

Penponds Primary School

SEND Information Report 2016/17



At Penponds Primary School we welcome everyone into our School Community. We all work together to make our school a happy, welcoming place where children and adults achieve their full potential: Aiming High and Achieving our Best. We make this happen by focusing on the individual needs, providing a purposeful learning environment that enables all children to make the greatest possible progress and achieve their best in a caring, supportive and fully inclusive environment.

Our SEND provision allows pupils with learning difficulties the opportunity to follow a curriculum specifically tailored to develop skills for life, a sense of wonder about the world around them, to maximise their potential and to work independently.

We are committed as a school community to narrowing the attainment gap between SEND and non-SEND pupils. This can include anything from short-term intervention to personalised out of school learning opportunities.

All children and young people are entitled to an education that enables them to make progress, be confident individuals living fulfilling lives, make a successful transition into adulthood and above all be 'curious, creative and confident'.

The Kinds of SEND that are provided for:

We refer to the term 'Special Educational Needs' if a child:

- Has significantly greater difficulty in learning than the majority of children of his or her age in one or more areas of learning.
- Has a difficulty which either prevents or hinders him or her from making use of educational facilities of a kind generally provided in schools within the area

The difficulties or disabilities may relate to:

- communication and interaction
- cognition and learning
- behavioural, emotional and social development
- sensory or physical conditions

Special Education Provision is that which is additional to or different from that which is made generally for most children in school.

Assessment is an on-going process throughout the school. It is a check that each child is making adequate progress against the national expectations set for each year group. If a child is not making expected progress then we identify a need and determine the reason why.

Adequate progress is defined as that which:

- closes the attainment gap between the child and children of a similar age
- prevents the attainment gap growing wider
- is similar to that of peers starting from the same attainment baseline, but less than that majority of their peers
- matches or is between the previous rate of progress
- ensures that a child has full access to the curriculum in line with their peers
- demonstrates an improvement in self-help, social or personal skills
- demonstrates improvement in a child's behaviour allowing them to be receptive to learning

How we identify children and assess their needs:

Our school promotes the graduated 'action and intervention' approach to support children to help them succeed. We recognise that there is a continuum of SEND with different levels of support needed, but also ensuring that each individual child's needs are supported.

Throughout our school from entry in Year R our children are assessed to check their progress in English and Maths. It is through this process and our teacher assessments that we are able to identify children who are not making expected progress, highlighting them and putting into place appropriate actions. Teachers, support staff and parents are vital in raising concerns about barriers to learning, this can include behaviour, social and emotional matters.

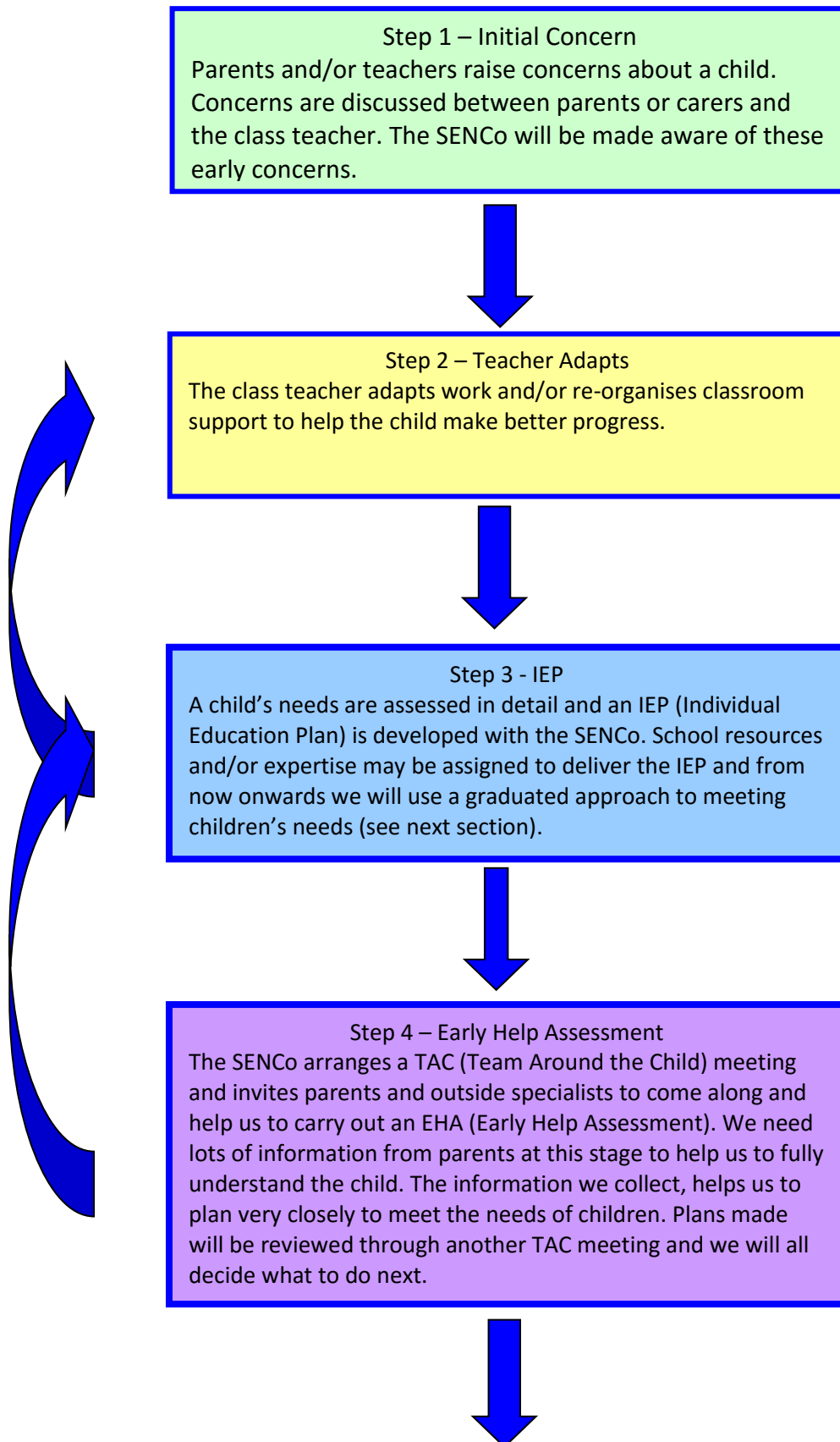
As a school we track out children's progress and continually use this to identify need. If a child fails to make expected progress the next step is to identify interventions of actions that can be taken. This is identified by teachers, the Extended Leadership Team or the SENDCo. We incorporate these procedures into our normal working practice.

Following assessment and staff consultation of a child's special needs are identified and the needs are recorded on the SEND register.

Specialists from outside school meet with parents and school staff to hold review meetings at least annually in addition to parent meetings support teachers.

How we consult with parents of children with SEN

Here is a flow chart showing the steps we take to support children with SEND. We only move from one step to another if a child still needs more support and is not making sufficient progress. If a child makes excellent progress, we may decide to move back a step.



Step 5 – Education and Health Care Plan

If it has been agreed by everyone at step 4, we will apply for an EHCP (Education and Health Care Plan) from the County. This replaces the old 'Statement of Special Educational Needs' and is where the County assesses a child's needs and gives the school extra resources to help us to support that child's learning and development. This process takes around 20 weeks from start to finish.



Step 6 – EHCP is in place

Once we have the EHCP, parents will have a copy and have chance to come into school to discuss it so that they know exactly what is going to happen. The EHCP will be reviewed at least once a (school) year and everyone that supports the child (including the child and their parents/carers) will be involved in the review to make sure that the Plan is working well.

The flow chart mentions that we have a graduated approach to managing provision for pupils with SEND. At Penponds, we use a graduated approach to supporting pupils with SEND. This involves a cycle of actions which may become more intensive in its content as it is repeated. Our graduated response cycle follows a four step system. First we *assess* pupils needs, then we *plan* to meet those needs. Next we *do* what we have planned and then we *review* what has happened before we begin the process again.

1. assess
2. plan
3. do
4. review
- 5.

How we consult with children with SEND

The process of consultation with children is very similar with parents. We are open and honest about the needs of the child whilst taking into consideration the views of the class teacher and the parents. Every child is different and therefore we consult with each child in a different way, appropriate to their needs.

We aim for the children in our school to take responsibility for themselves, supporting them to become independent young adults and beginning to give them the tools to lead fulfilling adult lives.

Wherever possible we consult with the child about their needs and make this an open and honest conversation between them, their parents and the school. There are times that parents wish for their children to be less aware of the interventions being put in place. We honour the wishes of parents in this where possible but may advise that some consultation with children may be necessary, taking into account age and level of need.

How we assess and review children's progress towards outcomes

Reviews and ongoing assessments are part of the process outlined above in the flow diagram. Parents and the child that the review is for are key to this process and are encouraged throughout. Dependent on the level of support, action or plan in place depends on the review process. This will be decided by the class teacher and/or SENDCo. Continual reviewing of targets and support are key to enabling the child to make progress and to achieve their full potential.

How we support children moving between phases of education

At Penponds Primary School we pride ourselves on the transition in place for each child. We have strong links with our feeder nursery and also the local secondary school. The children from our school come from and go to many schools in our local area. No matter the school we aim for the transition to be as smooth and supportive as possible.

Moving into Reception from nursery school:

In the summer term, each year, our reception teacher will set up visits to each Early Years setting that has children who have been allocated to our school. The reception teacher will liaise closely with the EY setting and any external agencies to ensure plans are made for a smooth transition into Year R. As well as this, new children are invited into school for 'stay and play' sessions on 5 Friday afternoons in the summer to get the children used to the school. Parent information evenings and meetings are arranged on a 1-1 basis and a carefully structured 3 week transition in September settles the children into 'big' school. Further home visits are arranged in September for the reception teacher to visit each child's home to further ensure a good start.

Moving to Secondary School:

During the summer term transition days are arranged for our children to visit their new secondary school. The SENDCo and head of Year 7 from Camborne Science and International Academy meet with our school SENDCo and class teachers to discuss every child. There are also additional transition days and visits that are arranged with the secondary schools for children who may need additional support in this move.

Our approach to teaching children with SEND (provision)

Class teacher's have the responsibility for enabling all pupils to learn. To achieve this they:

- ✓ plan appropriate work and activities for the children they teach
- ✓ ensure that support is available for all children, this is inclusive of quality first teaching
- ✓ differentiate the curriculum to take into account different learning styles, interests and abilities
- ✓ monitor individual progress
- ✓ celebrate achievement
- ✓ identify those children who require additional or different support in order to make progress
- ✓ set targets, action plans or IEP's and discuss this with parents, children and school SENDCo

All teachers are familiar with the relevant equal opportunities legislation covering the protected characteristics: race, gender, disability, sexual orientation, religion or belief and age. (See our school website: Anti-Discrimination policy)

Support staff:

- ✓ through quality first teaching, support the teachers in enabling all children to access their learning
- ✓ support the teachers in enabling children with SEND to have access to an appropriate curriculum
- ✓ encourage and promote independence in children
- ✓ liaise with the class or set teacher
- ✓ lead interventions to close the gap for children experiencing difficulties

- ✓ promote inclusion of all children in all aspects of life at school

How adaptations are made to the curriculum and learning environment for children with SEND

Our inclusive approach to provision means that the majority of children have their needs met by accessing levelled planning that is used across the school to ensure that all lessons are appropriately differentiated. Lessons are structured to provide a range of activities taking into account learning styles such as visual, auditory and kinaesthetic. The school adopts a flexible approach to support provision in order that a child's individual needs can be met. The support provided falls into two categories:

- ✓ direct or indirect support in the classroom
- ✓ focused withdrawal support

We encourage the emphasis on learning being within peer groups, although the needs of the pupils are considered individually.

How we enable pupils with SEND to engage in activities:

The provision in our school and our tailored curriculum enables children, no matter their need, to engage in all activities. There are some circumstances that consultation with parents may be needed and adaptations made to support the child. This is always done in consultation with the class teacher, SENDCo and parents where necessary.

How we support the emotional, mental and social development of pupils with SEND:

We support the emotional, mental and social development of children with SEND by providing extra pastoral support arrangements for listening to their views and implementing measures to prevent bullying. We make provision for pupils' spiritual, moral, social and cultural development.

How we use external services to support children with SEND:

When a child is demonstrating further cause for concern or their learning need is more complex and persistent than can be met by the school interventions already put in place, school will engage with relevant external services. This is triggered when:

- ✓ a child continues not to make adequate progress
- ✓ continues working at levels substantially below that of children of a similar age even when teaching approaches have been targeted on an identified area of weakness
- ✓ continues to have difficulty in developing Literacy and Numeracy skills
- ✓ has emotional or behavioural difficulties which substantially or regularly interfere with the child's own learning or that of the other learners, despite taking part in an individualised behaviour management programme
- ✓ has sensory or physical needs and require additional specialist equipment or require regular advice or visits by a specialist service
- ✓ has on-going communication or interaction difficulties that impede the development of social relationships and cause substantial barriers to learning
- ✓ a child's learning needs are manifesting themselves either in a more complex or in a more specific way as they move on through the school

For these children, the difference between their attainment and that of the other children is widening and this needs further investigation.

A request for support from external services is likely to follow a decision taken jointly by school staff in

consultation with parents. In seeking the support of external support services, those visiting the school will need to have access to the child's records in order to establish which strategies have already been tried and parental permission must be given.

The external specialist may:

- ✓ act in an advisory capacity to refine targets set by the school
- ✓ extend the expertise of the teaching staff
- ✓ provide additional assessment
- ✓ be involved in supporting the child directly
- ✓ suggest that a statutory assessment is advisable
- ✓ consult with all parties involved with the child
- ✓ signpost or deliver training that supports staff in supporting the child

Learning Assistants are assigned across the whole school to support SEND pupils according to need. Links with outside agencies are well established and transition to and from our feeder and transfer schools is very good due to our close liaison with these schools. Colleagues from outside agencies and parent partners continue to advise and support our Staff to better understand and address the needs of our pupils.

Further Support: Education, Health Care Plan (EHCP)

When a child is demonstrating a significant cause for concern or their learning need is more complex and persistent than can be met by the interventions already put in place statutory assessment will be considered. The EHC Plan incorporates all information about the child from birth to 25. All parties, including health and other agencies involved with the child contribute to this plan. If a Statutory Assessment is required the school, in consultation with the child, parents and outside agencies, will submit reports for consideration by the Local Authority's Provision Panel. The request is made to the Local Authority (LA), which in our case is Cornwall.

The Local Authority will need to have:

- ✓ information about the child's progress over time
- ✓ documentation in relation to the special educational need
- ✓ details of action taken by the school to meet the child's special educational needs
- ✓ particulars of any special resources or arrangements put in place.

This information includes where relevant:-

- ✓ Provision maps and targets (replacement of IEP's)
- ✓ records of regular reviews and their outcomes
- ✓ health reports, including medical history where relevant
- ✓ national assessment levels and reports or records of progress compiled by the teachers
- ✓ educational and other assessments, for example from an advisory teacher or an Educational Psychologist
- ✓ reports from other professionals involved with the child (Social Services, Educational Welfare services, Health and Education services).

The views of the parent and child are sought. Parents may also make a Request for Statutory Assessment. They will need to contact the Parent Partnership Service at the Local Education Office to be advised of the way forward. If the school makes a Request for Statutory Assessment, parents can still access the Parent Partnership Services at any point in the process. The process is defined by a specific timescale and statutory procedures. All of the evidence is gathered and sent to the Local Authority Special Educational

Needs Officer who in turn sends it for review to the Special Educational Needs Panel. If the request is successful, then further evidence is gathered from all of the agencies who have involvement with the child. If the Provision Panel agrees to the need for an 'Education Health Care Plan', the Local Authority will lead on the process. School will prepare the necessary documentation and send it to the Local Authority. Statements / EHC Plans are subject to annual review which will include parental views about the child's progress. Further reviews can be arranged at any time if significant concerns arise.

Transferring Statements to EHCP's

The legal test of when a child requires an EHC Plan remains the same as that for a statement. It is expected that all pupils who have a Statement and who would have continued to have one under the current system, will be transferred to an EHC Plan. No child should lose their Statement and not have it replaced with an EHC Plan simply because the system is changing. The transition period for transfer to EHC Plans has been extended to 2018. Please see our school SENDCo for further information.

Our arrangements for handling complaints:

We hope that complaints about SEND provision will be rare, however, if there should be a concern the process outlined in the school's Complaints policy should be followed.

How to contact us:

Headteacher – Mr Adam Richards

SENDCo – Miss Joanna Smith, supported by Mrs Sarah Wilkins

SEND Governor – Mr Treve Harvey

Or by the school office: 01209 713929

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Local and School Offer:

Please see our school website for our School Offer and a link to the LA Local Offer