



SEND Information Report Rye Community Primary School (Preschool / Reception)

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Statement of Intent

Rye Community Primary School and Starfish Pre-School prides itself on being an inclusive community that supports and values all pupils. All stakeholders work together to make our school / Pre-School a happy, welcoming place where children, young people and adults can thrive, learn, and grow. A fundamental aspect of this is ensuring equality of opportunity for our children, including those who have specific, identified needs. There is a shared expectation that all pupils receive inclusive teaching to enable them to make the best possible progress.

This SEND Information Report follows The Special Educational Needs and Disability Regulations 2014 Schedule 1 Regulation 51. We adhere to the SEN Code of Practice 2014 and recognise the four primary areas of SEND:

The range of support deployed will be tailored to individual need, following thorough assessment by internal or external agencies. It is designed to promote pupils towards becoming independent and resilient learners and should not be seen in isolation.

This report has been co-produced with key stake holders, including pupils, parents and families, colleagues, and advisory council members.

	Cognition and Learning, including: • Learning difficulties; • Dyslexia & dyscalculia; • Focus, attention, or memory difficulties.
	Communication and Interaction: including: • Autism (ASC); • Social communication difficulties; • Speech & language difficulties (e.g. receptive language difficulties, selective mutism, tongue tie).
	Social, Emotional and Mental Health: including: • ADHD; • Anxiety; • Dysregulated behaviour
	Sensory and Physical: including: • Physical needs (e.g. cerebral palsy, dyspraxia); • Deafness or hearing difficulty; • Blind or visually impaired.



Information and Guidance

Who should I contact to discuss the concerns or needs of my child?

Class teacher

Your child's class teacher should always be the first point of contact if you wish to discuss your child's learning. He/she will know your child best and is responsible for planning, assessing, and reviewing your child's learning and progress.

He/she is responsible for:

- Adapting and refining the curriculum to respond to strengths and needs of all pupils. Checking on the progress of your child and identifying, planning, and delivering any additional support.
- Contributing to devising personalised learning plans to prioritise and focus on the next steps required for your child to improve learning.
- Applying the Trust's SEND Policy.

If you have concerns about your child, you should speak to your child's class teacher first. You may then be directed to the EFYS Lead (Mrs Bennett) or Inclusion Lead (Mrs Nice).

**Special Educational
Needs Coordinator
(SENDCo) for Inclusion:
Mrs Lisa Nice**

**Email:
senco@ryepprimary.co.uk**

They are responsible for:

- Coordinating provision for children with SEND and developing the school's SEND policy.
- Providing specialist advice and facilitating training to ensure that all staff are skilled and confident about meeting a range of needs.
- Ensuring that parents of children with SEND are:
 - Involved in supporting their child's learning and access.
 - Kept informed about the range and level of support offered to their child.
 - Included in reviewing how their child is doing
 - Consulted about planning successful movement (transition) to a new class or school.
- Liaising with a range of agencies outside of school who can offer advice and support to help pupils overcome any difficulties.

**Headteacher:
Miss Fran Brassleay
office@ryepprimary.co.uk**

They are responsible for:

- The day-to-day management of all aspects of the school/ Pre-School, including the provision made for pupils with SEND.

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allocated.**

They are responsible for:

- Supporting the school to evaluate and develop quality and impact of provision for pupils with SEND across the school.



Assessment, Planning and Review

How can I find out about how well my child is doing?

All provisions are evaluated against targets identified at the start of the provision, examining the impact of the provision in helping the child overcome barriers to their progress. This impact may be viewed via data collected, teacher feedback or pupil voice. This can include completing assessments at the beginning and end of the interventions to evaluate the impact of targeted support. Teaching Assistants and Early Years Practitioner observations will also feed into the monitoring and review cycle.

Smart targets are set to ensure that they are measurable, achievable, relevant and time bound.

S	Specific	
M	Measurable	
A	Achievable	
R	Relevant	
T	Time-bound	

A child's smart target(s) are recorded onto the school's tracking system (Insight).

The progress of learners with a SEND profile is reviewed by the Class Teacher(s) within Pre-School and the Class Teacher / EFYS Lead within reception as part of a 'plan, do and review cycle' of support after each assessment point (at the end of an agreed time scale for concluding the identified intervention or support strategy).

A child may transfer onto the SEND register when they require provision which 'different to' or 'additional from' the universal education provision available to all children within an Early Years setting. Parental involvement remains a central strand and will be actively sought when decisions around whether a child transfers onto or comes off a SEND register take place.

Where a child has a Smart Target, Additional Needs Plan or and Education, Health and Care Plan we follow the 'assess→plan→do→review' cycle to achieve the desired outcomes.



The progress of SEND learners also forms part of the on-going monitoring cycle which takes place by class teachers and the leadership team to identify learners who are not making progress or who have SEMH / behaviour needs which are affecting their ability to engage in learning activities.

Smart targets for specific children within Pre-School and Reception are reviewed on a termly basis, throughout the academic years to ensure that progress is tracked and adjustments made as needed.

Reviews are held for pupils who hold an Individual Support Plan (ISP) and access a higher level of in school SEND support to ensure they are accurate and reflective of each child's needs. Parents,



carers, colleagues, relevant external agencies and, when appropriate, learners are invited to share dialogue regarding progress. The impact of support offered is considered along with the progress towards the outcomes recorded within the Individual Support Plan (ISP). Support arrangements will be updated and revised accordingly. If not involved already, this might include referral to external agencies. The outcomes of these meetings will be formally recorded.

If your child is continuing to have significant difficulties, further external expertise may be requested and an Education Health and Care needs assessment process considered as part of a collaborative discussion between parents / the school.

External agencies are expected to provide written feedback, or verbal feedback at review meetings, on the impact of the support they have supplied.

When an EHCP (Education Healthcare Plan) has been issued by the local authority, information continues to be shared between relevant professionals and is implemented using a 'Plan, Do, Review' approach. The level of need and support is reviewed yearly through the Annual Review process. The level of progress a child has made in relation to their SEND profile and through the academic year is also identified within the Annual Review meeting.

Curriculum and Teaching Methods (including groupings and interventions)

How will teaching be adapted to meet the needs of my child?

The SEND Code of Practice states: "High quality teaching, differentiated for individual students, is the first step in responding to pupils who have or may have SEND."

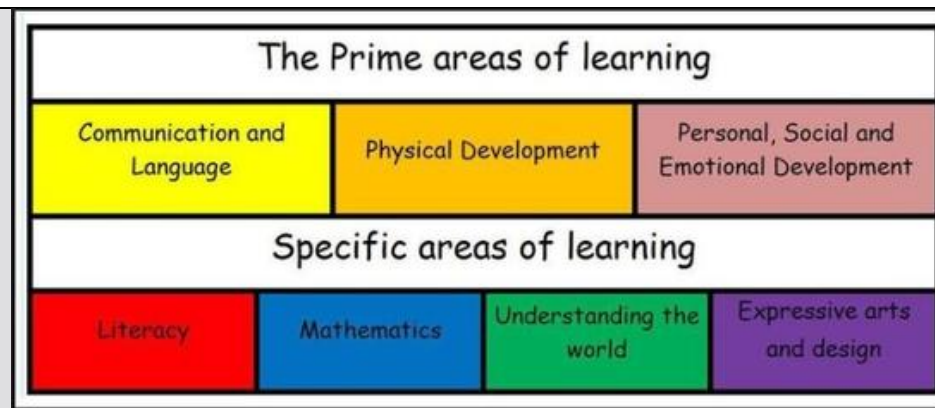
Colleagues at Starfish Pre-School and Rye community Primary School are made aware that a child has SEND need via the SEND register, Insight / Arbor, external agency report and through the circulation of personalised SEND documents.

The primary strategy for SEND provision is through an adaptive teaching model and an Inclusive Curriculum.

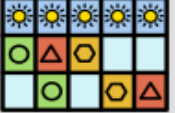
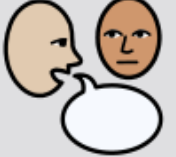
Learning objectives are adjusted to take account of a child's academic profile and to ensure that there are opportunities for support and challenge within a class setting or as part of play-based experience.

Identified children may receive support in their setting from Early Years Practitioner or a Teaching Assistant proportional to their level of need. Staff may support several children in each class, helping teachers manage classes of mixed ability and need. Their work is to support the children to make progress and develop their independent skills.

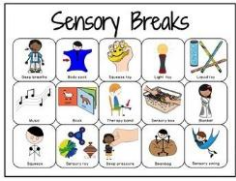
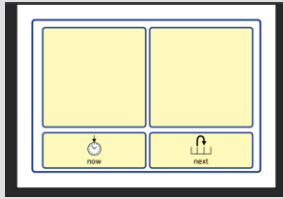
The in-class support may be delivered through the use of direct modelling strategies, through additional reinforcement of key teaching points or through the opportunity to practise / consolidate essential skills. Within the Pre-school, experiences are provided which enable progress through each key developmental milestone with a strong focus on the 7 areas of learning.



High quality teaching, adapted for individual pupils, is the first step in responding to pupils who may or may not have SEND. An adapted curriculum can be adjusted to include different instructional strategies, materials, and assessments that cater to the specific children. Here are a few examples of curriculum adaptations we use at Rye Community Primary School (Pre-School/ Reception); however this is not an exclusive list.

		
Explicit instruction (modelling a key skill or SMART target alongside a child)	Task planners	Sensory supports
		
Visual timetables	Talk partners	Social story
		
Zones of regulation	Word banks	Positive behaviour reward



			
Sensory break	Timers	Now/ Next board	
			
Mind maps	Adapted font and text sizes	Assistive technology	

Interventions

How will my child's access to learning be supported?

Access to learning and the curriculum

Access to learning:

- Learning is supported within key phases and children will either attend a Pre-school Setting or a Reception Setting,
- The deployment of staff is driven by the level of need and follows a graduated response as set out within the school tracking system (Insight) for each class base or teacher's individual planning documents.

Strategies/programmes to support speech and language where appropriate:

- Within Pre-School children oracy skills are developed through objects of interests as a way of scaffolding speech / language opportunities;
- Use of explicit oracy lessons – including Trust wide resources are promoted through reception onwards;
- Language link assessments are completed with all reception age children to identify individual gaps within language;
- Speech link assessments are completed on a needs basis to identify individual gaps in articulation difficulties and to ensure that provision is targeted effectively;
- Adjustments to EFYS provision is used as a first response to an identified speech and language need;
- For some children requiring a specialist speech and language assessment from the Children's Integrated Therapy Service, a block of in school support may be given using speech link / language link resources to support the referral process;
- Speech and language therapist advice is disseminated to all adults working within either Pre-School or Reception.



Strategies to support/develop progress across the curriculum

- At Rye Primary School / Pre-School, SEND provision has a strong emphasis on the development of the EYFS statutory framework. Target setting will be considered for communication and language, phonological awareness, word / number knowledge, physical development and social / emotional development through the use of personalised targets;
- Phonic knowledge and early reading skills are promoted for children with a SEND profile through the use of Little Wandle phonics programme and reinforced as needed through explicit teaching to consolidate a child's own level of understanding;
- Opportunities to develop a child's fine motor skills including early writing skills will be available as part of the continuous provision available within EYFS;
- The development of gross motor skills is supported for specific children through access to a targeted intervention e.g., sensory circuits;
- Use of visual and concrete methods are used to aid mathematical learning;
- Specific areas of Pre-School and Nursery are set up to promote different curriculum experiences as set out within the EFYS framework.

SEMH Support

Strategies to support the development of pupils' social skills and independence:

- Enrichment experiences are provided so children how to apply their social skills including an age-appropriate context. Access to Forest Schools and cookery forms part of the EYFS provision;
- Independence is encouraged through the use of clear / consistent routines and modelled directly to individual children who needs this level of enhanced guidance when starting Pre-School / School;
- Positive play skills are modelled alongside children who need 'additional to' support.

Strategies to reduce anxiety/promote emotional wellbeing (including communication with parents):

- The zones of regulation are used as a whole school strategy to help children from a very early age, start to consider how they are feeling (physically / emotionally) and to express this to another person;
- Visuals are used to reinforce understanding and to assist with communication / understanding;
- Additional opportunities are built into EYFS provision to talk through each zone with specific children where targeted support has been identified.

Strategies to support/modify behaviour:

- Access to a personalised behaviour management system which takes account of a child's SEND profile;
- Use of a personalised behaviour plan / risk assessments for some learners with challenging / complex behaviour needs.

Support/supervision at unstructured times of the day including personal care:

- Direct adult support to assist with personal care where there is an identified health need.

Personal and medical care:

- Creation of Individual Healthcare Plan and systems for supporting a child's health needs.
- Access to First aider support in line with individual healthcare plan.



Planning, assessment, evaluation, and next steps:

- The overall aim of all provision is to help a child make progress at Preschool and School.
- All programmes of support are evaluated against the targets identified at the start of the SEND provision and on completion of the 'additional to provision'. This impact may be established through the gathering of data, staff observations, parent feedback and giving consideration to pupil voice. A judgement is made as to what progress has been made in line with the targets set.
- External agencies are expected to provide written feedback, or verbal feedback at review meetings, on the impact of the support they have supplied.
- SEND documentation is adjusted to take account of the changing needs of a child.

Increasing accessibility - getting about

Access to strategies/programmes to support occupational /physiotherapy needs:

- Adult support is provided to implement an OT/Physio programme where it is identified need for this to be provided during school hours.

Access to modified equipment and IT:

Use of lift to facilitate whole school access.

Partnerships with External Agencies

What support from outside does the school use to support my child?

The Pre-School and school work with several external agencies to seek advice and support to ensure that the needs of all children are fully understood and met. These include:

- Sensory Support Team;
- Children's Integrated Therapy Services;
- ISEND;
- SEND (Early Years Support);
- CLASS (Communication, Learning, Autism and Support Service);
- TASS (Team Around the School);
- Educational Psychology Service (for a limited case load);
- Child Development Clinic;
- Virtual School for Adopted / Look After Children;
- School Nursing and Health Visitor Team.

Liaison/Communication with Professionals/Parents, attendance at meetings and preparation of reports.

Agency

Description of Support

School may refer as required and implement recommendations following specialist assessment

Educational Psychology Service

Our attached Educational Psychologist is currently: Dr Emma McQuillan.

Assesses cognitive abilities and provides advice to school and parents. Provides assessment for pupils with additional needs where there is a significant and persistent barrier to learning.



	<u><i>The application of this provision is driven by a needs-based model of allocation</i></u>
Sensory Support Service	Offers advice and strategies to support pupils with a visual / hearing impairment.
CLASS (Communication, Learning, Autism and Support Service) Our attached CLASS Adviser is currently: Lorna Greig.	School may refer as required and implement recommendations as advocated by CLASS.
TASS (Team Around the School)	School may refer as required and implement recommendations as advocated by TASS.
Speech and Language Therapy	We may seek advice from the Children's Integrated Therapy Service for Speech Language, Occupational Therapy or school nurse input via a phone consultation with Therapy One Point (Top). On some occasions, it may be appropriate to complete an online referral to gather specialist advice. Parental consent is sought when this action is needed and consideration given to recommendations from these services by the school.
School Nurse	
Occupational/physiotherapy	
Paediatric Services	A referral to the Paediatric Services can be implemented with parental consent to see whether there is an underlying developmental delay. Paediatric will then decide what is appropriate in terms of next steps for your child. Paediatric Services are also responsible for the diagnosis of specific conditions like ASC (Autism).
Educational Professional responsible for children who are looked after or have been adopted from care.	Oversees and monitors provision for children who are in the care of the Local Authority: The Headteacher for the Virtual School is: Mandy Lewis csvirtual.school@eastsussex.gov.uk Tel: 01323 464 630



Transition

How will the school help my child move to a new year group or to a different school?

Children and young people with SEND can become particularly anxious about starting Pre-School and / or School so we seek to support successful transition by:

When moving to another school - we will contact the School SENDCo and share information about special arrangements and support that has been made to help your child achieve their learning goals. We will ensure that all records are passed on as soon as possible.

From home to Pre-School – provide an opportunity for Nursery aged children from the age of 2 to experience Pre-School provision through the allocation of taster session(s) before joining Starfish.

Pre-school to Reception Transition – Additional transition opportunities are built into the academic year whereby children joining reception can experience school before their start date.

The Early Years Lead / reception team will complete home visits to identify each child's strengths and difficulties.

Individual transition meetings may be completed to gain a greater understanding of a child's SEND profile when a high level of need has been identified. This is an opportunity for multi-agency communication between external agencies, parents, the school and local authority.

A decision may be implemented for additional visits to be made to the school for children with a SEND profile.

A graduated start to completing full time school hours may be agreed in discussion with Parent / Carers on a case by case basis, where there is a high level of need.

Staffing Expertise

How skilled are staff in meeting the needs of my child?

An ongoing programme of training is in place to ensure that teachers and support staff have appropriate skills and knowledge in areas that will improve their teaching and support of children with SEN.

We have staff with qualifications and/or specialised expertise in school including:

Our Inclusion Lead, Mrs Nice, has specialist knowledge of supporting learners with a neuro diverse profile and has also experience of working with children who may need additional pastoral support. Mrs Nice has a degree / PGCE, Senior Leadership experience and a qualified teaching status.

Mrs Bennett, is our Early Years Lead who has in depth knowledge of EYFS policy and practice. Mrs Bennett has a degree in primary education and a qualified teaching status.



Additional adult support is provided within Reception by Mrs Clark. Mrs Clark has experience of supporting children with a SEND profile.

Our Pre-School provision is overseen by qualified teachers and supported by a team of Early Years Practitioners. All Early Years Practitioners have completed training which is bespoke to an Early Years setting.

Mrs Burton is our EYFS Teacher for Starfish (Pre-School)

All staff working within Pre-School and Reception are also First aiders and have completed the relevant Paediatric First aid training.

Within school we have colleagues who trained to deliver Language Link, Speech Link, Sensory Circuits, Colourful Semantics, Jump Ahead and Little Wandle (phonics).

At Rye Community Primary School, we also draw on the Trust's expertise in SEND support, for additional support, advice and training.

FURTHER INFORMATION about support and services for pupils and their families:

Additional information about support for children and young adults with special educational needs and disabilities up to the age of 25 and their families is available via the Local Offer.

This can be accessed through your internet browser at

<https://localoffer.eastsussex.gov.uk/>

[The DfE Code of Practice](#)

Complaints

All complaints regarding the Academy's SEND provision should be made in accordance with the Academy's complaints policy which is available on the Academy's website. All stage 1/ informal complaints of a SEND nature should be made to the Inclusion Lead and Headteacher.

The academy processes personal data in accordance with the data protection principles embodied in the General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR). The academy complies with the requirements of the GDPR as detailed in the Trust data protection Policy.

All staff are aware of the principles of data protection and will not process personal data unless necessary. The academy safeguards the personal data it collects through the operation of the Trust's data protection policy and processes and the IT policy. In addition, the academy has taken steps to ensure that all its contracts that process data have the GDPR compliant provisions.