



GREAT ECCLESTON COPP CHURCH
OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL



SEND INFORMATION
REPORT



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In building solid foundations for every unique individual and putting God's love at the centre of all we do, our children learn to embrace our diverse world. We encourage our children to learn universally in order to understand our heritage and roots as a village, town, region and nation. Through strong community links, our children grow in **compassion and **understanding**, **promote justice** and possess commitment and **aspire** to make a positive difference. We offer an ambitious curriculum that ignites **curiosity** along with high personal expectations that fosters **resilience** and which enables them to flourish. Our children are easily distinguished by the **courage** they show when making brave choices and understand the importance of becoming the very best versions of themselves.**

Great Eccleston Copp School is a small Christian village school set in the heart of the community that it serves. We have very close links with home and the church and promote Gospel values, equity and justice in every aspect of life. We aim to support all children to reach their potential. These four broad areas give an overview of the range of needs that additional provision may be planned for:

- Communication and Interaction
- Cognition and Learning
- Social, Emotional and Mental Health Difficulties
- Sensory and/or Physical Impairment

The purpose of identification is to work out what action the school needs to take, not to fit a pupil into a category. We identify the needs of pupils by considering the needs of the whole child, not just their special educational need.

Our Provision

We provide all children with a balanced, creative curriculum. At our school, we aim to be as inclusive as possible, with the needs of pupils with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities being met in the classroom wherever possible. Our school is committed to early identification in order to meet the needs of children with SEND. The first step of the school's graduated response involves planning for and making reasonable adjustments to create a SEND friendly classroom, with high levels of Quality First Teaching in every lesson. Where progress remains a concern, we then include additional strategies (eg. pre-teaching vocabulary, colourful semantics, and retrieval practice) as part of the early support. The class teacher will alert the SENCo at this stage and the child will be placed in the Year Group Monitoring File. The child is not generally placed on the SEN Register at this point.

The next stage of the graduated response process is informal support. We will identify needs of the child(ren) and put in place informal targeted, small-group intervention. This part of the response is usually done over a half term (or 6 weeks) to enable school to see if small group work has been successful in impact. Where a child does not make the expected progress through informal, small group work, we will then have a meeting with parents and discuss whether personal provision is needed. In agreement with parents / carers, the child may be placed formally on the SEN Register at this stage. An Individual Education Plan (IEP) will be generated with SMART targets and the child will receive daily 1:1 support to deliver their personal IEP targets. Within the IEP, any classroom adjustments that need to be made are also outlined. Where a child's needs are assessed to require an Educational Health Care Plan, school will provide support according to the recommendations. At Great Eccleston Copp School, the graduated response is a flexible process which allows a child to enter or exit at any time.

From time to time, a child may have a diagnosis but the child does not need an IEP and needs classroom adjustments. In these cases, the child will have a pupil passport that allows for adjustments on a daily basis to be made.

Looked After Children with SEND

Children who are Looked After with a special educational need will receive appropriate interventions, appropriate additional support and appropriate involvement of other bodies when required.

How do we identify children with special educational needs and / or disabilities?

We seek to identify pupils making less than expected progress given their age and individual circumstances. This can be categorised by progress which :

- Is significantly slower than that of their peers starting from the same baseline
- Fails to match or better the child's previous rate of progress
- Fails to close the attainment gap between their child and their peers
- Widens the attainment gap
- Fails to make progress with wider development or social or emotional needs
- Fails to make progress in self-help, social and personal skills
- For pupils aged 7 and above, we use the SNAP tool as a way to identify specific strengths and weaknesses
- We may carry out classroom or playground observations or book scrutinies to help gain a rounded picture of the child
- We will utilise pupil voice where possible

Involvement of Other Bodies :

We work alongside many agencies, depending on needs, including :

- School Nurse
- Specialist Teachers
- Speech and Language Specialists or signposting to these services
- Signposting to Occupational Therapists
- Signposting to Physiotherapists
- Signposting or liaising with wellbeing agencies
- Liaising with our link SENDO at Lancashire County Council
- Child and Family Wellbeing Service
- Child Action North West
- Educational Psychologists including initial assessments and progressing to full cognitive testing when appropriate
- Health including GPs
- Safeguarding Team
- Other Services when appropriate

Admission and Transition Arrangements

Pupils with special educational needs will be admitted to our school in line with the school's admissions policy. We aim to 'get to know' the children by making home visits before actually joining the school so that all staff have a good understanding of the child's needs. We aim to make all children feel welcome, valued and secure in their new environment.

Each year, towards the end of the summer term, children have the opportunity to spend time in their next classroom, familiarising themselves with the new surroundings and adults working there while joining in with different activities. New staff are aware of the child's personal profile. For some children, they may need a book of familiar places in school and the adults who will be working with them so that they can refer to this before transitioning.

When a child moves on from our school, we aim to share information with the receiving setting in good time, compiling a profile, which outlines key facts about the child and how he/she likes to be supported. We aim to

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prepare the child for the move providing opportunities for visits with a member of staff to the new school and staff from the new school being able to visit our school to meet the child. We aim to organise meetings with new staff and provide photographs / or maps with important areas highlighted. Pupils are encouraged to talk about the move, the things they are looking forward to as well as their anxieties and worries.

Whole School Approach

Underpinning all our provision in school is the graduated response cycle.

Assess: This involves careful consideration of the pupil's needs using the class teacher's assessment and experience of working with the pupil, as well as the views and experience of parents. The pupil's views and, where relevant, advice from external support services will also be considered. We may make classroom and / or playtime observations or carry out book scrutinies. If a child is 7 years old and above, we will carry out a SNAP assessment to identify strengths as well as areas for development. There may be occasions where assessment needs to go deeper and other identification tools may be used such as WRAT, BPVS, DST-J or PIVATs. Parental involvement will be sought, where appropriate, to reinforce or contribute to progress at home.

Plan : Support and intervention is matched to need and developed as required. All those working with the pupil, including Teaching Assistants will be informed of individual needs; the support that is being provided; any particular teaching strategies / approaches that are being employed; and the outcomes that are being sought.

Do : The class teacher remains responsible for working with the child on a day-to-day basis. Clear expectations of outcomes and time intervals will be detailed. Support and advice on implementation of effective support will be provided by the SENCo.

Review : Reviews of a child's progress will be made regularly with clear dates set in advance for the review meetings. The review process will evaluate the impact and quality of the support and interventions within the stated timescale. It will also take account of the views of the pupil and parents. The level and type of provision decided on for individual pupils is that which is required to meet the planned outcomes. The SENCo records cost of provision made through provision mapping.

Training and Resources

Governors ensure that there is a suitable qualified SENCo who has the time necessary to undertake the role and ensure the time is allocated to allow for monitoring of provision and pupil progress. The SENCo attends termly update and training meetings and also attends regular Educational Psychologist drop in meetings to gather information and share good practice.

Training for teachers and teaching assistants is provided both within school and through other professional development agencies to enable them to deliver interventions. Great Eccleston Copp School uses funding to provide external professional advice and support for individual pupils in relation to needs as appropriate.

Parental Involvement

Parents are welcomed into our school and their views are valued. At Great Eccleston Copp School, parents of all children are regarded as active partners. Parents of children with SEND will be fully consulted and have the opportunity to be involved in all aspects of their children's education. Parents are always welcome through our open door policy and can communicate at any point their views on provision either in person or through using comments within the IEPs that are reviewed and sent to parents through an online platform.

Outcomes will be discussed with professionals involved in the design and / or delivery of the child's personalised plan.

Extra-Curricular Activities

Great Eccleston Copp School values all children and all differences. Regardless of any SEND, children are included at playtimes and lunchtimes. If we need to adjust activities in order to accommodate needs, reasonable adjustments will be made. We ensure any child has equal access to all areas of our curriculum including wrap-around care. Enrichment clubs will make reasonable adjustments to include any child in school.

Complaints

Great Eccleston Copp School seeks to promote cooperation between parents and multi-agency professionals to enable children to achieve their full potential. Should a parent or carer have a concern about the special provision made for their child, they should in the first instance discuss this with the class teacher.

If the matter is not resolved satisfactorily, parents have recourse to the following:

- Discuss the problem with the SENCo / Headteacher
- More serious on-going concerns should be presented in writing to the SEND Governor, Caroline Clayton, who will inform the Chair of Governors.

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