

SEN Information Report

Bishops Waltham Junior School



SEN Provision at our school

Bishop's Waltham Junior is a mainstream school which strives to provide the best learning opportunities for all children. Our core values promote an inclusive school community. The school, including the governing body, recognises that all children are individuals who have different learning needs. We work hard to ensure all children are given the right balance of support and challenge.

How does our school identify and assess children with Special Educational Needs?

The SENCO coordinates SEN provision, liaising with parents, school staff and specialist advisors from the local authority and health service. In Hampshire, there are clear guidelines set out in the SEN Code of Practice, which indicates what is considered special educational needs, and as a school, we work closely with these guidelines when identifying children with SEN. Throughout the school, we continually monitor and assess the progress of all our children. We track the progress of children, and where expected progress is not being made, steps and interventions are put in place to support areas of need. We also work closely with our local infant and other previous schools to identify any special educational needs children may have prior to them joining us, in order to ensure we have appropriate support in place when they come to us.

If parents have any concerns at all regarding the progress of their child, or believe they may have an area of special educational need, then we would urge you to talk to the class teacher, SENCO (Special Educational Needs Coordinator) or Head teacher.

Support4Send can also offer valuable advice on **01962 845870** (Monday to Friday 9am to 5pm).

How does our school provide support for children with SEN and involve parents?

The SENCO, supported by the SEN governor, regularly checks how well SEN support is helping children in our school.

Through a graduated approach of monitoring, observing and assessing a child's needs, staff work together with the SENCO to put in place appropriate support and provision. Progress

of all children is shared termly. In both Autumn and Spring terms, parent teacher meetings are held, to discuss how children are doing. Children with SEN will be set individual learning targets and will have a Pupil Profile Plan outlining barriers to learning, which will be shared and reviewed with parents. In the summer term, parents will be provided with an end of year written report, detailing progress within all areas of learning. However, we have an 'open door' policy and would encourage parents to discuss any concerns they may have by booking an appointment to meet with the class teacher or SENCO. We firmly believe that effective SEN provision is secured when children, parents and staff work together to support a child's individual need.

If a child has a complex needs, a TPA (Transition Partnership Agreement) or an EHCP (Education, Health and Care Plan) may be put in place, which means a formal meeting will be held annually to discuss progress, and a report will be written.

Class based learning is adapted for all children. Some targets will be supported within lessons by the class teacher or a teaching assistant (TA), others may be supported outside of a lesson through a specific intervention programme (usually delivered by a trained TA).

Teachers work hard to ensure work is adapted for children, providing appropriate support but also challenge. We aim to deliver a stimulating and exciting curriculum in a multi-sensory way that engages all children. In Y6 children are set according to the level of support required in maths, helping to ensure that those children with SEN have maximum opportunity to achieve. We aim to make sure our learning environment meet all our children's needs.

We value highly the benefit of education outside of the classroom and believe that all children should have the opportunity to participate in these experiences. Prior to any trips, a pre-visit is made by staff and a risk assessment is carried out, which considers the needs of children with SEN, making changes and meeting with parents to discuss concerns and additional support where necessary. We aim to ensure all children have the chance to be part of lunch time or after school clubs.

The social and emotional wellbeing of our pupils is valued, and we have worked to develop and maintain a strong community ethos. Personal, health and social education provides the opportunity for children to discuss issues such as low self-esteem, positive relationships and teamwork. We have a trained Emotional Literacy Support Assistant (ELSA) who is able to offer additional support. Where necessary, specific plans may be put in place to support a child's wellbeing; parents will be consulted.

How can I contact the SEN Coordinator?

The SENCO, Mrs Lesley Peach, can be contacted by the school office.

What specialist services and expertise are available at or accessed by the school? What training has the staff supporting children with SEN had, or currently having?

We have links with a wide range of outside agencies who offer specific guidance and support to our school and families. These include;

- Educational Psychologists
- Therapists including speech, occupational and physiotherapists
- Teacher Advisors including those for children with Hearing and Visual Impairments, or Physical Disabilities
- Primary Behaviour Service
- Health Services including the school nurse and the Child and Adolescence Mental Health Service
- Social care
- Outreach services

We will seek support from outside agencies for staff and families if it is needed.

We have an experienced SENCO overseeing the provision within the school and an effective team of teaching assistants; training is ongoing to ensure the school is kept up to date with any changes and priorities. The training needs within the school reflect the needs of the staff and children we work with. Our SENCO meets regularly with SENCOs from other local school, chaired by an Educational Psychologist.

How accessible is the school?

The school is a double storey building, with years 5 and 6 and the library currently being upstairs. There is no lift. Years 3 and 4, the music room and the hall are all on the ground floor. There is wheelchair access to our swimming pool which is also fitted with a hoist. There is currently one accessible toilet for children or adults. There is a designated disabled parking bay. Reasonable adjustments can be made to improve accessibility.

Who can I contact for further information?

If you are unsure about any of the support or provision being made for your child, please do not hesitate to contact the school office to make an appointment with their class teacher or SENCO. If you feel your concern is not resolved through this process, please refer to our complaints procedure which can be found on our school website.

How will the school prepare and support my child to join the school or transfer to a new setting?

The transfer to a new setting can be an anxious time for both child and parent, and we encourage visits to the school before applying. Careful planning is made for all children, but for children with SEN, an additional transition plan may be put in place. This will generally include early discussions with the school they are coming from or going to and any existing support from external agencies. Parents will be involved in discussions. During this time, the needs of the child and any particular concerns are shared. Staff at the new setting will then meet with the child. Specific visits are often planned, allowing the child to familiarise themselves with the learning environment and the staff who will be working with them.

A TPA (Transition Partnership Agreement), which details clear targets and action points, may be put in place to support transition if it is felt necessary.

What is the purpose of this report?

This information report has been written as required by Section 65 (3)(a) of the SEN (info) Regulations and links to the local authority local offer, which is available via the school website.

Consultation with parents and children has taken place at county and school level. It has been approved by the governing body of our school, and responsibility for updating it has been delegated to the SEN governor – Mrs Samantha Sessions.