

**Federation of Snape Community and Thornton Watlass C.E. Primary
Schools**
Information Report for SEND pupils and their families

Code of Practice 6.79

*'The governing bodies of maintained schools and maintained nursery schools and the proprietors of academy schools have a legal duty to publish information on their websites about the implementation of the governing body's or the proprietor's policy for pupils with SEN. The information published **must** be updated annually and any changes to the information occurring during the year must be updated as soon as possible. The information required is set out in the draft Special Educational Needs (Information) Regulations and reflects the information required for the local offer'.*

The North Yorkshire local offer can be found at:

<http://www.northyorks.gov.uk/article/23542/SEND---local-offer>

Universal Provision

The Federation of Snape and Thornton Watlass Schools is proud of its inclusive ethos and is reflected in every classroom.

Quality First Teaching ensures that all students have correctly tailored scaffolding to maximise their learning. This can mean small adjustments, like sitting close to the teacher to a more significant modification, such as the use of visual equipment for visually impaired pupils. We strive to provide the necessary adjustments no matter how big or small.

Appropriate support is put in place to ensure the highest quality education for children with any specific need. Differentiated activities are planned into lessons so that every child can fully engage and take part in class.

Differentiation can take the form of presenting and recording work in different ways, support from a Teaching assistant, specialised resources or work set at different levels.

We want all of our children to feel that they can actively engage in activities across the curriculum and extra- curricular activities. We see children with SEN go on all of our exciting trips, take part in sports and other after school clubs and represent other pupils as part of our school council. All pupils, regardless of need, are fully involved in the life of our school.

Recording Provision

Children who have been identified as needing some additional support will have their personal targets and the interventions they receive recorded on a Personal Provision Map (PPM). This details their strengths and their specific needs. It lists the adjustments teachers make for them in class and the individual set of interventions designed for them. We consider it very important that the PPM is written in consultation with the child themselves and their parents/carers because we are committed to working as a team for the

child. PPMs are written and reviewed termly, or more frequently if we all feel necessary.

Some children with a high level of need will also need a care plan or a health care plan which may include a risk assessment.

Interventions

As part of day to day practice, staff regularly assess pupils' needs and look to implement particular intervention work, where necessary. Interventions are carefully monitored in order to ensure that they have an impact on children's learning. Sometimes interventions take place outside the classroom and we work hard to make sure that learning moves into the classroom.

Each child has their own personal intervention profile that we carefully construct to match their need and this is listed on their PPM. When we meet with parents, we will explain:

- what interventions their child is receiving and what are the intended learning outcomes;
- when during the week any interventions will be delivered and for how many weeks;
- who will be delivering the interventions (usually a trained teaching assistant) and where (e.g. in class or outside the classroom)
- how the interventions will relate to and support learning in the classroom;
- how they will be monitored closely to make sure they are helping the child to make accelerated progress.

We have tried and trusted interventions that we use regularly. In addition, we are always looking to add to the range of interventions that we can offer.

Extra Adult Support

The Federation of Snape and Thornton Watlass Schools have an experienced group of teaching assistants with many varied talents that enrich the children's school life.

First and foremost, teaching assistants and teachers endeavour to encourage children to work independently. However, there are times when children require 1:1 support from an adult to enable them to reach their learning goals. At Snape and Thornton Watlass, we put teaching assistants in place at such times.

Our skilled teaching assistants run most of the interventions in school. We provide training so that they can do this with knowledge and confidence. At all times they work closely with class teachers and the SENCo. At other times, teaching assistants support individuals or small groups in class.

Expected Progress

Teachers assess children's progress termly. If a child fails to progress adequately, we analyse the reasons behind this. We will always talk to parents at this time. Teachers may well be able to add/alter teaching methods or resources to accelerate progress. At other times the child may take part in an intervention programme/s. At the end of the intervention period the child will be reassessed so that we can check that progress is accelerated.

For those children who have a PPM, targets are set and assessed termly. Parents are always invited to the PPM review so that they are part of the assessment process.

Support from other agencies

In school we sometimes feel that we need to seek advice and support from outside agencies. We always seek permission from parents before we call upon outside support for their children. The school is able to call on professional advice from the following agencies:

- Educational Psychologist
- EMS (Enhanced Mainstream School) for Specific Learning Difficulties, Speech, Language and Communication and Behaviour, Emotional and Social Difficulties.
- School Nurse
- Sensory, Physical and Medical Teaching Team
- Speech and Language Therapist
- Physiotherapist
- Occupational Therapy
- Parent Support Advisor
- Minority Ethnic Achievement Team
- SSA team – support for Autistic children

Experts visit the school when necessary to meet children and give us advice. They also attend meetings with us to extend the team around the child.

On-going communication with parents and Key Contacts

At the Federation of Snape and Thornton Watlass Schools we acknowledge that parents of children with SEND have more concerns than most. Consequently, we are happy to meet with them regularly and urge our families to contact us if ever they are anxious.

Besides regular parents' evenings, we often hold additional meetings for our SEND children and their families. We evaluate the success of one PPM so that parents have clear information about the impact of interventions. If we feel necessary, a new PPM is written. Outside agencies are also invited when appropriate, so that we can review and set targets as a team.

Some children like to attend the meeting in person. Others like to talk to the teacher before the meeting so that their opinion can be heard. Guidance can be given so that parents know how to support their child's learning at home. Sometimes daily communication between school and home is required. This can be in the form of a home/school book or with conversations between parents and staff at the beginning and/ or at the end of the day.

Any concerns regarding SEND and parents are welcome to contact our experienced SENCo advisor Angie MacRae

Our school's SEND Governor is Mrs Rebecca Donaldson. She keeps in close touch with Mrs MacRae, overseeing the provision and progress for our pupils with SEND.

Special Educational Needs and Disabilities Information, Advice and Support Service

The SENDIASS Co-ordinator for our area is Jane Clark. She is available to offer advice, listen to worries or concerns, offer home visits, attend review meetings or support transition to a new school. Her advice is impartial; and we have found that parents find Mrs Clark's support extremely helpful. She can be contacted on 01609 536198.

For more information about SENDIASS see:

<http://www.northyorks.gov.uk/article/25378/SEND---advice-and-support>

NYPACT

Another support service for local families is NYPACT. NYPACT is the parent carer forum for North Yorkshire and aim to provide a collective voice for parents of children with disabilities and additional needs. They are a voluntary organisation run by a management committee of volunteer parent carers and supported by a part-time paid member of staff based at North Yorkshire & York Forum.

For more information about NYPACT see:

www.nypact.co.uk

Dyslexia Network Plus

Dyslexia Network Plus is a local Not-for-Profit organisation, run by parents to support families with dyslexia type difficulties. A number of our families have attended helpful, informative events organised by this group.

For more information about Dyslexia Network Plus see:

www.dyslexianetworkplus.org.uk

Statutory Assessment

Occasionally we have concerns for a child that mean our resources are severely stretched. Various professionals will have given us advice and they will have identified that the child needs a particularly high level of support and provision beyond that usually available in a mainstream classroom. At this stage we will make a request for Statutory Assessment to the Local Authority. They will consider what the most appropriate provision for the child is and an Education, Health and Care Plan will be written. The plan will be reviewed annually. Mrs Clark is available to support parents through the Statutory Assessment process.

Accessibility

In our commitment to be Inclusive Schools, we have worked to make both our buildings accessible to all.

In Snape, children's access to the upstairs area is very limited. The stairs in the Early Years classroom could pose limiting factors, the school have implemented particular risk assessments for pupils where necessary. A disabled toilet is also available.

At Thornton Watlass, all teaching areas are on one level and there is access to all playing area through use of the grassed area. A disabled toilet is also in place.

Transition

We know that transition can be a daunting time for families with an SEND child. We have a number of strategies that we employ to ease new class stress:

- Extra visits can be made between each class to help pupils grow accustomed to new their surroundings.
- A meeting can be held of all of the team around the child so that important information can be shared.

We do a very similar transition to secondary school. We invite representatives from the school to visit us as soon as the child's place is confirmed. Besides this, we arrange some reassuring visits to the school for the child. In recent years, children have spent a whole day with a Year 7 class, they have been for lunch and also created worked on personal books with staff from the secondary school, listing their strengths and also exploring their concerns. We pass onto the secondary school an Inclusion Passport that details all of the interventions and strategies that we have used to support that child. The feedback from parents has been very positive. We send the children to secondary school feeling confident.

Making a complaint

If a parent has a complaint relating to a child with SEND they are encouraged to firstly approach the class teacher and/ or head teacher to see if their concerns can immediately be addressed. If they still feel that their views have not been listened to or answered to their satisfaction they can make a formal complaint by writing to the Chair of Governors at our school.

Should you wish to discuss any aspect of this document in more detail please do not hesitate to contact us.

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SEN Governor: Mrs Rebecca Donaldson

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