



Crucible Federation  
SEN Information  
Report  
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Welcome to our SEN information report, which is part of the Sheffield Local Offer for learners with Special Educational Needs (SEN). All governing bodies of maintained school and maintained nursery schools have a legal duty to publish information on their website about the implementation of the governing body's or the proprietor's policy for pupils with SEN. This information is updated annually.

At the Crucible Federation we value all members of our school community. Our local offer has been produced with pupils, parents and carers, governors, and members of staff. We welcome your comments on our offer, so please do contact us. The best people to contact are:

Executive Headteacher – Sue Bridges

Head of School – Jennie Nixon

SENCO – Lisa Whitehead

SEN Governor – Lyn Overall

### Our Approach to Teaching Learners with SEN

At the Crucible Federation we ensure that all pupils in our schools are equally valued by having equal access to a broad and balanced curriculum which is differentiated to meet individual needs and abilities.

- We have effective management systems and procedures for SEN, taking into account the current Code of Practice (2014).
- We have successful communication between teachers, children with SEN, parents of SEN children, intervention group leaders and outside agencies.
- We acknowledge and draw on parents' knowledge and expertise in relation to their own child.
- Through a conferencing approach the children are encouraged to take an increasingly active role in their review cycle, in line with their readiness to do so.
- We work closely with the Fir Vale Family of Schools to develop provision and practice to ensure consistency and cohesion across the family.

- We are committed to developing the knowledge and skills of all staff to manage the challenges of the range of needs in the school, and to ensure that all support is of high quality.
- We have an effective review cycle that allows us to monitor, review and plan for next steps of development.
- We ensure that consideration of SEN crosses all curriculum areas and all aspects of teaching and learning.

### Identifying the Special Educational Needs of pupils

At different times in their school life, a child or young person may have a special educational need. The Code of Practice 2014 defines SEN as follows:

“A child or young person has SEN if they have a learning difficulty or disability which calls for special education provision to be made for him or her. A child of compulsory school age or a young person has a learning difficulty or disability if he or she:

- a) has a significantly greater difficulty in learning than the majority of others the same age, or
- b) has a disability which prevents or hinders him or her from making use of facilities of a kind generally provided for others of the same age in mainstream schools or mainstream post-16 institutions.

Where pupils’ progress is significantly slower than that of their peers, or fails to match their previous rate of progress, despite high quality teaching targeted at specific areas of difficulty, it may be that the child has SEN. Information will be gathered, including seeking the views of parents and the pupil, as well as from teachers and assessments.

There can be a many reasons for learners ‘falling behind.’ These may include absences, attending lots of different schools, having English as an additional language or worries/anxieties that distract them from learning. We understand that children who experience these barriers to learning are vulnerable. This does not mean that all vulnerable learners have SEND. Only those with a learning difficulty that requires special educational provision will be identified as having SEND.

### Whiteways Primary School

In 2017-18 our SEN profile shows that we have 22% of children identified as having SEN. This percentage is made up of the following groups:

38% are identified as having SEN linked to Cognition and Learning (including maths, reading, writing and spelling etc.)

35% are identified as having SEN linked to Communication and Interaction (including speech and language difficulties and problems with social interaction)

15% are identified as having SEN are linked to Physical and Sensory (including disabilities such as those affecting mobility, sight and hearing impairment)

12% are identified as having SEN linked to SEMH (including such as ADHD, ADD, Attachment Disorder, Eating Disorder, anxiety and depression).

### What should I do if I think my child may have Special Educational Needs?

If you have any concerns regarding your child's progress or well-being, then please speak to either your child's class teacher or Lisa Whitehead (SENCO) to discuss your concerns.

### Support for children with Special Educational Needs

If a learner is identified as having SEN, we will provide support that is 'additional to' or 'different from the differentiated approaches and learning arrangements normally provided as part of high quality, personalised teaching' intended to overcome the barrier to their learning. This support is set out in the whole school Provision Map.

When providing support that is 'additional to' or 'different from' we engage in a four -stage process: Assess, Plan, Do and Review.

Assess – this involves taking into consideration all the information from discussions with parents or carers, the child, the class teacher and assessments. This may involve referral to a visiting professional who can offer specialist assessment of your child's needs, with your consent.

Plan – this stage identifies the barriers to learning, intended outcomes, and details what additional support will be provided to help overcome the barriers. Decisions will be recorded on an APDR document and will form the basis for termly review meetings with the SENCO and Class Teacher.

Do – providing the support – extra assistance for learning or learning aids – as set out in the plan.

Review – measuring the impact of support provided, and considering whether changes to that support need to be made. All of those involved – learner, their parents or carer, teacher and SENCO - contribute to this review. This stage then informs the next cycle, if necessary. Meetings with Teachers and Teaching Assistants (TAs) to discuss progress of learners are held, as well as termly Pupil Progress Meetings with the Senior Leadership Team (SLT).

This additional support, 'intervention' will be tailored to meet the child's needs, and will target the area of difficulty. This support may be provided in class or in another area of the school, on a 1:1 basis or as part of a small group of learners with similar needs. These 'interventions' may be run by a teacher or a trained teaching assistant. The support provided, and its impact in class, will be monitored closely and shared regularly with the child and with their parents or carers.

For a small number of learners, their needs may require access to technology e.g. modified ICT equipment, recording devices, radio aids etc.

While the majority of learners with SEND will have their needs met in this way, some may require an EHCP needs assessment to determine whether it is necessary for the Local Authority to make provision in accordance with an EHC plan.

### Assessing the Impact of Intervention

The interventions used will be those that are proven to make a difference for most learners.

A baseline assessment will take place at the beginning of an intervention – this will provide the point of reference for measuring progress made by a child – and a target outcome set. Regular reviews will take place to ensure that the intervention is having the intended effect. Should progress be less than anticipated, consideration will be given to adapting the frequency and/or intensity. The termly reviews will involve children and their parents or carers, as well as class teachers, and a record kept of agreed actions.

Where difficulties persist despite high quality interventions and appropriate adjustments, advice and support may be requested from other professionals, with the parent's consent. This might involve Speech & Language Therapy services, Occupational Therapist, Physiotherapist, a Learning Support Teacher, Educational Psychologist or health services such as a Paediatrician.

Where a child has an Education, Health and Care plan (EHC), there will be an annual review held, taking into account the views of the child, their parent or carer, and all other professionals involved with the child.

### Opportunities for Enrichment

At the Crucible Federation we believe all learners are entitled to the same access to extra-curricular activities, and are committed to making reasonable adjustments to ensure participation for all. Please contact us if your child has any specific requirements for extra-curricular activities.

### Preparing for Next Steps

Transition is a part of life for all learners, whether that involves moving to a new class or moving to a new school. We recognise that transition is an important time for all children, but especially so for a child with SEND. Consequently, we work closely with parents, children and staff to ensure these transitions run as smoothly as possible.

Planning for transitions within the schools will take place in the Summer Term; arrangements for transition to Primary and Secondary School for pupils with SEN will be planned according to individual need.

During Year 6, information will be shared with the SENCO at their next school. This information will outline needs and support that has proven effective. Where possible, children will visit their new school on several occasions and, in some cases, staff from the new school will visit him or her at Whiteways or staff from Whiteways will accompany the child on visits to their next school.

### Allocation of resources

The Local Authority provides the school with funding towards supporting the needs of children with SEND. The school accesses SEND high needs funding for specific pupils, moderated and agreed by the Local Authority. Children are discussed with moderators after parental consent is sought (see privacy notice and consent form). In addition, the school plans and provides extra funding from its own budget, including Pupil Premium. The school uses this budget to:

- Employ staff to support children with SEND
- Purchase specialist resources and equipment
- Train teachers and teaching assistants to ensure they meet pupil needs effectively
- Ensure allocation of resources is based on the needs of the children

### Have Your Say

The Crucible Federation schools are community schools. This report details our annual offer to learners with SEND. To be effective it needs the views of all: parents/carers, learners, governors and staff. Please engage fully with our annual process to 'assess, plan, do and review' provision for SEN. If you have any comments, please contact Miss Whitehead (SENCo) at [enquiries@whiteways.sheffield.sch.uk](mailto:enquiries@whiteways.sheffield.sch.uk) or 0114 2423169.