

Special Educational Needs at



This leaflet is designed to provide straightforward answers to some of the difficult questions often faced by parents. We hope to support parents with understanding how SEN support works at our school.

What does SEND mean now with the changes to the Children and Families Bill?

- ◆ SEND means Special Educational Needs and Disabilities and is now how the Government title what was SEN. Essentially, for children with SEN this means exactly the same that it always has done; that they may require some additional support. The way in which children with SEN are supported and the way that funding and resources is used, is dependent upon the systems that a school adopts.

How will my child be supported in school?

- ◆ All children's needs are reviewed and assessed every half term. We look carefully at the individual child when we decide how to support their needs.
- ◆ If certain areas such as reading, speech and language or maths are particularly tricky for your child, we will put interventions in place to support them. This will be communicated with you through their Individual Education Plan at the start of every half term. Because we believe in developing life long learning skills and independence, we recognise the need to give children opportunities to work alone or in small groups. Adult support is carefully planned for to ensure this.

Will my child always have SEN?

- ◆ This is a very difficult question to answer and is sometimes the one that matters the most. We aim to ensure that all children make excellent progress at their level and with their most pertinent needs being met. Every year we review holistic progress that children on the SEN register make with parents, and where appropriate other professionals, and discuss the child's SEN. An IEP, Statement or Education Health and Care Plan is only in place for as long as the child needs it.

Where else can I seek support outside of the school day?

- ◆ The Kirklees Local Offer in the central point of information for SEND for parents and families. The link to their website is www.kirkleeslocaloffer.org.uk
- ◆ The Kirklees Information and Advice Service can inform you of key services available for children and families with SEN. Their email is kias@kirklees.gov.uk or the phone number 01484 225422.
- ◆ Additionally, we have a Local Nurse assigned to our school who can help in or out of school who can help with both medical needs or things such as sleep routines, or eating habits.

What can I do to help my child?

- ◆ The first port of call for any advice or any information is your child's class teacher. This can either be at the end of the school day or via an appointment made at the school office.
- ◆ The SENCO, Mrs Ransom, is also available on Mondays and Tuesdays to meet with parents.
- ◆ IEPs sent home every half term are a useful way of supporting your child's most pertinent needs and finding out about what they are doing in school.

If you require more information about our in school systems for identifying, monitoring and supporting children with SEN please see the SEND section of the school website which contains our School Information Report, The SEN Policy and Key Contact points.