

## SEND INFORMATION REPORT

September 2016



At Morley Place Academy, we strive to maintain our inclusive ethos at all times and aim to provide high quality learning opportunities for a wide range of vulnerable pupils. Under the New SEN Code of Practice 2014, a child has a special educational need if they have provision that is “**additional to or different from**’ that made generally for others of the same age. This means provision that goes beyond the differentiated approaches and learning arrangements normally provided as part of high quality, personalised teaching”

The SEN Code of Practice 2014 also explains that ‘Special educational needs and provision can be considered as falling under four broad areas;

1. Communication and interaction
2. Cognition and learning
3. Social, mental and emotional health
4. Sensory and/or physical

*Many children and young people have difficulties that fit clearly into one of these areas; some have needs that span two or more areas; for others the precise nature of their need may not be clear at the outset.’*

At Morley Place we aim to support all pupils with their learning journey and embrace an inclusive ethos.

For issues or concerns relating to SEND and inclusion, parents / carers can chose to contact the named people below in the order displayed or at their own discretion;

- Class Teacher
- Inclusion Manager & SENCo (Mrs S. Fitzpatrick)
- Head Teacher (Mr P. Rust)

Other Useful Contacts;

- Inclusion Manager (Miss A. Murray)
- Named Governor with a responsibility for SEND (Mrs A Moody)

Educational Psychology Service: Contact number: 01302 737291 or email [psychology@doncaster.gov.uk](mailto:psychology@doncaster.gov.uk)

The Special Educational Needs Team: Contact number: 01302 737209 or 737210 or 737211 or email [sen@doncaster.gov.uk](mailto:sen@doncaster.gov.uk)

Parent Partnership Service: Contact number 01302 736920 or email [parent.partnership@doncaster.gov.uk](mailto:parent.partnership@doncaster.gov.uk)

Attendance & Pupil Welfare Service: Contact number: 01302 737235 or email [apws1@doncaster.gov.uk](mailto:apws1@doncaster.gov.uk)

Virtual School for Children in Care: Contact number: 01302 737242  
[CiCEducationService@doncaster.gov.uk](mailto:CiCEducationService@doncaster.gov.uk)

Children with Disabilities Team: Contact number: 01302 735885 or email  
[dcr@doncaster.gov.uk](mailto:dcr@doncaster.gov.uk)

Aiming High for Disabled Children (inc. Together Information Exchange, Short Breaks/Direct Payments): Contact number: 01302 862332

Education Standards & Effectiveness Officer – SEN/D: Contact number: 01302 735978 or email [jenni.machin@doncaster.gov.uk](mailto:jenni.machin@doncaster.gov.uk)

Ethnic Minority And Traveller Achievement Service (EMTAS): Contact number: 01302 734225 or email [emtas@doncaster.gov.uk](mailto:emtas@doncaster.gov.uk)

At Morley Place Academy we have a number of policies in place which contribute and guide our provision for all pupils. Some of our school policies are available on our school website. Parents / Carers and pupils are invited to comment on any school policy by emailing the school. Here is a list of relevant policies in school to support the learning and provision for all our vulnerable pupils and pupils with Special Educational Needs;

- Access
- Admissions
- Anti-Bullying
- Attendance
- Behaviour
- Data Protection
- Disability Equality
- Equal Opportunities
- Equality
- E-safety
- Fire Safety
- First Aid
- Gifted and Talented
- Health and Safety
- Medical Needs
- Medicines
- Personal and Social Education
- Physical Intervention
- Positive Handling
- Protocol of record keeping
- Race Equality
- Safeguarding
- Special Educational Needs / Disabilities and Inclusion

**Arrangements for consulting young people and their parents of children with SEND and involving them in their child's education;**

If your child is identified as not making progress, the academy will set up a meeting to discuss this with you and your child in more detail and to;

- Listen to any concerns you may have
- Plan any additional support your child may need
- Discuss with you any referrals to outside professionals to support your child

Pupil and parent/carer voice is also vital part of target setting and the reviewing of progress of pupils who are supported with a SEN Support Plan or Education Health & Care Plan (EHCP)

**Arrangements for assessing and reviewing children and young people's progress towards outcomes, including the opportunities available to work with parents and young people as part of this assessment and review;**

Your child's progress will be continually monitored by his/her class teacher. His/her progress will be reviewed three times a year with the Headteacher and SENCo in reading, writing and maths.

At the end of year 6, all children are required to be formally assessed. This is something the government requires all schools to do and the results are published nationally.

Where necessary, children will have a SEND Support Plan with targets set that are designed to accelerate learning and close the gap. Progress against these targets will be reviewed regularly (minimum termly), evidence for judgments assessed and a future plan made. This will follow an 'Assess, Plan, Do, Review' model. This process will take place with the pupil and parent/carer voice included.

The progress of children with a statement of an EHC Plan will be formally reviewed at an Annual Review with all adults involved with the child's education. This process will take place with the pupil and parent/carer voice included.

The SENCo will also check that your child is making good progress within any individual work and in any group that they take part in.

Regular book scrutinies and lesson observations will be carried out by the SENCo and other members of the Senior Management Team will take place to ensure that the needs of all children are met and that the quality of teaching and learning is high

## **Arrangements for supporting children and young people in moving between phases of education and in preparing for adulthood;**

As young people prepare for adulthood outcomes should reflect their ambitions, which could include higher education, employment, independent living and participation in society;

We recognise that transitions can be difficult for a child with SEN, and we take steps to ensure that any transition is as smooth as possible.

### **If your child is joining us from another school:**

- The SENCo will attend Annual Reviews when appropriate and invited.
- Your child will be able to visit our school and stay for early transition sessions, if appropriate.
- Your child and parents/carers will have the opportunity to view the school and meet some of the staff.
- Your child will be asked to complete a 'one page profile' to help support them as they move into our school.
- If your child has SEN and is joining the school from Rowena Academy at the end of year 2, the SENCo at Rowena and the SENCo at Morley Place will have a meeting to discuss your child's SEN needs.
- Information about your child will be requested.

### **If your child is moving to another school:**

- We will contact the school SENCo and ensure he/she knows about any special arrangements or support that need to be made for your child. Where possible, a planning meeting will take place with the SENCo from the new school.
- We will make sure that all records about your child are passed on as soon as possible.
- Your child's 'one page profile' will be passed on to help support them when they move on.

### **When moving classes in school:**

- Information will be passed on to the new class teacher in advance and in most cases a planning meeting will take place with the new teacher. SEN Support Plans will be shared with the new teacher.
- Pupils will have the opportunity to be taught by their new teacher in their new class before the end of the previous year.
- Additional transitional visits will also be arranged if needed.
- Your child's 'one page profile' will be passed on to the new teacher to help support them in their new class.

### **In Year 6:**

- The SENCo and/or year 6 teachers will discuss the specific needs of your child with the liaison teachers from your child's secondary school.
- We will make sure that all records about your child are passed on as soon as possible.
- If your child has an EHC Plan, the SENCO from your child's next school will be invited to the year 5 and year 6 Annual Review meetings.
- Your child will participate in focused learning relating to aspects of transition, to support their understanding of the changes ahead.
- Where possible, your child will visit their new school on several occasions, and in some cases staff from the new school will visit your child in this school.

**Approach to teaching children and young people with SEN. How adaptations are made to the curriculum and the learning environment of children and young people with SEN; schools should include details of how the broad and balanced curriculum is adapted or made accessible for pupils with SEND;**

Class teachers plan lessons according to the specific needs of all groups of children in their class and will ensure that your child's needs are met through a variety of means;

- Learning Assistant Support staff, under the direction of the class teacher, can adapt planning to support the needs of your child where necessary.
- Specific resources and strategies will be used to support your child individually and in groups. Adapted resources e.g. practical resources, displays, table top reminders, visual timetables.
- Planning and teaching will be adapted, on a daily basis if needed, to meet your child's learning needs.
- Support from Outside Agencies (direct working and advice for staff)
- Break time support e.g. Lunchtime Support, LSA Support.
- Support for parents through the CAF (Common Assessment Framework) as needed.
- Home-school liaison and differentiated homework tasks
- Additional sessions such as Anger/Behaviour Management groups, Physiotherapy activities, Handwriting and motor skills sessions.
- A range of extra-curricular activities and clubs to enhance a variety of skills (sport, art, ICT, social skills, maths, English)

The SENCO's job is to support the class teacher in planning for children with SEN. The school provides training and support to enable all staff to improve the teaching and learning of children, including those with SEN. This includes whole school training on SEN issues, such as Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD), dyslexia and speech and language difficulties.

Regular TA meetings are also used by the school to disseminate information and train the support staff.

Individual teachers and support staff attend training courses run by outside agencies that are relevant to the needs of specific children in their class, e.g. Autism, Speech & Language, Phonics, Rainbows, Guided Group Work, First Aid, Specific Medical Needs, Positive Handling, and Attachment.

**Evaluating the effectiveness of the provision made for children and young people with SEN;**

The school budget, includes money for supporting children with SEN. The Headteacher decides on the deployment of resources for Special Educational Needs and Disabilities, in consultation with the school governors, the SENCo and the Senior Management Team on the basis of needs in the academy.

The SENCo and the Senior Leadership Team discuss all the information they have about SEND in the school, including;

- children getting extra support already
- children needing extra support
- children who have been identified as not making as much progress as would be expected

From this information, they determine what resources/training and support is needed. The school also identifies the needs of vulnerable pupils on a provision map. This identifies all support given within the academy and is reviewed regularly and changes made as needed, so that the needs of children are met, and resources are deployed as effectively as possible.

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

Morley Place Academy strives to achieve participation for all and achievement for all by creating an inclusive 'can do' attitude among our pupils. We value high quality teaching and learning and, as such, each pupil within the school is formally monitored as part of a review process at least three times per year.

The majority of learners with SEN are differentiated for by subject teachers adapting the curriculum as set out in the Teachers' Standards 2012. More information is available on these at <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/teachers-standards>

**Support for improving emotional and social development. This should include extra pastoral support arrangements for listening to the views of children and young people with SEN and measures to prevent bullying;**

We recognise that some children have extra emotional and social needs that need to be developed and nurtured. These needs can manifest themselves in a number of ways, including behavioural difficulties, anxiousness, and being uncommunicative.

All classes follow a structured curriculum which includes modules focused on PHSCE to support this development. However, for those children who find aspects of this difficult we offer;

- An in-school nurture provision called Rainbows for pupils who have suffered a bereavement in the family or some kind of loss (inc.divorce). This programme is run by our highly trained Inclusion Manager for behaviour
- Lunch and break time support including Sports Leader led activities
- Social groups that can focus on a variety of different social and emotional needs depending on the need

- Care Box – a postal system where pupils can request a one-to-one discussion with an adult.

If your child still needs extra support, with your permission the Inclusion Manager will access further support through the CAF process.

**How the school involves other bodies, including health and social care bodies, local authority support services and voluntary sector organisations, in meeting children and young people's SEN and supporting their families;**

At Morley Place Academy, we embrace additional support from external agencies in order to assist the school in meeting the needs of children and their families. Examples of some of the external provision utilised in school is listed below;

**Local Authority Provision delivered in school;**

- Autism Outreach Service
- Educational Psychology Service
- Sensory Service for children with visual or hearing needs
- Parent Partnership Service
- EMTAS
- Outreach Support from the Special Schools or Pupil Learning Centre's

**Health Provision delivered in school;**

- Speech and Language Therapy
- School Nursing
- Occupational Therapy
- Physiotherapy
- CAMHs

**Other External Agencies;**

- Children's Centres
- Open Minds

**Arrangements for handling complaints from parents of children with SEN about the provision made at the school;**

At Morley Place Academy, we aim to provide an inclusive, supportive and positive learning environment. The provision made for all children, including those with SEN, is carefully planned and mapped out with a focus on enabling children to achieve their full potential and planned outcomes.

If you feel that you would like to discuss the provision in place for your child then please contact the SENCo, Mrs S. Fitzpatrick. If you still need to discuss concerns, then you can ask for further appointment with the Head Teacher, Mr P. Rust.

### **What is the Local Offer?**

- In accordance with the *Children and Families Act 2014*, Local Authorities are required to publish and keep under review information about services they expect to be available for the children and young people with Special Educational Needs (SEN) aged 0-25. This is the 'Local Offer'.
- The intention of the Local Offer is to improve choice and transparency for families. It will also be an important resource for parents in understanding the range of services and provision in the local area.
- The Local Authority has gathered information from a variety of providers, including schools, about the services on offer in the local area.

**This School SEN Information Report** utilises the Local Authorities 'Local Offer' to meet the needs of SEN pupils as determined by school policy, and the provision that the school is able to meet.

To view the Doncaster's 'Local Offer' please view;  
<http://www.doncasterchildrenandfamilies.info/disabilities.html>