

# SEND Information Report 2017-18

## The Team

### SENDCo

(Special Educational Needs Disability Co-ordinator)



### Teaching Assistants



Our job is to help your child achieve the very best they can at school. This is to inform you of the types of support available to your child at Bishops Lydeard Church School. It will help you to understand who can help and how this support can be accessed. This information report is linked to the Somerset Core Standards, a framework which describes the entitlement of children and young people in Somerset schools. In our school, all SEND falls under the six categories of: Cognition & Learning Needs; Communication & Interaction Needs; Physical, Medical & Alternative Communication Needs; Hearing Impairment; Visual Impairment and Social, Emotional & Mental Health Needs.

- **How do you know if a child needs extra help?**

All children at Bishops Lydeard Church School are monitored closely by their class teachers. This is done through regular monitoring and assessment and termly Pupil Progress Meetings to discuss individual needs and progress. We have developed a graduated response to identifying children with needs. Initially this is completed by the class teacher to ensure needs are being met within the class. If the class teacher feels the child still isn't making the required progress, they will be discussed with the Special Educational Needs Disability Co-ordinator (SENDCo). Assessments may be carried out and if necessary refer to external agencies with the consent of the parents/carers. If parents/carers have any concerns they should see the class teacher in the first instance. Please make an appointment at the school office if a discussion is needed.

- **How will the school support my child?**

Your child's education will be overseen by the class teacher. They will oversee, plan and work with each child with additional needs in the class to ensure that progress in every area is made. Our SENDCo co-ordinates all support and progress of any child requiring additional needs across the school. There may be a Teaching Assistant (TA) working with your child either individually or as part of a group. If this is above the normal support given in the class, these sessions will be explained to the parents/carers. If you have any questions about this please speak to the class teacher.

- **How will the curriculum be matched to my child's needs?**

All work within class is pitched at an appropriate level, so that all children are able to access according to their specific needs.

Typically, this might mean that in a lesson there would be different levels of work set for the class, or additional resources to support your child. Groupings of children can change regularly according to needs and understanding.

- **How will I know how my child is doing?**

The school uses School Pupil Tracker Online (SPTO) which tracks the children's progress with core subjects. Interventions are also tracked and monitored for impact and how successful they are. There are parents' evenings in the Autumn and Spring terms and reports are written in the Summer term. In addition to this, children with complex needs or in receipt of an Education, Health and Care Plan will have an Annual Review or SEN Support review meeting to inform and plan for next steps. Any parent with a child who has SEND can request a plan-do-review meeting.

- **What support will there be for my child's overall well-being, including emotional and social development?**

In addition to support received for academic subjects, there is a range of pastoral support available. The Jigsaw program is used to deliver PSHE across all classes. There is always the opportunity for any child to talk with an adult over any concerns and anxieties. We also have a Parent and Family Support Advisor (PFSA) who can work with children and families. Specific support plans will be put into place for children experiencing difficulties with behaviour and those needing medical support or intimate care. All children have access to a trusted adult who they can talk to. Children's views are expressed through the school council meetings and 1-1 interviews. Each class also has a wow, worry and wish box where children can put worries to their teacher.

- **What specialist services does the school access?**

When a child has a specific need, we can access county services such as Educational Psychology, Learning Support Services and Lead Advisory teacher for Social, Emotional and Mental Health (listed below). We also access advice for physical impairments and medical

conditions, including hearing and vision support. We can access Speech and Language Therapists, Physiotherapists and Occupational Therapists via the NHS when needed.

- **How accessible is the school environment?**

The school site is wheelchair accessible. There is a therapy suite with a large changing bed and hoist. All children have the right to access class trips wherever it is safe for them to do so. For those children with additional needs, alternative provision can be made, for example, additional adult support, alternative travel arrangements, or alternative arrangements for the administration of medicines. We are an inclusive school and encourage all staff and children to use Somerset Total Communication strategies and signs (STC). For more information please see our separate Accessibility Plan.

- **How will the school support my child's transitions to a new setting?**

Prior to starting in Reception, children identified as having Special Educational Needs will have a School Entry Planning meeting. This will be attended by parents, pre-school staff, school staff and any external professionals involved in supporting your child. It plans out how all concerned can make the transition to school as smooth as possible. For children with medical needs, this will include identifying staff training needs to ensure your child's needs are fully met. All families will be invited to a New Parents' meeting to gather information. The Reception teacher will also visit pre-schools to meet the children in a familiar setting. All children will be invited to sessions to ensure they are familiar with the staff and the setting in advance. Home visits are also carried out by our Reception class teacher and teaching assistant.

On moving to secondary school, children in Year 6 with additional needs are discussed with the SENDCo at the secondary school once places have been allocated. Additional visits can be organised by the secondary school for children with additional needs. If your child has complex needs, an Annual Review or SEN Support Review meeting will happen in the Summer term and a representative from the secondary school will be invited to attend. The SEND policy provides further information.

- **What training is provided for support staff that work with children with SEND?**

All adults who work with individuals or groups of children on interventions will have received training to deliver the sessions. These sessions are overseen by the class teacher and SENDCo to monitor the progress of the children. Where additional specific training is required to address a child's individual needs, the school brings in external trainers to deliver this. Ongoing training and updates are delivered by the school SENDCo through regular meetings.

- **How are the school's resources allocated and matched to children's SEN needs?**

We ensure that the needs of children who have additional needs are met to the best of the school's ability with the funds available. This may include specialist equipment and/or facilities. We also have a team of TAs who are funded from the SEND budget and deliver programmes to meet groups and individual needs. The budget is allocated annually on a needs basis. The children who have the most complex needs are given the most support, often involving a TA.

### **Who do I see if I am worried?**

- Speak to your child's class teacher.
- If you are still concerned, you can make an appointment to meet the SENDCo (Lyn Hopkins)
- If you feel matters are still not resolved, you can make an appointment with the Headteacher (Nicola Stoddart) to discuss your concerns.
- If you still have concerns, you may contact our Chair of Governors.

### **Further Support**

You can also access support from our Parent and Family Support Advisor, Trudy Turner. She can support and advise you in a wide range of situations.

### **Who might work with my child?**

A range of outside professionals might be called in to support the

school in providing the best opportunities for every child. These include:

- Speech and Language Therapists
- Educational Psychologists
- Learning Support Advisory Teachers
- Social, Emotional and Mental Health Advisory Teacher
- Physical Impairment and Medical Support
- Hearing Impairment Advisory Teachers
- Visual Impairment Advisory Teachers
- Occupational Therapists
- Physiotherapists
- Autism and Communication Advisors

For further information, contact details for these services and to access the Local Offer, please look at the Choices website for further SEND information: [www.somersetchoices.org.uk](http://www.somersetchoices.org.uk)

For more information

Contact the School Office on: 01823 432 582

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