

Leamington Community Primary School

'Together we make a Difference'



SEND Information Report

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**Leamington
Values**



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Dedicated SEN time: Full time 5 days - SENCO and 2 days - Assistant SENCO

Local Offer Contribution: <http://www.leamingtonprimary.com/>

Our Approach as a School:

High quality first teaching and additional interventions are defined through our person-centered planning approach across the school contributing to our provision management arrangements. These processes help us to regularly review and record what we offer all children or young people in our care and what we offer additionally. These discussions also serve to embed our high expectations amongst staff about quality first teaching and the application of a differentiated and personalised approach to teaching and learning. We actively discuss aspirations with ALL our learners. This whole school approach, and this report, will promote how we underpin this practice across our classrooms, pastoral care and support arrangements.

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



All teachers are responsible for every child in their care, including those with special educational needs.

Assess:

The progress that your child makes is monitored carefully throughout their time at our school. If your child is making slower progress or underperforming at any time, the teacher will put additional interventions in place to close any gaps occurring. Some students will make good progress during this time. If not, your child may be placed on the SEND register.

Teachers use termly assessment information, along with classroom observations and discussions with other members of staff, as well as the Senior Leadership Team, to inform their differentiated approach to teaching and learning. The pupil’s own views are sought, as are those of external support services, if involved. The school liaises fully with outside agencies who are conducting the assessments. Any concerns by parents are actively listened to and recorded.

SENISS will complete bespoke assessments for individual learners following a referral from the SENCO or class teacher. The outcome of the assessment is usually shared with parents/guardians as well as class

teachers in order for them to actively implement suggestions that have been recommended to support each child.

Plan:

Once a child has been placed on the SEND register, they may be allocated a Personal Plan. Class teachers will work closely with the parents/carers and pupil and may produce a Personal Plan (KS1 and KS2) or Play Plan (EYFS). This outlines specific, measurable targets along with the strategies to meet them. The teacher will decide on the specific targets within the Personal Plan, which will depend on the child's specific areas of need e.g. cognition and learning, social communication, social emotional and mental health as well as sensory and/or physical needs.

The Personal Plan also outlines the additional support that will be put in place for the child. This support will be delivered through a variety of means; adaptations within the classroom, academic interventions outside of the classroom setting and social, emotional and mental health interventions – usually delivered by one of the mentoring team or a specialist outside agency. The Personal Plan will be reviewed three times a year to ensure targets are being met and the child is making progress. PIVATS are used from Year 1 upwards to closely track progress of SEND pupils.

Any advice following assessments from outside agencies such as SENISS or Ed Psych are carefully reviewed and recommendations are implemented wherever possible for each child.

Effective communication between staff and the close monitoring of SEND provision, ensures effective delivery at Leamington.

Do:

The school's SENCO supports the class teacher with implementing effective provision and further assessments for pupils with SEND. The teacher remains responsible for working with the child and where the interventions involve group or one-to-one teaching away from the teacher, they remain responsible for overseeing this and work closely with teaching assistants or specialist staff involved. Every class in our school offers a differentiated curriculum for all children. Children with SEND will have lessons and activities differentiated on a needs-based continuum. This will ensure the child can access all lessons where appropriate and make progress at their own pace. In addition to this, children may be placed in additional interventions to support their learning, social communication or emotional well-being. All interventions are recorded and their effectiveness is evaluated at the end of the intervention period.

Review:

Formal assessments take place once a term, however, assessment is an ongoing process and teachers and learning support officers share information regularly to understand how well a child is doing. You will be informed of your child's progress through termly parent's evenings, unless there are serious concerns in which the SENCO and/or class teacher will speak to you sooner.

If parents/ carers wish to discuss the child's progress at other times during the year, we welcome them to speak to the child's teacher after school or make an appointment with the SENCO.

During the Personal Plan review meetings, parents/ carers will decide with the class teacher how best to help their child at home. The Personal Plan will outline useful activities which will assist in supporting the child's learning in a fun and creative way.

Having consulted with children, young people and their parents, all our additional provision (internal or

external) is based on an agreed outcomes approach and these are discussed with the professionals that offer the support to your child/young person and hold both our internal/external providers and ourselves to account.

Special Educational Provision:

Our school provides support for pupils across the four areas of need as set out in the SEND Code of Practice (2014). These are as follows:

1. Communication and Interaction

The SENCO and Assistant SENCO liaise with external agencies to access assessment and support those children with speech, language and communication difficulties. Our highly trained learning support officers within the early years also provide specific interventions for some children identified as needing additional support with speech, language and communication. Children with communication and interaction needs are supported with differentiated quality first teaching and learning approaches within the classroom. Use of visuals to support non-verbal communication as well as understanding for some children; visual timetables and use of timers; now and next boards and social stories are just some of the ways in which we support our children with social communication needs. A natural sensory environment is provided as much as possible and our sensory therapy room provides an engaging setting to support children with communication and interaction difficulties.

Our Autism friendly nurture base supports Reception and Year 1 children at present, ensuring a smoother transition from EYFS to Key Stage 1. However, this provision will be needs led and could change depending on the needs of the children.

Our dedicated Inclusion Team is comprised of the Deputy Head Teacher, SENCO, Assistant SENCO, and pastoral staff including; our Designated Safeguarding Lead, Family Support Worker, Learning Mentor and Attendance Officer. The Inclusion team offer support for those children with communication and interaction difficulties in various ways, these include: small group work and 1:1 sessions with children. Our Learning Mentor also hosts an ASD friendly lunch club and this is accessed by some children with social communication needs.

We also access support from OSSME - Autism Initiatives, these bespoke assessments provide recommendations and next steps for teachers and parents.

2. Cognition and Learning

All children are supported first and foremost by our experienced teachers that plan and deliver a high quality curriculum through our bespoke 'Curriculum Immersion' approach. Teaching and learning is of a very high quality within our school and teachers are very well supported by our Lead Curriculum Professional as well as the Senior Leadership Team. As a school, we have recently reshaped our curriculum delivery which has enabled a more inclusive approach to teaching and learning. With more emphasis on speaking, listening and drama conventions throughout all curriculum subjects, most children are enthusiastic and engaged with all areas of learning. Each class currently has a designated Learning Support Officer to support teaching and learning in every classroom. PIVATs are used as a useful assessment tool to track small steps of progress and enable a more personalised approach to teaching and learning. Specialist resources enable access to the curriculum e.g. coloured overlays, pencil grips, writing slopes and

booster cushions. Some children find alternative methods of recording their learning, such as on a laptop or iPad easier and other children work at designated work stations within their classroom or have portable work stations for their desks.

Children who have individual needs at any stage whilst at Leamington Community Primary School are provided for through a Provision Map. We currently use a system called Edukey to electronically map our provisions for each child across the school. Interventions will be set up accordingly and the child's needs will be identified on their personal plan, explaining what the intervention is and how the parent/guardian can support their child. Children receiving intervention support will be in small groups working with a Teacher or a Learning Support Officer. Some children with more complex needs have a 1:1 Teaching Assistant that support them throughout the day.

The school takes part in the local Consortia which provides SEND support to schools. Through Consortia, the SENCO can request specialist services dependent on the needs within school. Recently, Consortia fund has been used for continuous professional development; training staff on specific interventions such as 'Talk Boost', ASD training for lunchtime supervisors as well as purchasing additional outreach support such as ADHD Foundation and OSSME.

Leamington Community Primary School has a service level agreement with SENISS. Advice and support is given in the EYFS so that children's needs are identified early on, if appropriate. The service level agreement also provides 1:1 or very small group teaching for a group of children in KS1 and KS2. Our service level agreement with the Educational Psychology Service, ensures that we can seek further advice and support for those children that require specialist cognitive assessments and psychological advice.

2. Social, Emotional and Mental Health

PSHE/RSE (Personal, Social and Health Education/Relationships and Sex Education) is extremely important at our school and we have adopted a whole school approach to teaching this subject through the 'Jigsaw' curriculum. As a school, we have dedicated Friday afternoons to the 'Mindful Hour' in which each class will meditate, enjoy circle time and learn new aspects of their PSHE/RSE syllabus each week. This is working extremely well and links to our whole-school assemblies each week.

Leamington Values are embedded as the key driver to the overall ethos of our school. The children have embraced the five core values; Respect, Honesty, Courage, Friendship and Determination and receive Dojo points for demonstrating these. With visuals in every classroom, and all around the school, our values have become an integral culture in our school.

Our school has a dedicated Inclusion Team that meets frequently to discuss the needs of all pupils with social, emotional and mental health needs as well as linking other areas, such as: attendance and persistent absentees; safeguarding; SEND updates and provisions; behaviour updates and provisions in place; how the Family Support Worker is supporting families and an update from the mentoring team. As we employ a full time Learning Mentor, and have two other trained mentors as part of our Inclusion Team, we are able to work closely with targeted children and support their pastoral, social, emotional and behavioural development. The mentors offer small group interventions alongside 1:1 mentoring for more vulnerable children. This takes place in our designated Mentors room or a smaller, therapeutic room for the 1:1 children. We also have a Th.Inc Room (Therapeutic Inclusion Room) and have recently invested in a key staff member to become trained within this approach. We are able to offer small group and 1:1 support

dealing with a range of issues such as; friendship, bullying, anxiety and behaviour, to name a few. In addition to this, we have recently invested in our Family Support Worker's accreditation in ACES training - Adverse Childhood Experiences and set up a weekly intervention to support children that may have experienced adverse childhood experiences in the past. We are also looking at developing a parent support group to support parents that may have been affected by adverse childhood experiences.

Our school is fully inclusive and supportive of children with behavioural difficulties with exclusion being the very last step. Our graduated response outlines the provision for children with SEMH. Our teachers and staff are well trained and we work closely with SENISS and can seek further support from Hope school if necessary, to support individual pupils. Our central CPOMs system is vital for monitoring and tracking whole school behaviour, SEND and safeguarding concerns.

At Leamington Primary school all of our staff have had 'ROAR Response' training. This is an integral part of our school development plan for this year and we have a dedicated 'ROAR Response' team to support staff and provide further CPD sessions if necessary. In addition to all of the support we have in school, we also employ outside agencies that work closely with children with SEMH needs. Some of these include; Relax Kids, whole class Yoga, Seedlings therapy for vulnerable individuals and we have recently developed links with Isabella Trust which enables us to further develop our staff CPD or refer parents to specific courses.

4. Sensory and/or Physical Needs

Any children who have visual, hearing or other sensory impairment will be supported at Leamington in conjunction with the appropriate agencies e.g.: Sensory Service. Adjustments will be made concerning seating arrangements etc.

At Leamington we aim to be as accessible as possible. The majority of the building is single storey with the exception of Year 6 classrooms. We have ramps and disabled toilets across the school and we have a specialist disabled toilet and changing area based in KS1, this incorporates a height adjustable sink and changing table. We will continue to make reasonable adjustments to our school to cater for every child.

In addition to the above, we also have a sensory room. The room is split into two areas to allow for a variety of sensory needs and sensory stimulation. We have recently had whole school INSET on Sensory Processing Disorder (SPD) and staff are confident with identifying sensory disorders and also using equipment to meet the sensory needs of our children. As part of our school development plan for this year, we aim to develop 'sensory friendly' classrooms and have recently built a new outdoor space that is extremely sensory friendly - allowing children to self-regulate using a variety of different equipment.

Specialist resources are provided for those children that need them, such as: ear defenders; coloured overlays; writing slopes and pencil grips.

This SEND Information Report has been written in conjunction with our SEND Policy (September 2019) which is accessible via our school website: <http://www.leamingtonprimary.com/>

As of September 2019, we have 136 children or young people receiving some form of SEND Support (this includes children who are on the Special Educational Needs Register and children with an EHCP).

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

learning walks, formal and informal lesson observations, planning and book scrutiny, Target Tracker and PIVATS, pupil and parent voice and provision mapping.

Co-producing with children, young people and their parents

Involving parents and learners in the dialogue is central to our approach and we do this through adopting an open door policy, allowing parents/carers to access their child's teacher, SENCO, Deputy Headteacher or Headteacher. If they have a concern or need advice, key staff are always available on the yard and at the school gate each morning and afternoon and the SENCO is available every day.

In addition to this, we have:

Action/Event	Who's involved	Frequency
Parent's Evenings	Parent/ carer, teacher and child	Once a term
Family Support Worker	Parent/ carer, family, child	Dependent on needs of the family
Reviewing pupil passports	Teacher, pupil, parent/carers	Three times per year
Coffee mornings	Parent/ carer, SENCO and Specialist Agencies	Once or twice a year
Class Assemblies	Every class in KS1 and KS2	Once a year
Newsletters	Information gathered by Deputy Head Teacher and Head Teacher	Sent out every month
Family EHATs	Parent/ carer, SENCO, Safeguarding team, teacher and child	Every 1-3 months if your family has an E-Hat
Pupil and parent voice	Parent/ carer, SENCO, Deputy Headteacher, Headteacher, child	At least once per year Child voice more often
Information via text service and social media	Parent/ carer, SENCO, teacher, Deputy Headteacher, Headteacher,	As and when information needs to be shared.

Staff development and Qualifications

Initials	Area of expertise	Level of Qualification
NB	SEND Coordination (SENCO role)	BA (QTS) with Inclusive Education NASENCO Award (Nov 2018)
ST	SEND Coordination (Assistant SENCO)	B.Ed degree Early Years Professional Status
PV	Head Teacher	BEd PGCE
RM	Deputy Head Teacher Behaviour across the school Designated Safeguarding Lead	QTS - PGCE NPQSL
CM	Class Teacher and SEND support	BA (QTS) NASENCO Award
JM	SENISS - Assessment and Advice and Outreach Teaching and Learning support	QTS with Early Years MA - Applied Educational Practice - Dyslexia AMBDA member (Dyslexia assessment)
JS	Attendance and mentoring Counselling skills, incredible years and play therapy. Breakfast and after school club	National Mentoring Certificate BA Hons Childhood studies NNEB member - Nursery Nurse examination board
IK	Safeguarding Lead E-Hat Lead professional Mentoring and obtaining pupil voice across the school	BSc degree NNEB member - Nursery Nurse examination board
MF	Lead Mentor ASD friendly lunch club Breakfast and after school club Attendance bus	BA Hons Applied Studies Diploma in Youth and Community
LM	Family Support Worker Sleep Solutions ACES workshops - pupil and parent Parenting skills and behaviour Nurturing Incredible Years	Foundation degree Education Support BA Hons Learning developmental support ACES accredited
BF	Supporting children in class Intervention programmes	NVQ3
LMc	Supporting children in class Intervention programmes	NVQ3
NT	Supporting children in class Intervention programmes	NVQ3

IF	Supporting children in class Intervention programmes	NVQ3
LF	Supporting children in class Intervention programmes	NVQ3
PM	Supporting children in class Intervention programmes	NVQ3
CA	Supporting children in class Intervention programmes	NVQ3
NC	Supporting children in class Intervention programmes	NVQ3
KG	Supporting children in class Intervention programmes	NVQ3
EH	Supporting children in class Intervention programmes	NVQ3
SG	Supporting children in class Intervention programmes	NVQ3
RS	Supporting children in class Intervention programmes	NVQ3
JP	Supporting children in class Intervention programmes	NVQ3
EG	Supporting children in class Intervention programmes	NVQ3
NR	Supporting children in class Intervention programmes	NVQ3
KN	Supporting children in class Intervention programmes	NVQ3

We are committed to developing the ongoing expertise of our staff. The SENCO attends Local Authority Briefings to keep up to date with any legislative changes in SEN. The SENCO can access training from local consortia and will train staff in school through staff meetings and INSET days.

All staff in school receive training in-house and from outside agencies.

Staff deployment

Considerable thought, planning and preparation goes into utilising our support staff to ensure children achieve the best outcomes, this includes enabling them to gain independence and are prepared for adulthood from the earliest possible age.

Every class has a Learning Support Officer, meaning year group teams consist of 2 teachers and 2 LSOs (there is an extra part-time LSO in Reception).

We have a full time Inclusion Team which consists of: Deputy Headteacher, SENCO, Assistant SENCO, Designated Safeguarding Lead, Family Support Worker, Attendance Officer and Learning Mentor. The Inclusion Team works closely together to track, monitor, support and evaluate SEND pupils that they are

working with.

Finance

We spend our SEND budget in the following ways:

- ❖ Learning Support Officers
- ❖ Service Level Agreements with external providers, such as: Educational Psychology Service, SENISS, Seedlings and Relax Kids.
- ❖ Learning Mentors - working on barriers to learning
- ❖ Training for all teachers, LSOs, 1:1 support assistants, welfare staff and Learning Mentors so that they can meet pupils' needs more effectively
- ❖ Specialist books and equipment
- ❖ In-class and withdrawal support from learning support officers and additional outreach specialist teacher
- ❖ Purchasing and maintenance of ICT and electronic equipment
- ❖ Specialist resources and the creation of learning bays for 1:1 working
- ❖ Creating sensory areas to meet sensory needs
- ❖ A TEACHH classroom (Reception and Year 1 currently)

School External Partnerships and Transition Plans

We currently work with a number of external agencies both through SEND Consortia and our own service level agreements with external partners. Some of these services include:

- ❖ ADHD Foundation counselling service and training for parents/staff
- ❖ Seedlings therapy service
- ❖ Autism Outreach Service
- ❖ Isabella Trust
- ❖ Alder Hey Speech and Language Team
- ❖ Community Pediatrician's at Alder Hey
- ❖ Relax Kids Liverpool
- ❖ Yoga therapy

Extending our school approach, we commission using an outcomes-based approach. This enables us to hold our partners and ourselves to account.

We believe this has benefited our children/young people and their families in the following ways:

- ❖ More children are being supported in small/ individual groups.
- ❖ Staff are able to target needs, particularly basic skills, and narrow the gaps quicker.
- ❖ Assessments (with advice) are quicker which supports school staff and parents/ carers.

Each year, we support a number of children with SEND transition to the next phase in education.

Our approach involves:

- ❖ Attending School Improvement Liverpool's Transition Event to liaise with secondary school staff.
- ❖ Additional transition days at feeder secondary schools for vulnerable children to attend.
- ❖ Full report on children's needs and friendships groups passed on to feeder school.
- ❖ Safeguarding and sensitive information shared with relevant parties at feeder school.

Complaints

This year we have had 0 complaints that were dealt with following our schools policies and procedures. If you are not happy with the SEND provision at our school, then please contact the class teacher, SENCO, Deputy Headteacher or Headteacher to share your concerns. If you wish to make a complaint, please follow our school complaints policy which you will find on our school website, or alternatively, you can request a copy from our school office.

What has worked in the past year?

- ❖ Appointment of new SENCO and completion of NASENCo Award
- ❖ Assistant SENCO appointed to work within the SEND team
- ❖ Appointment of Family Support Worker - working closely to support families.
- ❖ Introduction of Inclusion Team - working closely to support all SEND pupils
- ❖ Assessment and advice (for staff and parents) has been provided by employing an Independent Special Education Needs Support teacher.
- ❖ Extra outreach learning support from SENISS (needs-led across the school)
- ❖ Successful transition of children from Leamington into specialist provision
- ❖ SEND children are making good progress and PIVATS allows for detailed analysis of progress
- ❖ Use of CPOMs to track, record, monitor and evaluate all pupils including those identified as SEND
- ❖ 13 pupils have been supported with full time 1:1 or 1:2 support accessed through Top Up funding
- ❖ Personal Plans are being created using Edukey software
- ❖ Whole-school Provision Mapping has been created through Edukey software. All interventions are now costed and reviewed timely for effectiveness
- ❖ We currently have 5 children with an EHCP
- ❖ 4 members of staff are trained to lead and attend EHATs
- ❖ 4 members of staff trained in graded profile
- ❖ Whole-school SEND audits to ensure all children were in receipt of the correct support
- ❖ Whole-school CPD on ROAR Response to Mental Health
- ❖ Whole-school CPD on QFT in the classroom
- ❖ Whole-school CPD on identifying the four broad areas of SEND
- ❖ Whole-school CPD on sensory processing disorder, including a sensory processing audit in each class
- ❖ Our Learning Mentors have provided individual and group support for children who are experiencing some form of 'barriers to learning'. This includes working very closely with the child's family, if necessary
- ❖ In-house resource base continues to support children with complex needs in Reception and Y1
- ❖ Our lunchtime ASD friendly nurture group continues to support children with complex SEND needs
- ❖ Whole-class Mindfulness sessions in Year 3
- ❖ Whole-class Yoga for all year groups on a half termly rota basis
- ❖ Relax Kids Intervention for lots of children that require additional support with SEMH
- ❖ Seedlings therapy for our most vulnerable children
- ❖ Training key staff on Th.Inc Room and preparing the development for our new Therapeutic Intervention Room that offers specific intervention for a range of children
- ❖ PSHE/RSE Curriculum - Mindful Hour on Friday afternoons

Further development

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

- ❖ Continue to do planned lesson observations, learning walks, and evaluation of data, pupils and parent feedback and collaboration and how this impacts on development.
- ❖ Further training and development on ROAR response, sensory processing within the classroom and whole-class interventions to support SEMH.
- ❖ Develop a robust system for tracking and monitoring SEND pupils and create new SEND register with all relevant information included.
- ❖ Review the Personal Plan process ensuring all stakeholders are actively involved.
- ❖ Further develop sensory friendly classrooms and implement recommendations from INSET.

Relevant school policies underpinning this SEND Information Report include:

- ❖ SEND Policy,
- ❖ Intimate Care Policy,
- ❖ Teaching and Learning Policy,
- ❖ Assessment Policy,
- ❖ Behaviour Policy.

These can be found on our school website.

Legislative Acts taken into account when compiling this report include:

- ❖ Children & Families Act 2014,
- ❖ Equality Act 2010,
- ❖ Mental Capacity Act 2005.

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