

## Hunton & Arrathorne Community Primary School SEND Information Report Updated January 2024

Code of Practice 6.79

‘The governing bodies of maintained schools and maintained nursery schools and the proprietors of academy schools have a legal duty to publish information on their websites about the implementation of the governing body’s or the proprietor’s policy for pupils with SEND. The information published **must** be updated annually and any changes to the information occurring during the year must be updated as soon as possible. The information required is set out in the draft Special Educational Needs (Information) Regulations and reflects the information required for the local offer’.

Schools should ensure that the information is easily accessible by parents and is set out in clear, straightforward language. This should include information on the school’s SEND policy, named contacts within the school where parents have concerns and details of the school’s contribution to the local offer.

In setting out details of the broad and balanced curriculum provided in each year, schools should include details of how the curriculum is adapted or made accessible for pupils with SEND.

The North Yorkshire local offer can be found at: <http://www.northyorks.gov.uk/article/23542/SEND---local-offer>

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Governors should describe:

**This is what we provide in our school**

**This is North Yorkshire LA's minimum expectations of good practice**

## 1. What kinds of SEND are provided for in our school?

At Hunton & Arrathorne CP School, we make provision for children with SEND within each of the four categories identified in the 2014 SEND Code of Practice:

### Communication and Interaction

We have a number of pupils who experience speech and language difficulties. Consequently, we have teachers and teaching assistants who support children with Speech and Language Difficulties in a 1-1 or small group setting. This may include pupils who find it difficult to understand what others are saying or have difficulties with fluency or forming sounds, words or sentences. We have a range of resources which are used to support children's Speech and Language development and we work closely with the Speech and Language Therapy service.

Children and young people (CYP) with a wide range of SEND are welcomed into the school. If a parent of a pupil with an EHCP requests a place at the school, the CYP is welcomed and strategies sought to meet needs.

### Cognition and Learning

We are experienced in supporting children with Cognition and Learning Difficulties through quality first teaching and effective precision teaching. This includes children with Specific Learning Difficulties such as dyslexia (specific difficulties with reading or spelling), dyscalculia (specific difficulties with maths) or dyspraxia (specific difficulties with coordination). We also support children with moderate learning difficulties. For example, we support children by breaking down activities into smaller, achievable chunks; providing appropriate resources including the use of technology or multi-sensory activities and through providing adult support.

### Social, Mental and Emotional Health

For some children, difficulties in their social and emotional development can mean that they require additional or different provision. We support these children through pupil mentoring and social skills groups. We involve outside agencies such as CAMHS (Child and Adolescent Mental Health Service) and the Healthy Child Team if necessary.

### Sensory and/or Physical

We work closely with outside agencies to provide support for children in our school who have sensory or physical difficulties. Where necessary, we make adaptations to the curriculum or environment in order to make lessons and learning opportunities accessible to them. We hold regular meetings with outside agencies and parents to review the approaches that are in place and take advice as to best practice.

**2. What procedures do you have for identifying children and young people with SEND? How do you assess their needs? Who is the SENDCo and how can I contact them?**

The attainment and progress of all children is carefully tracked and monitored throughout the school year by the class teachers and SENDCo and leadership team. The emphasis is on 'Keep Up, Not Catch Up'. On a daily basis, teachers evaluate their lessons and consider whether individual children are making the expected progress within their lessons. The focus is on early identification of children with SEND. If teachers have any concerns regarding a child in their class, they complete internal paperwork such as 'At a Glance' forms; they will discuss these concerns with parents and also with the SENDCo. The targets of children who have Individual Provision Maps are reviewed termly (in October, February and May) and teachers are formally asked at these key points of the year to reflect upon the progress of children on the SEND Register and to identify any other children of concern. Weekly dialogue between teachers, teaching assistants and SENDCo take place. During these dialogues, pupils of concern are discussed and progress/provision of all children on the SEND Register is discussed in detail in order to inform future provision and priorities. Where concerns have been raised, the child may be added to the SEND list at the 'SEND support' level so that their progress can be closely monitored and additional support can be put in place as necessary. Parents are always informed at this stage. The SENDCo would liaise with the relevant outside agencies. This would determine whether any further formal assessments need to be carried out in order to identify key areas to target and to evaluate the effectiveness of any interventions that are put into place. These assessments could be repeated following an intervention programme to evaluate whether progress has been made. The Assess, Plan, Do, Review system of monitoring as visible in our school procedures.

The SENDCo is Mrs Rosemary Walker. She is available before, during and after school and is contactable via the school office on 01677 450342 or by contacting [admin@huntonarrathorne.n-yorks.sch.uk](mailto:admin@huntonarrathorne.n-yorks.sch.uk) Should you require a meeting with her, she would be glad to organise a mutually convenient time.

The name and contact number of the SENDCo should be readily available for parents. Where the school feels that something additional or different is needed to support your child because they have SEND they will discuss this carefully with you. This information may well be recorded in a document for you and your child, known as an individual provision map or an individual education plan. This should include:

- details of any strategies being used to support your child in class;
- details of any extra support or interventions for your child;
- your child's learning targets and their long-term desired outcomes;
- the next date when your child's progress will be reviewed.

Most pupils will benefit from SEND support, but some pupils who need high levels of support, or who have complex needs will need to be referred for an education health and care plan (EHCP).

**3. What arrangements do you have for consulting with parents of children with SEND and involving them in their child's education?**

We recognise the value of working in collaboration with parents and carers of children with SEND in order to achieve the best outcomes for them. As a school, we strive to ensure a high level of communication with parents so that you feel well informed about what is happening in school and how your child is progressing. This includes parent consultation evenings, open evenings and annual reports. We have an 'open door policy' and teachers are always happy to meet with parents at a mutually convenient time. Parents of pupils on the SEND register are invited to a meeting with the teacher and SENDCo if appropriate three times a year (when IPM targets are reviewed). We aim to meet with parents of children with SEND as they join our school, either in Reception or in later years. The SENDCo then regularly meets with many parents of children with SEND to review their progress and to make collaborative decisions about how to meet their needs. For children with Educational Health Care Plans, parents will be invited to attend their Annual Review meeting in which children's progress against their individual targets is looked at in detail and decisions about future provision is jointly agreed.

Schools communicate regularly with parents, usually once a term, to discuss how well their child is doing. They listen to what parents have to say and respond to it. For pupils with SEND it is often desirable that there is more frequent communication as it is vital that parents and school work together closely. Your knowledge and understanding of your child's needs is essential to support the school in making the best provision for them. This should also take account of your and your child's hopes, personal goals and interests. This will allow the school to regularly explain to you where your child is in their learning, and to work with you to ensure the most appropriate targets are set to ensure progress. On-going communication with school may include:

- regular contact through a home-school link book or by e-mail to keep you informed of things that are going well or particular successes
- more regular meetings to update you on your child's progress and whether the support is working
- clear information about the impact of any interventions
- guidance for you to support your child's learning at home.

**4. What arrangements do you have in place in your school to consult with young people with SEND and how do you involve them in their education?**

When supporting children with SEND, we aim to talk to our children and fully involve them in the process. We discuss their individual targets and progress with them and make sure we celebrate their achievements with them, however big or small. For children with an Educational Health Care Plan those views may be discussed with them before the meeting or if appropriate, children can come into the meetings to share their views. We use a range of practical and visual strategies to support children who find it difficult to express their views with words. Wherever possible, we try to consider the views, wishes and aspirations of our pupils when discussing outcomes for the child and approaches to achieve them.

School will obtain the views of all children (pupil voice) to shape provision in school. Your child's school may have a school council. In addition, it is vital that the views and aspirations of children and young people with SEND are listened to and they are supported to achieve their aspirations as far as possible. Your school will be able to describe how this is undertaken and the frequency with which the child is consulted.

**5. What arrangements are in place for assessing and reviewing children and young people's progress towards outcomes? Can you explain what opportunities are available to enable you to work with parents and young people as part of this assessment and review?**

We are frequently assessing pupils' progress through Teacher Assessment. The children are then more formally assessed termly and their progress is recorded using Insight Tracker which allows us to analyse the data in greater detail. Progress of all children is reviewed regularly to make sure that they are making at least expected progress. Parents/carers have the opportunity to discuss their child's progress at parents evening and at review meetings. The assessments are recorded in standardised scores as well as the Insight Tracker stages for each year group. At Hunton & Arrathorne we expect pupils on the SEND register to make the same progress, or better, as their peers. Each term children's targets and progress is shared and reviewed on the provision maps. Inclusion passports are used to summarise support pupils have been given over a period of time and the impact that support has had.

All pupils with SEND should make at least expected progress, in line with their peers. Your school will be able to explain how it will be monitoring your child's progress to ensure that it is at least in line with expectations. This will usually include progress made with personal targets, and overall progress on the National Curriculum. Many schools use inclusion passports. This is a document that summarises the support that has been given to a pupil over a period of time, and the difference that this support has made. You may like to ask your child's school whether an inclusion passport would be useful for you and your child. Your child may well have their own version which they can share with staff and which can help to explain their interests and things that help them learn and to enjoy school.

**6. What are the arrangements for supporting children and young people in moving between phases of education and in preparing for adulthood? How do you ensure that as young people prepare for adulthood the desirable outcomes reflect their ambitions, which could include higher education, employment, independent living and participation in society?**

We work closely with preschool settings to support the successful transition of all of children as they begin their school journey with us in Reception.

Your SENDCo should arrange an appropriate transition review in plenty of time before any move. Staff from the receiving school should be invited to attend. Transition meetings and visits should be arranged for the pupil or student, often accompanied by a well-known member of staff. The pupil should receive as much transition work as they feel necessary.

Our Reception teacher visits the children in their preschool setting and the children come into school for an induction period. In order to support children and families of children with SEND, we also offer meetings in the term before the children start school with the SENDCo, EYFS Leader, parents, and representatives from the preschool setting in addition to any other professionals that are supporting the child or family. This ensures that we are well informed about the child's additional needs and can plan appropriate provision for when the child starts at school. At this meeting, we can also agree any other strategies that could support a successful transition including photo books, extra visits to the school and home visits. Children with SEND may initially come to school on a part-time basis but this is individual to each child. We liaise closely with parents of children with SEND to help them to decide when their child is ready to come to school on a full-time basis. If a child with SEND is joining our school partway through their school career, we will arrange for parents to meet with the SENDCo and Headteacher to discuss the child's needs. We will also liaise with the child's previous school to discuss strategies and support that have been effective in the past. If necessary, we can arrange extra visits to support a child's transition to us.

#### Moving classes:

We have structured transition programme to support children as they move between classes or key stages within the school. Teachers are given allocated times to meet and share information about each child, including effective approaches and strategies for meeting the needs of children with SEND. All children are given the opportunity to spend a morning with their new class teacher. Where necessary, children with SEND make extra visits to their new classroom, are supported by social stories to prepare them for the changes ahead and are given photo-books of their new classroom, teacher and any other adults that will be supporting them. For children with complex additional needs or for children who will find the transition particularly challenging, a meeting is arranged with parents and both the previous and new class teacher.

Transferring to a new school: Moving on to secondary school can be an exciting but daunting time for all children so at Hunton & Arrathorne, we ensure that the children are well prepared for the transition. We have good links with the local Secondary Schools including special schools within the area. For children with Educational Health Care Plans, the SENDCo from the secondary school will be invited to either the Year 5 transition Annual Review or the Year 6 Annual Review or both. This gives parents the opportunity to find out how the school will be able to support a child through the transition and beyond. If a child is on 'SEND Support' but does not have a EHCP, parents will be invited to attend a 'Transition meeting' with the SENDCo from the secondary school during Term 6 of their final year to find out more about the support available. Where necessary, additional support arrangements such as extra visits and transition projects can be put in place to support a successful transition to secondary education. For children with Special Educational Needs and for children who are likely to find the transition more challenging the SENDCo will arrange an extra visit to the secondary school. If a child with SEND is moving to a new school before the end of Year 6, we ensure that all relevant paperwork is forwarded to the receiving school. Our Headteacher will liaise with the new Head teacher and SENDCo to ensure that they are well informed of the child's individual needs.

**7. What is your School's approach to teaching children and young people with SEND?**



We provide an inclusive learning environment where all children, including children with SEND are treated equally and have access to the full range of opportunities that we provide. We do not put a ceiling on our children; the focus is on adaptive teaching – providing scaffolding to allow all pupils to meet the outcome of the lesson. Children may be grouped according to the teacher’s professional judgement, but groupings will be fluid and not stay the same. Teachers deliver quality first teaching to meet a variety of different needs within the class and children are encouraged to reflect upon their own progress and are fully involved in the process of selecting learning that matches their own learning needs. Our approach is to tailor learning opportunities so that they are accessible to all the children through effective planning, adaptive teaching and precision teaching of objectives where necessary. We aim to provide stimulating and exciting learning experiences that all children can access at their individual levels. The high expectations and aspirations that we have for all children in the school are extended to children with SEND. Children with SEND and disabilities are fully included in activities throughout the school day. If necessary, we provide additional support to enable this to happen, for example ‘meet and greets’ in the morning, additional support at playtimes or lunchtimes or for extra-curricular activities, including school trips. Where necessary interventions groups are put in place. These can be 1:1 or small groups depending on the needs of the children. Impact of these sessions is monitored by the SENDCo and the support can be tailored accordingly.

High quality support for learning within mainstream lessons is the most important factor in helping pupils with SEND to make good progress alongside their peers. There may be occasions when the school feels that some additional support within lessons may help your child to make better progress. This is by no means always the case. However, if some additional small group or one to one support within lessons is planned, the school will explain how this will work, what the aims of this support will be and how and when the impact of this support will be reviewed. Most importantly, this support should be aiming to make your child more independent in lessons. Schools use a range of evidence-based interventions to support pupils with SEND to make better progress. Interventions are structured learning programmes. Your school will be able to explain to you:

- what interventions your child is receiving and what are the intended learning outcomes;
- when during the week any interventions will be delivered and for how many weeks;
- who will be delivering the interventions (usually a well-trained teaching assistant) and where (e.g. in class or outside the classroom);
- how the interventions will relate to and support learning in the classroom;
- how they will be monitored closely to make sure they are helping your child to make accelerated progress.

**8. What sort of adaptations are made to the curriculum and the learning environment of children and young people with SEND?**

The SEND Code of Practice (2014) recognises that 'Special educational provision is underpinned by high quality teaching and is compromised by anything less'.

Our priority is to ensure that all children, including children with SEND have access to good or outstanding lessons which are appropriately personalised to meet the needs of individual children. We do this through adaptive teaching. We recognise that prompts, scaffolds and changes to the physical learning environment can help some pupils with SEND. We also recognise that some children will require educational provision that is 'additional to' or 'different from' this.

To achieve this, we engage in a cyclical four-stage process: 'Assess, Plan, Do and Review':

Assess: The class teachers and if necessary the SENDCo or professionals from external agencies, assess the needs of the individuals.

Plan: We identify the barriers to learning, intended outcomes and plan appropriate support and intervention to meet those outcomes.

Do: We provide appropriate support either within the classroom or as part of a targeted intervention programme. This could involve the provision of a resource, a change in an approach to learning, access to technology or working with an adult.

Review: We evaluate the impact of the support provided and consider whether changes to the support need to be made.

A small number of children may require specific adaptations to the learning environment. Examples include the provision of modified equipment, individual workstations, picture cards, sensory equipment (e.g. sensory stories) etc. Through consultations with teachers, teaching assistants, parents, children and head teacher, the SENDCo makes decisions regarding the most effective allocation of resources in order to most effectively meet the needs of the children with SEND within the school. This includes physical and human resources.

Teaching assistants are allocated carefully according to their skills and experience.

Your school will be able to describe some of the approaches that classroom teachers and other staff will be using throughout the day to help address your child's needs within lessons. They may also be able to share with you the school's overall plan of support (provision map), which outlines many of these strategies.

Some children with a high level of need will also need a care plan or a health care plan which may include a risk assessment.

**9. What sort of expertise for supporting children and young people with SEND do you currently have in school? How do you ensure that the expertise and training of staff to support children and young people with SEND is current? How do you access and secure further specialist expertise?**

The SENDCO regularly attends Swaledale Alliance SENDCO meetings to update on new policies and procedures and works closely with the SEND SLE from the Swaledale Alliance.

All staff are given the opportunity and encouraged to continue their professional development in SEND areas. Where necessary, staff will undertake specific training in an area of immediate need or seek advice from outside agencies and professionals.

All staff should receive regular training to enable them to meet a range of SEND. Teachers and teaching assistants should have regular generic training and specific training to meet individual needs as necessary. Schools must make good use of their SEND funding to meet a range of need. However, if a pupil has particular needs and the school has exhausted its repertoire, specialist support should be sought promptly.

**10. How do you evaluate the effectiveness of the provision made for children and young people with SEND?**

We have a robust system of self-evaluation in which we evaluate: - Pupil Achievement - Behaviour and Safety - Leadership and Management - Quality of Teaching.  
As part of this process, we evaluate the effectiveness of the provision for pupils with Special Educational Needs. The SENDCO and SEND governor meet to discuss the provision for children with SEND. The Governors also receive regular reports. Each term, the performance data of children with SEND is analysed by the SENDCO and head teacher and areas of need are identified. In addition, interventions are regularly review and monitored to ensure that the impact is effective.

The progress and attainment of all children is carefully monitored and reported to parents. Your school will be able to explain how they track pupil progress in their school. If a child is provided with additional and different provision/interventions, the school will carefully monitor the impact by a variety of methods; such as: measuring how the intervention accelerated progress over a given time – known as a ratio gain or the before and after impact on self-confidence, behaviour etc. During the planning meeting with parents and where possible the child or young person, the teacher will explain what the expected impact will be by the time the intervention is reviewed and how this will be measured. Many schools use Individual Provision Maps (IPMs) to capture this information, which is written during your meeting. This meeting with you and your child is often described as a ‘learning conversation’.  
The school will evaluate the impact of all interventions and whether they have a strong evidence base of effectiveness.  
Other provision, for example provision regularly used in-class (known as Quality First Teaching), will be evaluated regularly by the Senior Leadership Team. Your school will be able to describe how this is undertaken.

**11. How are children and young people with SEND enabled to engage in activities available to children and young people in the school who do not have SEND?**

We aim to enable all children to be included in the learning and caring that is the essence of Hunton & Arrathorne School. They feel happy and secure in the knowledge that they are supported in working towards achieving their potential, by their parents, teachers and teaching assistants. We provide, for all children, a broad, balanced and relevant curriculum and we work to overcome the barriers to learning, so that all children are able to make good progress. We recognise that progress encompasses aspects of academic attainment, personal and social development and independence and that all progress should be celebrated. All children are given the same opportunities to participate in school activities and are supported throughout their time at school to achieve the best that they can whatever level they are working at.

The school's policies should all state how all pupils are actively included in a wide range of curriculum and extra-curricular activities, including school trips. Pupils with SEND should be equally represented in positions of responsibility e.g. the school council.

**12. How do you support children and young people with SEND to improve their emotional and social development? Explain the extra pastoral support arrangements for listening to the views of children and young people with SEND and measures to prevent bullying.**

Training on medical needs is provided through first aid training. Any extra requirements for specific medical needs would also receive training. Many healthcare professionals provide support to the school as and when required and the School Nurse attends school regularly and offers excellent support for our children. In addition to this our school staff are skilled in dealing with pupils who require emotional support. We have a whole school behaviour management system which promotes social and emotional development. The school provides opportunities in the curriculum through PSHCE to discuss and teach about difficult issues that children may face in today's world. They approach this in an open manner and all children are encouraged to talk about anything they feel uncomfortable about be this privately or in a class situation. We have a wellbeing group to assist those young people who feel they need a little additional support with school or home life.

Some of the interventions implemented should be for emotional support e.g. SEAL nurture groups, the provision of a key worker.

**13. How does the School involve other bodies, including health and social care bodies, local authority support services and voluntary sector organisations, in meeting children and young people's SEND and supporting their families?**

We have strong links with a range of education, health and social care, the professionals who can support the process of assessment, target-setting and ensuring that the needs of children with SEND are appropriately met. This includes working with: - Local Hubs for Moderate Learning Difficulties, Communication & interaction and the Speech and Language service. All services come into school to help and advise on a regular basis.

Local Authority offers a range of specialist support and outreach services, including educational psychologists and local enhanced mainstream schools, to help schools deliver appropriate support interventions. Other specialists such as speech and language therapists can also support schools.

**14. What are the arrangements for handling complaints from parents of children with SEND about the provision made at the school?**

The designated governor for SEND is Mrs Louise Wyatt.  
  
A leaflet explaining the complaints procedure is available in the policies section on our website [www.huntonarrathorne.n-yorks.sch.uk](http://www.huntonarrathorne.n-yorks.sch.uk)

There must be a designated governor for SEND in the school and complaints about SEND should follow the general complaints procedure. It is always best to approach the teacher or the Head teacher first, to see if your concerns can be immediately addressed. If you still feel that your view has not been listened to or answered to your satisfaction you can make a formal complaint by writing to the chair of governors at the school.