



WYNDHAM
SPENCER ACADEMY

SEND School Information report

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This document has been written within the context of the Governors' aims and objectives, which they summarise in the mission statement

“Together, we can create a world with endless possibilities”

Wyndham Spencer Academy is an inclusive school where diversity is celebrated. The Governing Body believes that the admissions criteria should not discriminate against pupils with SEND. Therefore, we ensure that we admit pupils already identified as having special educational needs, as well as identifying and providing for pupils not previously identified as having SEND.

We are a school which recognises the entitlement of all pupils to a broad and balanced curriculum. Our SEND aims reinforce the need for teaching that is fully inclusive to ensure that children with SEND are not treated less favourably. We recognise that effective teaching for SEND is effective teaching for all pupils and understand that supporting children with SEND is everyone's responsibility; working to the mantra 'Every teacher is a teacher of SEND and every leader is a leader of SEND'.

What is SEND and SEND support?

SEND stands for special educational needs and, or a disability.

The Code of Practice 2014 states that:

'A student has SEN where their learning difficulty or disability calls for special educational provision, that is different from or additional to that normally available to CYP of the same age.'

Many children will have special educational needs of some kind during their education. Schools and other organisations can help most children overcome the barriers their difficulties present quickly and easily. A few children will need extra help for some or all of their time in school

Who are the best people to talk to at our school about my child's difficulties with learning / SEND?

Every class teacher has responsibility for:

- checking on the progress of your child
- identifying, planning and delivering the differentiated curriculum for your child in class as required
- personalised teaching and learning for your child
- ensuring that the school's SEND Policy is followed in their classroom.

Principal: Kirsty Whiting

Vice Principal/SENCo: Euan Holden

SEND governor: Audrey McCallum

Other key staff: Suzannah Hemmings (Safeguarding and Attendance Officer), Debbie McCullough (SEND Admin), Nicol Winfield-Murray/Katie McCabe (Associate Senior Leaders), Jenny O'Riordan (Curriculum Director with responsibility for Inclusion)

They are responsible for:

- developing and reviewing the school's SEND Information report/ policy
- co-ordinating all the support for students with special educational needs or disabilities
- updating the school's SEND register (a system for ensuring that all the SEND needs of students in the school are known) and making sure those records of your child's progress and needs are kept up to date and are confidential
- providing specialist support for teachers and support staff in the school, so that they can help students with SEND in the school to achieve the best possible progress.

They are also responsible for ensuring that you are:

- involved in supporting your child's learning
- kept informed about the support your child is receiving
- involved in reviewing how your child is doing and liaising with all other agencies which may be involved with your child e.g. Educational Psychology, Behaviour Support Service, Social Care and Health Service.

The kinds of SEND provided for in our school are:

When identifying the nature of a child or young person's special educational needs, the four areas of need taken into account are:

- communication and interaction
- cognition and learning
- social, emotional and mental health difficulties
- sensory and/or physical needs.

The school recognises that the pupils may need support in more than one of these areas.

How are pupils with SEND identified at our school?

Referring to the 'SEND code of practice: 0-25' 2014, a CYP has SEN 'where their learning difficulty or disability calls for special educational provision, that is ***provision different from or additional to that normally available to pupils of the same age***'.

Class teachers make regular assessments of progress for all CYP. From this, the school is able to identify CYP making less than expected progress given their age and individual circumstances. Other factors including attendance, punctuality and health are considered. Consideration is also given to the particular circumstances of students, for example those who are in Care and/ or eligible for the Pupil Premium.

When deciding whether to make special educational provision, a meeting will be arranged between the SENCo and class teacher to consider all the information gathered from within the school. Parents/carers will also be asked to contribute at this meeting. Parents/carers will be notified by a telephone call/letter of the meeting, when the following will be discussed:

- the CYP areas of strengths and difficulties
- any parent/carer concerns
- planning any additional support your child may receive
- discussing with you, any referrals to outside professionals, to support your child's learning.

Where a CYP is identified as having SEND, the school will seek to remove barriers to learning and put SEND provision in place. THE SEND support will take the form of a four part cycle:

- Assess** - an analysis of CYP need will be carried out by the class teacher and SENCo.
Outside agencies may also be involved.
- Plan** - if the school decides to provide the CYP with SEN support parents/carers will be notified/involved. All staff involved with the CYP will be informed.
- Do** - interventions/support will be delivered.
- Review** - the effectiveness of the intervention/support will be reviewed regularly.

We aim to work with the CYP and parents through this process.

Our School is:

Wyndham Spencer Academy is larger than average Spencer school with an age range of 3 to 11. Wyndham Spencer Academy gained academy status in 2012. We have a fully inclusive approach to children with SEND. As much as possible children remain in class and learn at the same level and speed as their peers. Teachers and support staff are highly skilled at supporting and scaffolding learning for children with SEND in class and identifying those that require further support through our highly skilled teaching staff.

We recognise that some children still find it difficult to cope with the demands of a mainstream classroom so some children are supported in a small group provision that focuses on basic maths and English skills for predominantly children with ASD. The aim of this group is to support children at their individual level whilst developing social and life skills to support children in their life beyond our school. We also run interventions supporting children with physical and sensory difficulties, in Hearing or Visual Impaired groups as well as our Nurture group which supports children with social and emotional difficulties. Our own Speech and Language HLLA and LA work to support children with these difficulties.

What are the different types of support available at our school?

Teachers have the highest possible expectations for your child and all CYP in their class. The quality of teaching and learning is reviewed regularly to ensure all children receive Quality First Teaching as part of their daily diet. The school has a training plan for all staff to improve the teaching and learning of CYP, including those with SEND. This includes whole school training on SEND, throughout all CPD.

Strategies to support your child:

- Teachers adapt planning to support the needs of CYP with SEND.
- Teachers use a variety of teaching styles and cater for different learning styles to allow CYP with SEND to access the curriculum.
- Teachers and other adults in the classroom work together to give targeted support according to your child's needs.
- High levels of scaffolding are used to support all children to access learning and ensure they make progress.
- Your child is fully involved and included in all learning in class and during external visits/experiences.
- Pre/Post teaching interventions target learning gaps of all pupils through the use of whole class marking.
- Strategies which may be suggested by the SENCo or other professionals working with your child are in place to support your child to learn.
- All staff are trained to ensure pupils with SEND are treated no less favourably than other pupils.

Adaptations to curriculum or learning environment may be made to remove barriers to learning but these are very dependent on every child's individual needs.

Strategies may include:

- Sitting at the front of the classroom
- Using enlarged resources
- Use of ICT
- Adaptations to individual timetables
- Use of colour overlays
- Visual timetable provided
- Assistive technology

- Having someone scribe your work

There are many more that may be put in place depending on the individual pupils needs.

People who support

We have a SEND team which is made up of a large number of people across school. This team works in two ways; strategically and operationally. Our strategic team, consisting of the SENCO, Associate Senior Leaders, SEND Admin and a Curriculum Director, meet on a half termly basis and focus on improving outcomes for children with SEND. They focus on attendance, monitoring the quality of teaching and provision for children with SEND, the content of the curriculum and accessibility for all children and identifying children that need further support. The operational team, made up of 'experts' from around school each have an individual area of SEND that they are responsible for. These cover the four areas of SEND and ensure our staff have the knowledge and skills to support children effectively and have knowledgeable others that they can seek advice from where required.

Key staff that support children with SEND:

Speech and Language HLLA – supports children with speech and language difficulties, liaising with SaLT team at Derby City Council. Also responsible for Hearing Impaired and Visual Impaired groups.

Provision staff – Highly skilled support staff that deliver focused provision based on the needs of the children. We work closely with other schools, both mainstream and special schools, to ensure we are constantly reflecting on what is right for our children.

Outside agencies

You may be asked to give permission for your child to be referred to a specialist professional, e.g. Educational Psychologist, Autism Advisor or Speech and Language Therapist. This will help the school and you to understand your child's needs better and so support them more effectively.

The specialist professional may work directly with you and your child and may make recommendations on support strategies to be used at home and in school.

How we measure progress?

CYP progress is continually monitored by Class teachers and the Senior Leadership team as well as the SENCo. Progress is reviewed at regular intervals and formally once each term. If your child has SEND Support or an EHC Plan, you will receive a termly report on their progress as well as having the opportunity to speak to class teachers at a parents'/carers' evening.

The progress of CYP with an EHC Plan is formally reviewed at an annual review, at least once a year.

The SENCo will also monitor that the CYP is making good progress in any targeted work while also monitoring the effectiveness of the provision or interventions.

Evaluating Effectiveness

The SENCo and school leadership team will use the four-part cycle (Assess, Plan, Do, Review) through which earlier decisions and actions are revisited, refined and revised with a growing understanding of the CYP needs and of what supports the CYP in making good progress and securing good outcomes. This is known as the graduated approach (6.44 CoP). Regular reviews of interventions and provision ensure that the effectiveness of support given to children with SEN is constantly evaluated. Children receiving SEN support will have termly review meetings, in which parent views, child views, and school information is all

considered in order to review their progress against targets. In addition, children with an EHCP will also receive an annual review.

How can I let the school know I am concerned about my child's progress in school?

If you have concerns about your child's progress you should, in the first instance, speak to your child's class teacher. If necessary, they will arrange a time that they can meet with you to fully discuss your concerns. The class teacher will discuss your child's learning needs and interventions that are in place to meet your child's needs. They will then discuss your concerns with the SENCo who will decide how SEND support can be identified. Parents of children identified as needing SEN support will be invited to a meeting to discuss the provision made for their child.

If you have concerns that your child has an unmet special educational need after speaking to one of the above staff, you should contact Mr Holden (SENCo) through the school office.

What support is there for my child's overall wellbeing?

Our school has a Safeguarding and Attendance Officer (Suzannah Hemmings) who can discuss issues concerning your child. They are often free to discuss children's wellbeing needs and liaise with the correct staff when parental concerns have arisen. Our Pastoral team work closely to monitor and promote well-being across school. They identify children that need further support with this and there are a number of groups or activities to promote wellbeing at Wyndham Spencer Academy. Our Nurture group is designed to improve children's social and emotional skills as well as improving independence and cooperation with peers. A range of targeted interventions can be run, dependent on the needs of children such as restorative justice, social skills, and stranger danger to promote safety and social development. These aim to improve wellbeing amongst CYP. We also have peer buddies within groups, a playground stop and staff buddies which ensure all children's wellbeing is paramount. Our Mental Health First Aiders, within the Pastoral Team, also support children's emotional needs.

Supporting children's wellbeing may involve working alongside outside agencies such as the Health Service, and/or specialist educational services. These are discussed in our weekly Pastoral team meeting that includes our PSHE/Mental Health lead, attendance officer and DSL, Engagement Ambassador, community lead and Phase 1 lead for well-being with support identified.

How is SEND support allocated to CYP at our School?

The Code of Practice 2014 states that:

'A student has SEN where their learning difficulty or disability calls for special educational provision, that is different from or additional to that normally available to CYP of the same age':

- CYP who are underachieving and failing to meet targets have interventions in and out of class.
- CYP are moved on to SEND support when, despite accessing catch up interventions, they are still not making expected progress and are not meeting their targets.
- For a minority of CYP who are not making progress in more than one subject we would investigate using the graduated approach for an extended period.
- CYP with more complex needs who may also require support from outside agencies would be classified as SEND support.

SEN support at Wyndham Spencer Academy, is allocated using a graduated approach. Children requiring provision above and beyond that of what is expected for a child of their age will receive additional support (Wave 2 provision). If after further intervention and assessment is carried out and reviewed, it is decided that a child requires additional support external agencies may be requested to be involved (Wave 3 provision). Provision is planned for, allocated and implemented and then reviewed and assessed at regular intervals to ensure the understanding of a child's SEN is constantly monitored and improved.

The school budget is received from Derby City Local Authority, which includes funding to support CYP with SEND. The Principal and Vice Principal/SENCo decide on the budget allocation for SEND in consultation with the school governors, on the basis of needs within the school. The Principal and SENCo discuss information they have about SEND including:

- CYP already receiving extra support
- CYP needing extra support
- CYP who have been identified as not making as much progress as expected
- CYP that may require additional funding bids

All resources/training and support are reviewed regularly and changes made as necessary. CYP will be taken off the SEND register if and when targets/outcomes have been achieved.

Who else could support your child with SEND?

Directly funded by the academy:

- Teachers to ensure all children receive Quality First Teaching
- Teaching Assistants funded from SEN budget who support in class and deliver programmes designed to meet individual and group needs
- Nurture group and other SEND Provisions
- Educational Psychologist
- Autism Advisor
- Behaviour Support Service (LA) as requested on a needs basis

Paid for centrally by LA/Health Service but referred through the academy:

- Speech and Language Therapy
- Occupational Therapy
- Multi-agency team
- Support Services for the Hearing, Physically & Visually impaired
- Connexions Careers Service
- Build Sound Minds
- Community Learning Disabilities Team
- Child and Adolescent Mental Health Service (CAMHS)

- Social Care
- School Nurse
- Physiotherapy Service

Voluntary Sector:

- Umbrella
- SENDIASS
- Fun&bility
- Disability Direct
- Derby City Parent and Carer Forum
- Voices in action

For more information go to www.derby.gov.uk/sendlocaloffer to see the Derby City Local Offer.

What support do we have for you as a parent/carer of a child with SEND?

This section is also appropriate for children and young people who are looked after by the Local Authority (corporate parent)

- Class teachers, Associate Senior Leaders, SENCo, Principal, Vice Principals and the Safeguarding and Attendance Officer are available to discuss issues, as appropriate to their roles in school.
- Your child's targets will be reviewed 3 times a year and we will work closely with you to plan and review these with Individual Plans, once each term.
- We will hold meetings with outside professionals where and when appropriate.
- We hold three parents/carers evenings per year.
- We will share information with you about parent/carer support groups.
- Referral to SENDIASS if required.

How does the school support CYP with medical conditions?

The school follows '**Supporting pupils at school with medical conditions: Statutory guidance for governing bodies of maintained schools and proprietors of academies in England**', April 2014.

The school has a policy regarding the administration and management of medicines on the school site, which can be found on the schools website. Some CYP will have a care plan in place.

Staff have updates on conditions and medication affecting individual students and training, where appropriate, so that they are able to manage medical situations.

How is our school accessible to CYP with SEND?

Wyndham Spencer Academy is accessible for children with SEND. We have a disabled toilet, showering facilities, electronic doors in places and ramps for outside classrooms and accessing the Foundation Stage

garden. We also have a rise and fall changing bed within the Foundation Stage. The school's Accessibility Plan and Equalities Policy provide details of the school's accessibility and indicates priorities to improve accessibility in terms of curriculum access/access to information/physical access etc.

As far as is reasonable, teaching resources and equipment used are equally accessible to all CYP. After school and extra-curricular provision is accessible to all CYP including those with SEND. We run a range of after school clubs including different sports, choir and self-defence designed to engage a range of children including those with SEND. We also run 'Catch Up Clubs' that are all fully inclusive provisions.

All CYP have an equal opportunity to go on all school visits. Extra support is provided if required. Educational visits will only be planned to locations accessible to all. Risk assessments are carried out prior to any off site activity.

How will my child be supported through transitions?

The school recognises that transitions can be difficult for CYP with SEND and their families and so take steps to ensure any transition is as smooth as possible.

If your child is moving to another school:

- we will contact the school's SENCo and ensure they know about any special arrangements and support that needs to be made for your child
- all records about your child are passed on as soon as possible.

When moving classes in school:

- information will be passed on to new class teachers. All relevant information will be shared.
- Extra transition support can be put in place dependent on the needs of each individual

Starting school

On entry to the school each child's attainment will be assessed. This will help to inform the school of a child's aptitudes, abilities, and attainments, and will be used to improve continuity in learning. Strategies used include:

- Visits to school
- Parent sessions
- Share records
- Home visits
- Liaise with previous nurseries/pre schools

Transition from Key Stage 2 to Key Stage 3:

- Completion of the Derby City Transition Portal by school staff to identify early indicators for the need for additional transition.
- Member of staff from Secondary School may visit your child's primary school.
- SENCo discussions between schools
- Transition meeting with staff from both schools
- Record sharing
- Enhanced transition, which includes visits and activities with designated members of staff

How will my child be able to share their views?

We value and celebrate each CYP being able to express their views on all aspects of school life.

As part of our graduated approach to SEN all children are involved in reviewing their provision and targets. If your child has a statement/EHC Plan, they will be involved in writing and reviewing their own outcomes termly and at the end of year review.

Children with SEN support all get chance to discuss their Individual Plan targets so they are aware of them. They then comment on the targets after reviews to ensure their views are shared.

CYP have to the opportunity to complete a questionnaire about aspects of the school.

What training have the staff had about SEND?

There is an on-going professional development programme throughout the school year which addresses areas of SEND within the school. Development opportunities include:

- Quality First Teaching and inclusive practice
- ADHD, ASD, Dyslexia, Diabetes etc.
- National Award for SENCo
- Using specialist medical equipment such as Epipen, defibrillator
- Manual Handling of children with SEND
- Safeguarding
- Attachment Difficulties
- Attachment Lead in Schools Status
- Mastery approach to learning
- Speech, Language and Communication
- Specialist training for individual needs
- Positive handling training
- Attention Therapy training

The training of staff is dependent on the current needs of the children within our school.

What if I want to complain?

Our school has a complaints policy which can be found on our website. If you wish to complain, we always suggest you come and speak to us first to try to resolve any issues.

If you still want to complain, you can do so in writing to Miss Kirsty Ryan, the school Principal (Please see the Complaints Policy for full details).

Linked documents on the school's website include:

- SEND Policy
- Complaints Policy
- Pupil Behaviour, Discipline and Anti-Bullying Policy
- Accessibility plan
- Equalities Policy
- Safeguarding Policy

These can be found in the Policies and Documents section of our website at <http://www.wyndhamacademy.org/index.php/policies-documents>

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