedicated one to one support, outside specialist teaching resources where required.

How do we support children who are looked after?

When a child is looked after by the local authority, they will be supported with a personal education plan (PEP) which outlines the provision and support allocated to them. This will be reviewed with the child, their carers and the social worker annually. The school may apply for additional pupil premium funding to ensure that they receive the right support necessary. In addition, we attend and contribute to an annual looked after review.

The school monitors the attainment and progress of all learners carefully and seeks to address any areas of weakness quickly. This includes monitoring children who are looked after by the local authority. The progress of all vulnerable groups will be discussed at termly pupil progress meetings with senior leaders.

How can I find information about the Local Authority offer of services and provision for children and young people with special educational needs and disability?

Please see the Essex local offer site <http://www.essexlocaloffer.org.uk/>

What arrangements are made by the school Governing Body for dealing with complaints/concerns?

The process for all school related complaints is set out in the complaints policy which can be found on the school website.

Who may I contact for further information?

Head Teacher: Mrs Pick

SENCo: Mrs Childs

Both via school office 01245 461077

Essex County Council Special Needs Information for Parents

<https://www.essex.gov.uk/specialeducationalneeds>

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