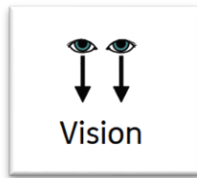




# **Oakwood Primary Academy**

## **SEN Information Report 2025**





## **Vision Statement**

We believe in developing a child intellectually, creatively, emotionally, physically, spiritually, culturally and morally.

This will take place in the caring and supportive environment of a school that aspires to be outstanding and that is proud to be at the heart of the local and wider community, raising standards of attainment for all pupils.

We want our children to be confident, happy and healthy individuals, successful learners and responsible citizens to ensure that no child is treated less favourably than others.



## **What is SEN?**

The special educational needs code of practice (2015) says that:

“A pupil has SEN 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”.

### **This means that a child may need:**





- Special resources to help them in the classroom.
- To be part of a small group with an adult to help them with their work, their social skills or their emotional well being.
- To work with someone specially trained to help them in the area that they need. (Usually someone outside school).
- Have an IEP (individual education plan) which will contain a simple summary of what is important to the child and how they would like to be supported. This will be shared with parents to set targets and review regularly.



## What kind of SEN is supported?

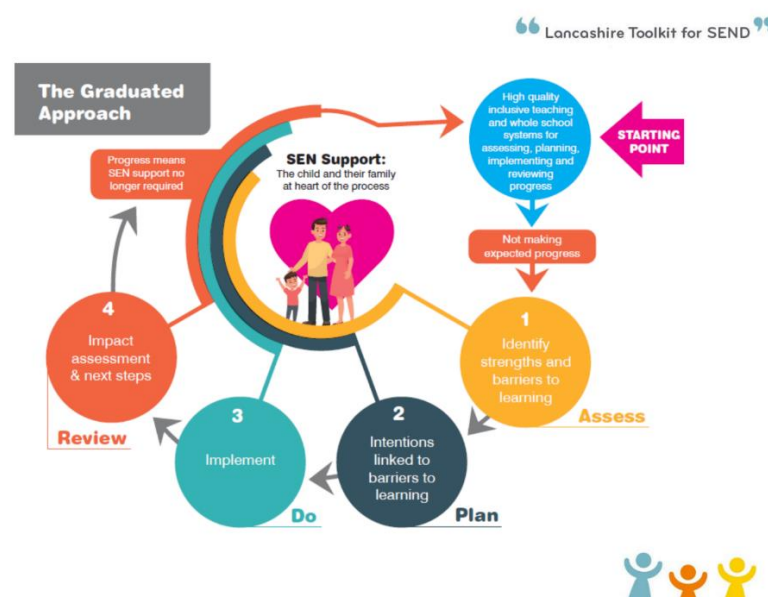
There are four areas where a pupil may have a difficulty that means they are considered to have SEN.

They are:

 Communication and Interaction	 Social, Emotional & Mental Health	 Cognition and Learning	 Sensory and Physical
Includes Speech and Language needs, developmental language disorder (DLD) and social communication difficulties - including Autism.	Includes learners with challenging behaviour, anxiety, ADHD (attention, deficit, hyperactivity disorder) or attachment disorder.	Includes specific learning difficulties such as Dyslexia. Can be where a pupil is learning at a slower pace or has a developmental delay that impacts learning.	Includes hearing difficulties, visual difficulties, mobility difficulties and sensory processing difficulties. Can also include medical conditions such as epilepsy.

A child may have difficulty in one area or more than one area. Some children may be in care (CIC or LAC) and require support from school and the care team working around them.

The main SEN need we support at Oakwood Primary Academy is in Communication and Interaction. We have good links with Speech and Language Therapists, regularly screen children and are working on developing a Communication friendly school. We use the Assess, Plan, Do, Review cycle to work with parents, children and teachers in ensuring children are getting the right support, at the right time.



The educational support for a child is often described in three distinct stages – Universal Provision or “Ordinarily Available Provision”, Targeted Support and Specialist Support. We use Assess, Plan, Do, Review at all stages of support.



There are three broad stages of support, all of which are implemented using an **Assess, Plan, Do, Review cycle**.

**Universal Support, typical pupil characteristics:**

- Pupils operate broadly within the expected range of abilities for their age, but their progress/development may occur at a somewhat slower pace than that of other pupils. Barriers to accessing education are supported.
- Pupils remain part of the mainstream teaching timetable for all activities
- Individual goals for improvement are identified and the quality of teaching and learning is monitored to ensure it is appropriate to pupils' needs

**Targeted Support, typical pupil characteristics**

- Pupils' progress with learning and development is at a very slow rate and additional support is needed to achieve this. There are identified persistent barriers to accessing education.
- Pupils may be attaining at a level significantly below age-related expectations and there may be evidence of an increasing gap between them and their peers
- Interventions and/or provision (group or individual) have been implemented based on identified needs

**Specialist Support, typical pupil characteristics:**

- Pupils have significant and persistent learning difficulties despite access to appropriate learning opportunities and support. Barriers to accessing education are challenging and persistent.
- Pupils may have life-long learning difficulties or disabilities, across several areas of development, and will require more specialist intervention and advice

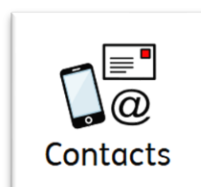


### **Who is responsible for the pupils with SEN?**

Mrs Felicity Lock is our school Inclusion Coordinator (INCO) and can be contacted through the school office.

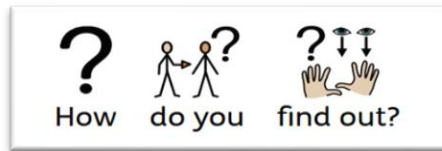


Mrs Maria Pellow and Mrs Charlotte Sandonato are the schools HUT practitioners who support pupils under the direction of the INCO.



### **Who can I contact for advice and support for my family?**

- At Oakwood we have a Family Support Network; comprised of various staff members who work in different roles within the school.
- PIASS – Plymouth Information Advice and Support for SEND can provide impartial and confidential information and support for parents and carers. [Plymouth Information Advice and Support for SEND. - Supplying you with information, advice and support](#)
- The Neurodiversity Wellbeing Team – 01752 435404
- You can also self-refer to CAMH's and Livewell Speech and Language –  
[CAMHS Early Help Pathway | Livewell Southwest](#)  
[Speech & Language | Livewell Southwest](#)
- Your GP



### **How will the school know my child needs special educational provision?**

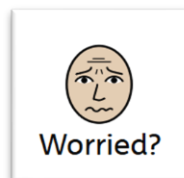
- Little or no progress in learning is being made.
- Persistent difficulty with accessing the classroom
- Persistent difficulty with communication or emotional regulation

Teachers will know this because:

- They continually assess the children as part of their daily teaching. If needed, some children will then receive additional support as part of a group or on their own with an adult.
- They meet termly to look at the progress all pupils are making and identify any who are not making progress or who have made slow progress, so that they can support them.
- They will review support and interventions regularly to make sure progress is being made.
- Some pupils will have an IEP which will be shared with parents, reviewed and renewed regularly.
- Parents will alert school with their concerns.
- Other professionals will alert school with their concerns.

### **Who is responsible for SEN children in the Governance of the MAT?**

Board of Trustees SEN member: Corinne Rhodes



### **How can I let the school know I am concerned about my child?**

- First, talk to your child's teacher. If necessary, they will talk to the INCO about your concerns.

The teacher will let you know what will happen next.

- If you are still concerned you can book a meeting with the INCO.
- You could also ask to see the Head of School or the Assistant Head of School.

### **How will the school let me know if they have any concerns about my child's learning?**

- The class teacher will talk to you.
- Any concerns will be shared at Parents' Evenings.
- The INCO may contact you
- You will be invited to a meeting in school with relevant staff.



## **What kind of help could my child receive?**



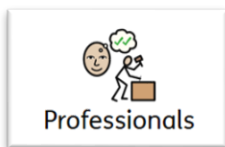
### **In class**

- Resources that are related to the needs of the child, e.g ear defenders, fidget supports and overlays.
- Teaching that is appropriate to the needs of the child through adaptive teaching and differentiation.
- Small group work
- School Champions
- Person Centred Planning meetings where appropriate
- English intervention
- Maths intervention



### **From the HUT team (Helping Us Thrive team)**

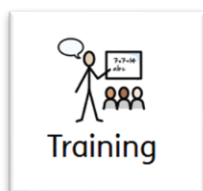
- Social skills groups
- Motor skills groups
- Sensory Integration Support
- Emotional literacy support groups (managing emotions, self esteem, friendships, anxiety and bereavement).
- Nurture Breakfast
- TEACCH
- Wellbeing Check in's
- Wellbeing groups
- Access to The HUT and HUT staff.



## External Professionals

- Multi-agency support team (MAST)
- Communication Interaction Team (CIT)
- Plymouth Advisory Team for Sensory Support (PATSS)
- Woodlands Outreach for children with physical difficulties
- Educational Psychologist
- Plymouth Information Advice and Support Service (PIASS, formally Parent Partnership)
- School Nurse
- Child and Adolescent Mental Health Service (CAMHS)
- NHS Speech and Language Team
- Mental Health Support Team (MHST)
- Other specialist provisions

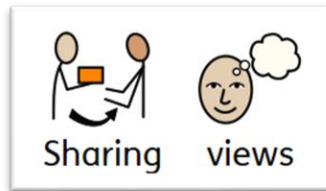
More information about the Local Authority's Local Offer for children and young people with SEN and their families as well as the above services can be found on the Plymouth Online Directory (POD) <http://www.plymouthonlinedirectory.com>



## How are the adults in school helped to work with children with SEN?

The INCO is a qualified teacher who has the skills and experience to work with and support staff and children with SEN. Staff training takes place regularly to help all staff understand and teach children with SEN. Training could be delivered by the INCO, or other external professionals such as Speech and Language Therapists. Individual teachers and support staff attend training courses run by outside agencies that are relevant to the needs of the children.





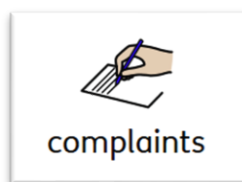
**How do parents/carers and children with SEN share their views and concerns and work with the school?**

- Surveys and Questionnaires.
- Parent Evenings.
- IEP Reviews.
- Regular meetings, including EHATs (Early Help Assessment Tool) and TAMs (Team Around Me).
- Annual Reviews for pupils with EHCPs (Education, Health and Care Plans).



**If I have a query about the support my child receives, what do I do?**

- Talk to your child's teacher.
- Book a meeting with the INCO.
- Ask to meet the Head of School or the Assistant Head of School.



**If I am not happy with the support my child is getting what can I do?**

- Talk to your child's teacher.
- Ask to meet with the INCO.
- Ask to meet with the Head of School or Assistant Head of School.
- Request a copy of the Discovery Mat's Complaints Policy from the school office.



### **What happens when my child moves from class to class or to another school?**

All children make visits to their new class and teacher in the summer term. Class teachers meet in the summer term to pass on information about all pupils and their individual needs.

The INCO makes sure that all information about your child's support is updated on a *Provision Map* - a tool used to track support in place for children across the school. New teachers can access this at any time to learn about your child's needs and provisions.

Some children will have a transition book/social story to take home over the holidays with pictures and information about their new class or school.

The new class teacher will be part of the IEP reviews in the summer term and pupils will have the opportunity to update their strengths and what they need in school to help them. The INCO oversees these and ensures they are accurate. Additional visits may be arranged to reassure more anxious children.

If moving schools'; appropriate information about a child is passed on with parental permission. When moving to secondary school; appropriate information about a child is passed via a *Transition Portal*.



### **How accessible is the school for my child with SEN?**

The school is set out across the ground floor.

- Ramps into main entrance
- There are three designated parking spaces for Blue Badge Holders.
- Oakwood accessibility plan is available at:  
[Oakwood Primary Academy - Accessibility Plan \(oakwood-primary.co.uk\)](http://oakwood-primary.co.uk)



**Where can I find information about the school's approach to pupils with SEN?**

Full details can be found in the school's Inclusion Policy, which is available on the school website

[Oakwood Primary Academy - Policies](#)



Thank you to all the parents, families and carers from Oakwood who take part in our meetings, parent questionnaires, and parents' evenings. With your continued support we can be impactful in meeting the needs of our children with SEN.

Thank you also to the parents who attended the coproduction meeting for contributing to the production of this report.