

Ravenswood Community Primary School

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As a result of the Children and Families Act 2014 a new Special Educational Needs and Disability (SEND) Code of Practice came into effect on 1st September 2014 highlighting the fact that children and young people are entitled to an education that enables a child to make progress so that they:

- Achieve their best
- Become confident individuals living fulfilling lives
- Make a successful transition into adulthood, whether into employment, further or higher education or training.

Included as part of these changes to the Code of Practice the main areas of SEND will encompass the following 4 broad areas.

- Communication and interaction
- Cognition and Learning
- Social, emotional and mental health difficulties
- Sensory and/or physical needs

There is a shared expectation that all pupils regardless of their specific needs should be offered an education which will enable them to make the best possible progress in school and feel they are valued as a wider member of the school community.

Some children/young people need increased support to access learning because:

- They have a significantly greater difficulty in learning than the majority of children the same age
- They have a disability as defined under the Equality Act which affects their ability to access and benefit from the educational opportunities generally accessed by children of the same age.

From September 2014 all Local Authorities must publish a **Local Offer**, setting out in one place information about provisions they expect to be made available for children and Young people in the area who have **SEND**.

The **Local Offer** provided by Suffolk County Council has 2 main purposes:

- To provide clear, comprehensive and accessible information about the provision available to support disabled children and children/young people with SEN and their families.

- To make provision more responsive to local needs and aspirations by directly involving children and young people with SEND, parents/carers and service providers in its development and review.

Further information can be found at www.infolink.suffolk.gov.uk

Ravenswood Community Primary School in line with the Local Authority have produced a **School Offer**, setting out in one place the information about provision made available for children and young people attending Ravenswood School. The **School Offer** has been written following consultation with parents and children.

Please read in conjunction with:

- SEND Policy
- Medical Policy
- Admissions Policy