

Coxheath Primary School's SEND Local Offer 2024

We aspire for the children who attend Coxheath Primary School to leave us in Year 6 with an Ethic of Excellence; the skills and positive thinking needed to achieve their ambitions and to lead happy, successful lives. We encourage all children to exceed their own expectations and to challenge themselves to achieve this. We hold this as true for every child who attends our school, regardless of background or special need.

The SEN Register has been modified in line with the requirements of the new SEN Code of Practice.

The school has a SENCo. This role oversees vulnerable children with SEN, EAL and Looked After. The SENCo works closely with other members of staff including the, Assistant Head for Inclusion, Assistant SENCo and Children and Families Support Officer (CAFSO)

At present we have: 11% SEN, 1% have EHC Plans and 10% SEN Support.

Where is the Local Authority's Local Offer Published?

The local authority's local offer is published on the SEND Information hub at:
<https://www.kent.gov.uk/education-and-children/special-educational-needs>

Giving Children and Parents a Voice

We believe that it is important that children and parents are listened to and have a part in understanding and forming the provision at our school. Parents are informed about the outcomes and provision put in place for their child and suggested ways to help at home are given. Our learning plans and interventions are reviewed with the children in child-friendly format. Pupil voice is sought and shared with parents to ensure that children are actively learning in and enjoying their interventions.

In addition, we have a School Council, with representatives from each year group and the Head boy and Girl. The school council meets regularly and their views are taken seriously by the School Leadership Team.

Parents are encouraged to meet with the SENCo or the Children's and Families Support Officer. When the necessity arises personalised plans for learning, pastoral support or behaviour, are drawn up with parents and reviewed at regular (at least termly) intervals. We value the views of parents and their contribution.

What do we do to Help Children with SEN?

High quality teaching, adapted for individual pupils, is the first step in responding to pupils who have or may have SEN. Additional intervention and support cannot compensate for a lack of good quality teaching. We regularly and carefully review the quality of teaching for all pupils, including those at risk of underachievement. This includes reviewing and where necessary improving teacher's understanding of strategies to identify and support vulnerable pupils and their knowledge of the SEN most frequently encountered. *SEN Code of Practice (2014. 6.37)*

SEN training is offered to all staff and tailored training is attended where necessary. We have members of staff trained to work with children with Autism, ADHD, Speech and Language Difficulties, Nurture for emotional and behavioural needs, fine and gross motor difficulties, Specific learning e.g. reading and we ensure that this is updated as needed. We make full use of advice and training offered to us particularly from Five Acre Wood, the Specialist Teaching and Learning Service,

NHS therapists and a private Speech and Language Therapist who visits Coxheath termly to assess children, develop programmes and train Teaching Assistants.

We aim to help children with SEN achieve independence and so we do not always simply place a child with SEN with an adult in lessons. We carefully consider their provision and build in times of scaffolded independent learning for either part of the day or part of each lesson. Where a child does need 1:1 support, we ensure that this is closely overseen by the Class Teacher as well as the SENCO.

Additional provision is planned by teachers when appropriate in consultation with parents, the SENCO, the child and other involved adults such as the Specialist Teaching Service. It is checked and overseen by the SENCO. This provision may include, but is not limited to reading (1:1 and group reading or phonics), handwriting, motor skills, language groups, mentoring sessions, maths catch up, pre-learning, precision teaching, nurture sessions and more. However, our aim is to almost always include children in whole class lessons, preferring additional provision for the majority of children to take place in short, effective bursts. If the pupil is on the SEN register, this will be recorded on their Learning Plan. Progress in interventions is tracked for all pupils.

We expect our teachers to adapt their teaching and for SEN children to be carefully considered and catered for in all lessons.

Pupil progress meetings are held at least 3 times a year with Class Teachers and the Senior Leadership Team analysing formative and summative data so that additional provision can be put in place immediately if deemed necessary.

We follow the Mainstream Core Standards advice developed by Kent County Council to ensure that our teaching conforms to best practice. In meeting the Mainstream Core Standards the school employs some additional teaching approaches, as advised by internal and external assessments e.g. one to one support, small group teaching and the use of ICT software. When it is evident that a child may have specific needs which are limiting progress (identified through the use of specific assessments and a 'plan, do, review' approach) a referral may be made to the Local Inclusion Forum Team for assessments from the Specialist Teaching Service. Referrals may also be made to NHS health services.

How we adapt our Curriculum and Resources for Children with SEN

We make planning and resource decisions based on a child's personal targets and on ongoing specialist advice. It is the class teacher's responsibility to plan and resource lessons effectively for all children. For those children identified over time as having a level of special education needs (SEN) that requires a personalised and high level of provision, High Needs Funding is applied for through the Kent Online System. The top-up funding is agreed for one year but the provision for your child will be reviewed three times during the school year. If a high level of provision is still required after a year, the school will reapply for funding. This is overseen by the SENCO.

How we Prepare Children joining our School and Leaving our School

Transitions are important and we take them seriously. We liaise closely with staff at other preschools and schools and with parents. Children with special needs receive additional visits to the school or bespoke transition activities, often with the support of our Children and Family Support Officer. We make use of social stories, visuals and photos to help children make sense of the change ahead. We use similar strategies for children leaving us. Transition arrangements are organised between our Year R and Year 6 class teachers along with SENCO and CAFSO depending on the support needed.

Outcomes and Actions

- The SEN Policy has been written in accordance with statutory requirements. It has been reviewed by Trustees and is on the website.
- The SEND team has been strengthened with additional time to given to a Senior Leader. This has supported the development of the use of ICT in the classroom.
- A policy has been written and subsequently reviewed by governors named, 'Supporting Children with Medical needs'. The health plans, a statutory requirement, are in place. We ask parents to inform the school of any changes to these throughout the year.
- Requests for Educational Health Care Plans have been made where it is deemed that a child needs specialist teaching, resources and provision. Support for Parents has been provided in completing forms and looking at and considering alternative schools.
- Staff are regularly informed about the Code of Practice; there is emphasis on the teacher being responsible for children with SEN in their class. Planning, provision mapping and pupil progress meetings reflect this. Training has taken place about how to adapt lessons and strategies to support pupils.
- Training is available for support staff and staff have opportunities to share what they have learnt. The school now runs an Outstanding Teaching Assistant programme each year, with training sessions for all TAs run by in-house staff as well as external trainers. TAs are also encouraged to attend Inset days when relevant.
- Learning Plans have been developed which include the voice of the Parent and Child. These are evaluated at least three times per year – targets are evaluated by teachers, they use this information to inform the next step. There has been a focus on ensuring targets set clearly identify the next steps for the pupil.
- Pupil Progress Meetings are held at least 3 times a year and highlight areas of need and the action needed to enhance progress and learning. Primarily decisions are made for effective intervention, further assessment, making referrals or involving outside agencies.
- Languagelink assessments are completed at the beginning of Year R for all children; interventions are put in place using the Languagelink advice and resources. Parents are informed and involved in their child's learning as support packages are sent home. Year R children are retested and the impact of this intervention assessed. Speech needs are also assessed when identified.
- The support from a private Speech and Language therapist has been developed through the school, offering assessment, bespoke interventions and training for staff.
- The school has developed its Nurture provision to include breakfast for children needing time to settle in the morning, Drawing and Talking time, Lego Therapy, Bereavement and Emotional Literacy groups.
- The school has been part of the Nuffield Early Language Intervention for Year R and into Year 1.
- Over the last year, there has been a focus on strategies that can be used in the classroom to support children e.g. increased use of visual resources, use of technology and scaffolding with training for both Teachers and TAs.
- The school has taken part in training by the Education Endowment Fund around SEND and Learning Behaviours.
- Whole school training from the Autism Education Trust has taken place.
- The SEN Team is developing the role of the Assistant Senco to respond to the growing need in Speech, Language and Communication Needs and has completed The Balanced System Accreditation.

Examples of further assessments and interventions we offer at Coxheath are:

Assessment Tools:

Lucid LASS
The Dyslexia Portfolio
Language for Learning assessments
Speech Link
Infant Language Link
Junior Language Link
Various reading and spelling assessments
BPVS
EVT
Ravens
The Boxall Profile
Dyscalculia Screener

Interventions:

Reading Plus
Clever Fingers
Sensory Circuits
Lego Therapy
Social Stories
Circle of Friends
Speechlink
Languagelink
Transition support
Handwriting
Use of Clicker and Apps
Nurture Support
Precision Teaching
Preteaching
Neli
ELSA
Drawing and Talking

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