



SEND Information Report

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Our approach to teaching children with SEND

At Woodlands Academy we strive to support all children to enable them to enjoy their learning and reach their full potential.

We promote a 'whole school approach' to teaching and learning which involves staff adopting a model of high quality inclusive practice. This aims to:

- provide a broad and balanced curriculum, offering children a range of experiences which are relevant to their present and future interests and needs
- maximise each child's opportunities to experience success and achievement and to develop a positive self-image
- remove barriers to learning by understanding the needs of all pupils

What kinds of needs can be supported at our school?

As an inclusive school, children with every type of need, including all categories of SEND, are supported at Woodlands Academy and we endeavour to ensure that every child in our school makes good progress and is well prepared for the next phase of their learning journey.



Who can I talk to about my child's needs?

- The class teacher
- Acting Head teacher/SENCO- Ms Hasker



- Acting Assistant Head- Miss Moxom



Appointments can be made through your child's class email address or by contacting office@woodlands.ealing.sch.uk

How are children's needs identified?

All children are different, so at Woodlands Academy we spend time identifying the individual needs of all children, whether they have a special educational need or not, before they enter school and throughout their school life. This includes visiting every new member of our school community at home, before they join the school or, where appropriate, inviting them to meet with us in school. This allows us to meet the child, with their parents/carers, in advance of them starting at the school and establish whether any additional support may be needed.

Sometimes we are informed about their needs by parents; sometimes by external agencies already working with them; sometimes needs are identified as we get to know the child and realise that they are not making the expected level of progress, often because they cannot access the curriculum in the same way as other children their age can. On other occasions, we may be informed of a need identified by a previous setting.

How are children's needs identified before they start at our school?

As soon as we know that a child will definitely be attending our school we gather information about each child so we can plan for his/her needs and ensure that he/she settles into our school happily and makes good progress in lessons.

We gather information by a variety of means:

- Parent information meetings
- Discussions with any outside organisations or agencies previously involved with the child
- Questionnaires to parents and children
- Working with previous schools or educational settings
- Home visits for Nursery children and children new to the school
- Visits to previous school by arrangement

How are children's needs identified whilst children are at our school?

By working with the children

- Pupil voice: circle time – an opportunity for children to say what is on their minds; School Council – a democratically elected group of children who act as a vehicle for listening and responding to other children and issues at Woodlands Academy; Worry boxes- children can share worries and concerns with their teacher through the worry box.
- Discussions with the children while working with them.
- Classroom or playground observation by the teacher, teaching assistant, SENCo, Educational Psychologist or other external agency.
- Scrutiny of children's work. All pupils' progress and achievement is assessed by teachers in every lesson. Academic achievement and progress information is collected for each pupil, half termly, in order to ensure that all pupils are making good progress and will achieve their targets.

By a Parent telling us

- By informally talking to the class teacher
- Parents' consultation evenings
- At a meeting with the school's Special Educational Needs Co-ordinator (SENCo) or Acting Assistant Head.

Teacher assessments

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Other information that may be used to identify pupil needs

We also use other sources of information to ensure that pupils are happy and do not need any other support. These include:

- analysis of behaviour records
- analysis of welfare logs (in our online contact logs)
- information from another school a pupil has attended
- other agencies e.g. speech and language, educational psychologist etc.
- regular reviews of progress against SEND desired outcomes
- monitoring of existing provisions and their impact
- monitoring of whole school and SEND data

How do we work in partnership with parents/carers of children with SEND?

We try to work closely with all our parents/carers to ensure that all pupils are settled and make expected progress. Working in partnership with parents/carers of children with SEND is even more important, so we also do the following:

- Communicate regularly and informally through quick informal discussions at the beginning and/or end of the school days as and when needed
- Phone calls, emails and letters home
- Home school record books, if appropriate.
- Have an open door policy so that parents can see the class teacher and/or SENCo if they have a particular concern and would like a longer discussion. Appointments for these meetings can be made via the school office. Meetings may also be held with other members of the Senior Leadership Team.
- Termly meetings with class teachers and SENCo to discuss the child's progress and identify any additional needs. These often take place on Parents' Evening and are also an opportunity for parents to discuss their child's Learning Plan (see SEN Policy).
- Include the progress a child with SEND has made towards his/her desired outcomes in his/her annual report.
- Provide parents/carers with a copy of the desired outcomes agreed for their child and the strategies and interventions set up in school to help him/her achieve them.
- Annual Reviews for children with EHCP plans.



How do we support children with SEND?

How do we enable children with SEND to make decisions about their education?

We encourage all children, including those with SEND, to make decisions about their own education. All children are expected to evaluate their own learning progress and discuss their needs with their teacher.

We do this through:

- Questioning and discussions in lessons
- Asking questions in books
- During assemblies
- School Council
- Self and peer assessments
- Target-setting
- Extra-curricular activities



Children with SEND support

Children with SEND support have planned interventions which are recorded on the school's provision map outlining the extra support they need in order to achieve additional agreed outcomes. These outcomes are decided by the class teacher and the SENCo with parental involvement and advice from external agencies. They are evaluated at the end of the term or at the end of the intervention.



Children with an Educational Health Care (EHC) plan

In addition to termly review meetings, we also hold an Annual Review meeting for children with statements or EHC plans. We work with the parents and pupil and invite all the people needed, including health care professionals, to review the progress made against the outcomes in the EHC plan. We also aim to include the children's views in this meeting in as appropriate a way as possible. This will include any information that the child wishes to share with the adults involved, including important information about their views and aims in life. Children may also attend the whole of the Annual Review Meeting, part of the meeting, or just state their views.

Transition

How do we help children when they move to our school?

Before any child moves to our school we try and find out as much about them as possible to help them settle in quickly. We contact their previous educational setting and meet with parents to complete the necessary transfer of information procedures and all our new children also have the opportunity to come and visit the school. We also visit every new child that starts at Woodlands in their home, where possible, allowing them to meet school staff in a familiar and comfortable environment. Given the current Covid restrictions and precautions, home visits and tours are not always possible, so families will be invited to meet with staff in school instead.

Once we know that a child has SEND, we will meet with his/her parents/carers to decide on the desired outcomes we are all working towards and develop a plan to support the child in order to achieve these outcomes. Some plans may also detail a "transition plan" to help a particular child settle into school easily and happily. However, this transition should only take a short amount of time and will be decided on during the initial meeting.



How do we help children when they move to another school?

Whenever any child moves to another school we always pass on school records to the new school.

If a child has SEND we also:

- Pass on all SEND records
- Liaise with the SENCo/Assistant Head for Inclusion or a member of the senior management team at the new school to clarify any information and provide any necessary advice
- For children with statements or EHC plans, we usually organise some extra visits to the new school or work with them to help prepare them for the transition. For instance, the SENCo may help the child to compile a Transition Book of photographs, drawings and some writing which he/she then takes home to refer to.
- For transition to secondary school, we support SEN children by running the Speech and Language service's transition group to prepare children for the move to secondary school.



How do we help children when they move between classes and /or phases of education?

When moving classes in school:

- Information will be passed on to the new class teacher in advance during a planning meeting between the new teacher and previous one. In addition, the SENCo will be available to answer any specific queries or provide updates for the new teacher.
- Children will also visit their new classrooms and spend some time getting to know the class teacher and teaching assistant. Additional visits can also be arranged for specific children who show anxiety about change and a Transition Book made to help support them.



How are adaptations made to help children with SEND?

- Class teachers plan lessons according to the specific needs of all groups of children in their class and will ensure that your child's needs are met.
- Specific resources and strategies will be used to support your child individually and in groups.
- Planning and teaching will be adapted on a daily basis, if needed, to meet each child's learning needs.
- A number of interventions which support learning, depending on the particular needs of individual children, are organised.



- The premises are on one level and provide easy access for pupils with physical disabilities. Staff are trained in delivering interventions, as necessary, to meet current and emerging SEND.
- Children have the opportunity to attend sports competitions, such as Boccia and 10 pin bowling, to compete against pupils with SEND from other schools.



| Staff members | Training completed |
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| All staff | <p>Are trained in the requirements of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The SEND Code of Practice The Equality Act All general school policies on teaching and learning and behaviour management, including information on how to include children with SEND School Inset on SEND topics <p>Individual members of staff have attended courses relating to the particular needs of children they support. This has included topics such as: working with children with speech and language difficulties, social communication difficulties and managing challenging behaviour, developmental trauma, emotion coaching and Autism training.</p> |
| Teaching Assistants and Learning Support Assistants | <p>Our Teaching Assistants (depending on their roles) have had training in the following areas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Speech and language (SLT) programmes Occupational Therapy (OT) programmes Behaviour Management Autistic Spectrum Disorders (ASD) Phonics Reading support Writing support Maths support Forest School |
| Teaching staff | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Autistic Spectrum Disorders (ASD) Speech and Language needs Assessment Behaviour Management Differentiation/scaffolding Moderation Forest School |
| SEND leadership | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> National SENCo Accreditation Team Teach de-escalation techniques Autistic Spectrum Disorders (ASD), ADHD and social communication difficulties |

Working with other agencies

The school works with a range of different agencies and professionals to support children's needs.



These include:

- Speech and Language Therapy service
- Occupational Therapy service
- School Health Advisors
- Educational Psychology service
- The SAFE team
- Ealing Primary Centre
- Social care
- Specialist health professionals, including school nurse
- Outreach support from special schools



Supporting emotional and social development

At Woodlands Academy we have a positive approach to behaviour management which is supported by the following school policies:

- Attendance
- Behaviour
- Child Protection and Safeguarding
- Online Safety
- Supporting children with medical needs
- SEN

We also teach children to help them socially and emotionally in the following ways:

- PSHE (Personal, social, healthcare and emotional) lessons
- Circle time
- Promoting Anti-bullying messages through our school anti-bullying charter
- Regular emotion check ins each day, for children to self-assess their emotions on a scale of 1-5
- Assemblies
- Small group interventions and social stories
- Informal mentoring sessions
- Calm corners in every classroom



- If necessary, we also support pupils' social and emotional development via individual support plans that teach social skills and coping strategies as well as access therapeutic support from outside agencies such as:
 - Ealing Primary Centre
 - Educational Psychology service
 - SAFE

How effective is our SEND provision?

Last year, despite the limitations as a result of the pandemic, we provided the following interventions for children with SEND:

- differentiated phonics, literacy, handwriting and numeracy groups
- individual OT and speech and language therapy programmes
- Touch typing
- Lego Therapy groups
- Talking Box/ Box Clever
- Homework Club
- Managed play
- Differentiated behaviour plans with achievable targets and milestones

We also provided individual programmes of support carried out by specifically-trained Learning Support Assistants (LSA) for our pupils with EHC plans.



Resources

Resources are distributed according to need. Once a need has been identified, the school will provide the appropriate resources, though this does not always happen immediately as organising a resource can take time. EHCP plans will set out the main objectives requiring some form of intervention.

There are currently 49 children on our SEND register (26%), as well as a number who are on SEND monitoring and these children may either be added to the SEND register, when working directly with external agencies, or taken off completely if they are making progress without need for additional intervention.



What do I do if you have a concern about the quality or effectiveness of support your child is getting?

All teaching is monitored to ensure that it is of sufficiently good quality by the school's leadership team and other agencies, such as the Local Authority (LA) and Ofsted. This is done by observing lessons, reviewing books, assessing the appropriateness of the classroom environment for the age group concerned, reviewing the progress of all children and seeking feedback from pupils and parents/carers. This information is reported to the school Governors and reported in the Minutes.

External monitoring of the school is provided by Ofsted.

Ealing Council has overall monitoring responsibility of children with EHC Plans.

If you have any concerns about your child's well-being or academic progress at any time please contact school personnel in this order:

1. Class Teacher
2. Acting Assistant Head
3. Acting Head Teacher/SENCO
4. Chair of Governors

The school's complaints policy can be found on the website.

This school information report underpins the LA local offer at https://www.ealing.gov.uk/info/201020/children_and_families/2110/special_educational_needs_and_disability