



Roecliffe CE Primary School



SEND Information Report 2023 - 24

Our SEND information report outlines details for parents/carers of children who have Special Educational Needs or a Disability (SEND) and all those who support children with additional needs. This information outlines the support and provision you can expect to receive if your child attends Roecliffe CE Primary School.

Hello, my name is Mrs Lesley Briggs and I am the SEND Lead and Headteacher at Roecliffe CE Primary School. You can contact me on 01423 322302 and I am always happy to chat about your child's needs and how we can best support them to be happy, safe and to get the best from their learning within our school.



SPECIAL EDUCATIONAL NEEDS AND DISABILITIES AT ROECLIFFE SCHOOL

At Roecliffe CE Primary School we strive to ensure that all our learners reach their potential and experience enjoyment in their daily learning. We deliver a broad and rich curriculum offer which creatively embraces our school's values and instills in our children positive learning behaviours to be confident, resilient, independent and successful life-long learners.

We understand and acknowledge that some of our learners require additional support and/or provision for them to be able to embrace learning and to experience success and enjoyment within school. Where we (school staff, parents or pupils) recognise that extra support is needed, we work together to assess a child's additional

needs and to put in place timely and appropriate support to address the Special Educational Need or Disability (SEND).

The school SEND lead coordinates and monitors this additional and different support and liaises closely with parents and carers, school staff, pupils and external agencies to ensure that children's needs are being met and all children enjoy success in their learning at Roecliffe CE Primary School.

WHAT IS A SPECIAL EDUCATIONAL NEED OR DISABILITY?

A child or young person has Special Educational Needs if they have a learning difficulty or a disability which calls for additional and different provision to be made in order to meet their needs. A child of compulsory school age or a young person has a learning difficulty or disability if he or she:

- has a significantly greater difficulty in learning than the majority of others of the same age, or
- 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
(SEND Code of Practice: 0 to 25 years; Department for Education; January 2015)

SEND needs fall into four broad categories:

- **Communication and Interaction**

Children and young people with speech, language and communication needs (SLCN) have difficulty in communicating with others. This may be because they have difficulty communicating what they want to communicate, understanding what is being said to them or they do not understand or use social rules of communication.

- **Cognition and Learning**

Some children and young people learn at a slower pace than their peers, even with appropriate differentiation. Cognition and Learning difficulties cover a wide range of needs, including difficulty in accessing and understanding parts of the curriculum; difficulty with organisation and memory skills; or having a difficulty which affects one particular part of their learning, such as displaying dyslexic, dyscalculic or dyspraxic traits.

- **Social, Emotional and Mental Health Difficulties**

Children and young people may experience a wide range of social and emotional difficulties which manifest themselves in many ways. These may include becoming withdrawn or isolated, as well as displaying distressed or disruptive behaviour.

- **Sensory and/or Physical Needs**

Some children and young people have a disability which prevents or hinders them from making use of the educational facilities generally provided, for example visual and / or hearing impairments, or a physical disability which requires additional ongoing support and equipment to access all the opportunities available to their peers.

The profile for every child with a Special Educational Need is different and their needs may change over time. They may have difficulty with one, some or all of the different categories of SEND at different times of their lives.

WHAT SHOULD I DO IF I THINK MY CHILD HAS A SPECIAL EDUCATIONAL NEED OR A DISABILITY (SEND)?

School staff are trained to meet the needs of all the children at Roecliffe CE Primary School. If they feel that your child needs extra support they will contact you to talk this through. They recognise that you know your child best and will want to talk through their concerns and how best to support your child. We also recognise and understand that you see your child in a wide range of environments and may have concerns of your own. If you have any concerns, your child's teacher is usually the best person to raise these with.

It is important to remember that many children just need a few simple changes to make a big difference.

If you have any concerns about your child and the progress they are making at school:

- Make an appointment to speak to your child's class teacher and discuss your concerns with the teacher
- Your child's class teacher may also schedule a meeting with you to discuss your child's needs and their progress if they feel that additional and different provision is needed. Your child's class teacher will complete a school Identification Form which records the child's emerging needs. A Pupil Profile will also be completed by the class teacher and this is a pupil voice activity which records the child's thoughts and feelings about their strengths and difficulties at school.
- Following these discussions, if it is felt that your child would benefit from additional and different support or provision, the teacher may discuss it with the SEND lead before deciding on the best course of action for your child.

- The school will use screening tools if they are appropriate which may provide further information about your child's needs.
- The teacher will meet with you again and discuss a Support Plan for your child and explain how the school will provide additional and different support or provision to help meet your child's needs. Your child will then be placed on the school's SEND list to identify them as a child with SEND and needing additional and different support. This may be short or longer term provision. A referral to an outside agency will be discussed if this is appropriate at this stage.
- School will closely monitor the impact of the Support Plan, review and adjust it at least every term (or earlier if necessary), taking information for this from your child, the class teacher and support staff, assessments and yourself where appropriate.
- School will keep you informed about the additional support your child is receiving, and the impact this is having, by discussing your child's reviewed Support Plan and new Support Plan with you each term.

WHAT CAN I EXPECT FROM ROECLIFFE CE PRIMARY SCHOOL IF MY CHILD HAS SPECIAL EDUCATIONAL NEEDS AND / OR A DISABILITY?

Following an initial meeting with the class teacher, and where it has been established that your child requires additional support or provision, you can expect Roecliffe CE Primary School to put the following steps in place to ensure that your child has the support in place which they require. School will take the following steps:

- We discuss your child's needs with you

This will usually involve a discussion with the class teacher, although it may also be appropriate for the SEND lead (Mrs Briggs) to be present at these discussions.

- We identify your child's needs and put in place extra support and / or provision.

This may be in the form of:

- small group work around a specific learning need so your child can make rapid progress
- implementing your child's Support Plan which identifies their additional and different provision
- specialist programme of support around a learning or an emotional need
- a parallel curriculum developed with specialist support
- support from outside of school, e.g. Speech and Language Therapy (SALT), SEND Hub team, Communication & Interaction Support (C&I), Early Years Advisory Team (EYAT), Early Help Team, Educational Psychologist (EP)

- We provide a Support Plan identifying:
 - the specific need(s) / barrier to learning faced by your child
 - assessments which have supported the identification of the need
 - parental feedback and child voice
 - information provided by external agencies
 - targets
 - a plan for additional and different support or provision
 - agreed actions of school staff and parents / carers
 - information regarding how and when targets will be assessed

- We keep you informed about progress. This could be through:
 - parents' consultation meetings
 - specially arranged meetings with the class teacher
 - copies of the Support Plan
 - Annual Review meetings for children with an EHCP
 - Early Help Plan meetings
 - annual reports

- We ensure staff are trained in general SEND issues.

For example:

- how to identify children with SEND
- understanding our legal duties
- sharing good practice
- keeping up with relevant educational research
- having an overview of typical SEND needs and the strategies to support the needs
- liaise with external agencies to provide specific support / advice / training when necessary

- We monitor the impact of support for children with SEND
We keep a register of children who are receiving additional and different support and / or provision. This is known as the SEND List. The SEND list is reviewed monthly and children are only on this register when they are receiving additional and different support. When the targets have been achieved, and additional support is no longer required, the child will be removed from the SEND List.

Some children will be on the SEND List only for short periods of time, where children with more complex needs, may be on the SEND List and receiving additional and different support for much of their time at Roecliffe CE Primary School.

We are constantly reviewing the type of additional and different support / provision provided in school to ensure that it is providing the intended impact. Staff in school are quick to spot when support / provision is ineffective and will adapt and change this as necessary.

Sometimes it is necessary for the school to access further advice and information from external agencies. We work closely with many external agencies who provide us with additional guidance and support so that we can best meet the needs of all of the pupils in our school. These agencies include:

- Doctors and Paediatricians
- Early Help Support
- CAMHS
- Child Development Centre (Harrogate Hospital)
- Social Care
- Healthy Child Team
- Occupational Therapy
- Speech & Language Therapy
- Young Carers
- Phoenix Health & Wellbeing Service
- IDAS Domestic Abuse Support
- North Yorkshire SEND Hubs Specialist Teachers for: Communication & Interaction, Cognition & Learning, Social, Emotional and Mental Health, EYFS

HOW DO I GET A DIAGNOSIS FOR MY CHILD?

We understand and recognise that it can feel very stressful and upsetting when you feel that your child has a complex need which will require them to have additional and different support for a longer period of time within an educational setting. While the process of diagnosing some medical or physical issues are clear and easy, for example, asthma or diabetes; the process for diagnosing more complex or neurodevelopmental disorders can take much longer.

No-one in school is able to make a diagnosis. What we can do is to identify symptoms or barriers your child is experiencing within the school setting. We can put strategies in place to support your child, and help to minimise the impact the symptom or barrier is having on your child's ability to be a happy and successful learner. We can

provide information for you to pass on to medical practitioners to support a diagnosis for your child.

We will put in support regardless of whether your child has a diagnosis. Often a diagnosis does not change the support a child gets in school.

To pursue a medical diagnosis for your child, you will need to discuss your concerns with your GP. Often, this discussion will lead to a consultation with another member of the medical body, usually a paediatric consultant. School is often consulted and asked for further information to support a diagnosis for complex needs such as ADHD, ASD, Childhood Mental Health Needs etc. With this in mind, it is useful for you to inform the school, via the class teacher or SEND lead, when you are pursuing a diagnosis so that we are able to gather information for this in a timely manner. Unfortunately, demand for initial assessment, diagnosis and external support for complex needs is very high and waiting times for these are often very long.

WHAT IS AN EHCP AND HOW CAN MY CHILD GET ONE?

EHCP stands for Education, Health and Care Plan. This is a legal document which outlines a child's Educational, Health and / or Care needs; the provision required to meet these needs and who is responsible for providing this.

Usually, a child with an identified and assessed SEND can have their needs met through additional and different support and / or provision within their classroom. Class Teachers differentiate their provision and curriculum to help all children, including those with SEND, and to access learning within the classroom. Where a teacher is supporting a child to work towards closely monitored individual targets set out in a Support Plan, this child is placed on to the SEND List. This is known as SEN Support.

On occasion, it can become apparent that a child or young person requires even more support than the school can currently provide. Once a SEND has been identified and a Support Plan has been in place, this is reviewed, adjusted and new targets are worked towards. This cycle is referred to as - ASSESS, PLAN, DO, REVIEW. If it becomes apparent that, even with additional and different support, a child is not making expected progress then the school can ask the Local Authority to carry out an EHC needs assessment.

EHCPs are provided by the Local Authority for children with very complex and high level additional needs, where it has been proven that they are unable to make progress without significant changes to their educational provision.

If you feel that your child has significant difficulties and will require an EHCP, please discuss this with the SEND lead, Mrs Briggs.

For information about the SEND Local Offer from North Yorkshire County Council, please visit: <https://www.northyorks.gov.uk/send-local-offer>

HOW WE WILL SUPPORT CHILDREN WITH SEND WHEN THEY ARE MOVING ON TO ANOTHER CLASS OR LEAVING THIS SCHOOL

We recognise that transitions can be difficult for a child with SEND and we take steps to ensure that any transition is as smooth as possible. We work in partnership with secondary schools to provide an enhanced level of transition for those pupils who we feel would benefit from this. This may take the form of additional visits for pupils.

Transition from each year group throughout a child's time at Roecliffe is supported so that the children have met with their new teachers and all relevant and important information about the child is transferred from one teacher to the next to ease transition.

If you would like to discuss your child's SEND needs further, please contact the school office@roecliffeschool.co.uk

- Quick links to support parents

The North Yorkshire Local Offer provides information for children and young people with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) and their parents or carers in a single place. It shows families what they can expect from a range of local agencies including education, health and social care -

<https://www.northyorks.gov.uk/send-local-offer>

SENDIASS: (Special Educational Needs and Disability Information, Advice Support Service)

The Special Educational Needs and Disabilities Information Advice and Support Services offer information, advice and support for parents and carers of children and young people with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND). This service is also offered directly to young people - <https://sendiassnorthyorkshire.co.uk/>