

SEN Information Report January 2024

APPENDIX 1- BEECHWOOD SEN INFORMATION REPORT

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Name of Setting	Beechwood Primary School
Type of Setting (tick all that apply)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mainstream <input type="checkbox"/> Resourced Provision <input type="checkbox"/> Special <input type="checkbox"/> Early Years <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Primary <input type="checkbox"/> Secondary <input type="checkbox"/> Post-16 <input type="checkbox"/> Post-18 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Maintained <input type="checkbox"/> Academy <input type="checkbox"/> FreeSchool <input type="checkbox"/> Independent/Non-Maintained/Private <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Please Specify)
Specific Age range	2-11
Number of places	409 Main school 67 Nursery
Which types of special educational need do you cater for? (IRR)	Cognition and Learning Social, Emotional and Mental Health Communication and Interaction Sensory and Physical

Each section provides answers to questions from the Parent/Carer's Point of View. The questions have been developed using examples from Pathfinder authorities, such as the SE7 Pathfinder Partnership, in conjunction with questions from Cheshire East parent carers. The requirements for the SEN Information Report have been incorporated into this document, based on the latest draft version of *the Special Educational Needs (Information) Regulations* (correct as of May 2014). Questions providing information required as part of the Information Report Regulations are shown using the letters **IRR** (Information Report Regulations).

Questions from the Parent/Carer's Point of View:

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Identification

How will you know if my child or young person needs extra help? **(IRR)**

Children with SEND are identified as early as possible within our setting. Initial identification is usually through comments or concerns brought by parents, or school staff working directly with the child. These concerns may be based on the pupil's general wellbeing, their emotional or behavioural presentation, their progress in comparison to their peer group, or their profile against recognised characteristics of specific forms of SEND. Early identification is paramount, and therefore staff working in school monitor the children's progress carefully on a termly basis through regular pupil progress meetings which are led by the Senior Leadership Team. Teachers have the opportunity to discuss issues raised at the pupil progress meeting with the SENCo.

After initial identification has taken place and support given, any further concerns are discussed with the school SENCo. The SENCo and teaching staff will then discuss these concerns with those working with the pupil, the pupil's family and the pupil themselves. This discussion focuses on the desired outcomes for the child, and looks at what provision might be necessary to enable the child to reach those outcomes. Advice via the Cheshire East SEN Toolkit will be taken. Depending on the level of the child's needs, the decision might be made to offer class based support approaches, for example advice might be offered to the class teacher in order to support differentiation for the pupil. For some pupils, in addition to the class based support approaches, a package of out of class interventions might be offered. Those pupils with the highest levels of need might be referred to other agencies for further advice and support. The SENCo keeps a record of pupils requiring additional/SEND support in order to monitor the progress of these pupils, and to plan for provision across the school.

What should I do if I think my child or young person needs extra help?

If you have concerns about any aspect of your child's education the first port of call should be your child's class teacher. Class teachers are usually available at the end of the school day and are happy to make appointments if you require a longer discussion. The class teacher may then seek the involvement of the school SENCo's, Rachel Geary or Chloe Moore. Alternatively, the SENCo can be contacted directly, either at the beginning or the end of the school day. Appointments can be made via the school office or through email admin@beechwood.cheshire.sch.uk

Where can I find the setting/school's SEND policy and other related documents? **(IRR)**

The school's Inclusion policy and other relevant policies can be found on the school website (www.beechwoodprimary.org).

Teaching, Learning and Support

How will you teach and support my child or young person with SEND? **(IRR)**

The school teaches pupils with SEND in accordance with the Cheshire East Area Wide Offer.

It is our aim that all children are given the opportunity to access appropriate learning opportunities in an inclusive manner. Our priority is the provision of high quality class teaching which is differentiated to meet the needs of all our learners. Class based approaches might include alternative forms of recording work, visual prompts, small group or individual teaching etc. Class teachers and support staff are supported through regular professional development opportunities to support them in differentiating learning opportunities for the learners in their class.

The school has a wide range of intervention programmes available to support children who require support which goes beyond class based approaches. Some of these intervention approaches are published or commercially available packages of support, such as the Reading Recovery programme, Talk Boost Programme etc. Others are personalised approaches based on best practice guidance, for example social skills groups and writing boosters. For those with significant or complex needs, the school seeks the advice of specialists, for example Speech and Language Therapists and Occupational Therapists.

Where high levels of additional support are required, a School Support Plan is created, which will outline the provision available to each child and will be available to parents. In addition, parents will be involved in the support for their child and will have the opportunity to discuss their child's progress at regular parent- teacher meetings. There is also the opportunity to contact the school SENCo to discuss pupil's needs in more detail.

How will the curriculum and learning environment be matched to my child or young person's needs? **(IRR)**

All class teachers take responsibility for meeting the needs of all learners in their class by differentiating the learning. Where pupils have SEND, class teachers will be aware of the pupil's areas of strengths and weaknesses, and will make every effort to accommodate these. Systems are in place to ensure information regarding pupils' SEND and medical needs are shared with all staff, including supply teachers where appropriate. Where learners are working at an attainment level below that of their peer group, class teachers adapt teaching to ensure that gaps in learners' knowledge are covered, for example by re-visiting objectives covered in previous year groups. We aim to encourage independence in all learners and this is promoted by ensuring that independent work tasks are matched as far as possible to the strengths of the learners. For those learners who require a more specialist approach to learning, class teachers are encouraged to discuss approaches to adaptation with specialist staff in school. All additional provision for pupils with SEND is overseen by the school SENCo, and monitoring pupils' progress takes place regularly throughout the year.

How are the setting, school, or college's resources allocated and matched to children or young people's needs?

In order to ensure that ordinarily available inclusive practice which is the first wave of provision for learners with SEND, are used fully in each classroom, a proportion of the budget is used towards class based provision. For those requiring provision additional to class based approaches, funding facilitates the school's range of intervention programmes. In some cases it might also be used to provide additional human resource eg teaching assistants,

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therapists etc. Funding is matched to the provision required to enable pupils to achieve specified outcomes (i.e. outcome identified in discussion with teachers and parents or on EHC Plans). The SEND budget is the responsibility of the head teacher and SENCo and regular discussion and monitoring takes place to ensure that resources are allocated appropriately and cost efficiently.

How is the decision made about what type and how much support my child or young person will receive?

Who will make the decision and on what basis? (IRR)

When children's needs are initially identified a discussion takes place between teachers, parents and pupils. At this meeting desired outcomes for the pupil will be discussed and the provision or support the pupil needs to meet those outcomes will be agreed. School staff are usually best placed to advise on the nature of the support/provision needed, but occasionally the school seeks the support of other agencies to advise on this. Parents and pupils will be fully involved in decisions about support and provision, and any decisions to implement provision which is different from or additional to that received by the majority of children are made in conjunction with parents and pupils. If there are differences of opinion about the nature of support required, the school may seek the advice of external agencies to support the decision making process.

How will equipment and facilities to support children and young people with SEND be secured? (IRR)

The school possesses a range of equipment and facilities to support pupils with SEND and the SENCo makes decisions about the allocation of these resources based on the needs of pupils. Where more specialist, personalised equipment is required, the SENCo liaises with the relevant external advisory services (e.g. Autism Team (CEAT), Educational Psychology Team (EP), Community Paediatricians, Speech and Language Therapy Service etc.) to seek advice on the best options. Parents will be involved wherever possible in these discussions.

How will you and I know how my child or young person is doing and how will you help me to support their learning? (IRR)

All school staff have high expectations for all learners. Monitoring of progress takes place on a day-to-day basis by class teachers, as they are often best placed to identify where progress is falling or excelling. Contact takes the form of communication through conversations with a member of staff. Formal monitoring of progress takes place half-termly in the form of a pupil progress meeting held between class teachers and senior leaders. Information about pupil progress is shared with parents at parent-teacher meetings which are held three times a year and via school reports to parents which are sent home each term. For learners with SEND, School Support Plans will be discussed with parents at parent-teacher meetings, and for those with EHC Plans an annual review will be held. Parents are welcome to seek additional appointments to discuss their child's progress as required, and class teachers are usually available for informal discussions at the end of each school day.

How does the setting, school or college consult with and involve children and young people with SEND in planning and reviewing their education? (IRR)

Every effort is made to ensure that the opinions, thoughts and feelings of our pupils are an integral part of any plans made about their education. Pupil's opinions are sought at a level which is accessible to the individual. For some learners this might mean that they are supported to attend meetings with professionals, for others this might mean enabling them to contribute to meetings without actually attending. Younger or less able children are given the

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opportunity to contribute their ideas in discussions which take place with a familiar adult who acts as an advocate for them at any meetings. We recognise that there is sometimes a need to protect pupil's self-esteem, and that it may not always be appropriate to highlight to the pupil the range of their difficulties; in these circumstances, pupil involvement is carefully planned with those who know the pupil best, i.e. families and those working closely with them.

How does the setting/school/college assess and evaluate the effectiveness and sufficiency of its arrangements and provision for children and young people with SEND? (IRR)

The school's SENCo, along with the Headteacher and other members of the leadership team, undertake regular monitoring of pupil progress and of the effectiveness of provision. The SENCo works closely with a cluster of schools and various outside agencies which enables opportunities for consultation and continuing professional development. The success of intervention programmes in school is monitored carefully to ensure they provide high quality outcomes and remain good value for money and this is reported termly to the Board of Governors.

For children with EHC Plans, the opinions of pupils and parents regarding the effectiveness of support are sought at annual reviews or where necessary interim reviews and collated to inform decisions about future provision.

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Keeping Students Safe and Supporting Their Wellbeing

How do you ensure that my child or young person stays safe outside of the classroom?

Pupil safety is paramount. Information about pupils with SEND is communicated to relevant school staff, and outline any areas which could pose a risk to the pupil. Where risks are identified, measures are taken to limit these. Where a significant risk is identified, a risk assessment would be carried out, and/or outside agency advice sought, and if needed, plans would be put in place, such as a Health Care Plan. If required, additional support will be provided for unstructured times of the day. For any off-site visits, school adheres to Cheshire East offsite risk assessment procedures, and if necessary, individual risk assessments would be carried out and shared with parents.

What pastoral support is available to support my child or young person's overall wellbeing?

PASTORAL

We recognise that pupils with SEND can experience a range of social and emotional issues. In school we have a mental health lead and a school counsellor. We can offer intervention to help support children with additional needs in this area and work closely with the Mental Health Support Team.

BULLYING

The school holds a clear position on bullying. All pupils are taught to distinguish bullying from peer conflict and isolated acts of unkindness. Bullying is discussed during the PSHE curriculum and class teachers are vigilant in monitoring the children's behaviour for indications of bullying. The schools Anti-Bullying policy can be found on the website (www.beechwoodprimary.org) and the designated lead, Miss Hart, works with children to resolve conflict and bullying.

How will the setting, school or college manage my child or young person's medicine or personal care needs?

ADMINISTRATION OF MEDICATION

Medicine will be stored safely by staff members. Any medication to be administered must be signed for by a parent or carer.

TOILETING

School would seek in the first instance toilet training programmes in place at home. If there are medical reasons for a child not being toilet trained, staff will work with parents to put support in place for the child.

MEDICAL APPOINTMENTS

Where pupils need to attend medical appointments, school would ask for these appointments to be made out of school hours. Where this is not possible school will work with parents to ensure attendance is not greatly affected.

What support is available to assist with my child or young person's emotional and social development? (IRR)

Personal Social and Emotional wellbeing is at the heart of our curriculum, and class teachers address this through regular sessions in class. Staff promote an environment in which positive personal relationships can flourish, and seek to support children in managing their emotions and relationships on a day to day basis. For those requiring further support, the school employs a school counsellor, who might work individually with children or with groups.

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We also have an Educational Psychologist for children with complex needs.

What support is there for behaviour, avoiding exclusions and increasing attendance?

The school behaviour policy is available on the school website (www.beechwoodprimary.org)

BEHAVIOUR

The school has a clear behaviour policy which is implemented consistently. Where pupils are unable to follow this policy or require additional support with behaviour, a range of measures are used to support them in adhering to the school rules. A key focus of the school in supporting pupils whose behaviour is challenging, is to firstly understand this behaviour. We use a system for recording and analysing behavioural incidents in order to try to find patterns. When these are identified, we then seek to implement strategies to support pupils in avoiding the repetition of these behaviours. Our focus is on proactively avoiding behaviours, deescalating emotional incidents, and supporting pupils to change their own behaviours. We work flexibly in response to pupil behaviour, and aim to find creative strategies to support pupils in managing their behaviour.

ATTENDANCE

We take active steps to improve attendance. Our Safeguarding Lead works closely with families where attendance is of concern to find ways to improve the situation.

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Working Together & Roles

What is the role of my child or young person's class teacher?

The class teacher has the overall responsibility for pupil's learning and their day-to-day wellbeing in school. They are the first port of call for pupils and parents, and act as a hub for information about the pupil. Class teachers are expected to plan and deliver appropriate learning opportunities for pupils, and to ensure that any resources in place to support pupil learning are used efficiently.

Who else has a role in my child or young person's education?

The headteacher oversees the running of the school, ensuring that all elements of a pupil's education are in place.
The school SENCo has responsibility for co-ordinating the provision for pupils with SEND. They may work individually with pupils, or carry out assessments where required, and will usually host formal meetings such as annual reviews.
In addition to the class teacher and SENCo, pupils may also work with teaching assistants or the school counsellor.
External agencies or specialists may provide additional advice and support. Their involvement will always be with the consent of the parent/carer.

How does the setting, school or college ensure that information about a child's SEND or EHC plan is shared and understood by teachers and all relevant staff who come into contact with that child?

Systems are in place to ensure information regarding pupils with SEND and medical needs is shared with relevant staff including supply teachers. All class teachers and relevant school staff will have access to a copy of support plans and EHC Plans, and there are regular opportunities to discuss the content of these.

What expertise is available in the setting, school or college in relation to SEND? (IRR)

All school staff have a good awareness of SEND. Meetings are held to enable staff to work with the SENCo to develop their practice in relation to the specific needs of the pupils in their classes.
Both the school SENCo's, Rachel Geary and Chloe Moore hold a post graduate certificate in special needs coordination.
Teaching Assistants are trained in different intervention programmes and all staff take part in continuing professional development training.

Which other services do you access to provide for and support pupils and students with SEND (including health, therapy and social care services)? (IRR)

The school has close links and works with a wide range of outside agencies according the current needs of pupils within school and the availability of support from agencies; these may include speech and language therapy, occupational therapy, CEAT and social care. We have a good relationship with the school nurse who is available to offer advice and support and can be contacted through the SENCo.
We organise where appropriate, multi-agency meetings to discuss pupil's needs.

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Who would be my first point of contact if I want to discuss something?

Your first point of contact should be your child's class teacher. The school SENCo's are also available to support you in matters relating to SEND or any family issues.

Who is the SEN Coordinator and how can I contact them? (IRR)

There are two school SENCo's, who coordinate SEND in the school, Rachel Geary and Chloe Moore, their contact details can be obtained from the school office.

What roles do have your governors have? And what does the SEN governor do?

The school governors have responsibility for ensuring the quality of provision across the school. There is a designated governor for SEND, Julia Cargill, and regular discussions between the SEND governor and SENCO take place.

How will my child or young person be supported to have a voice in the setting, school or college? (IRR)

Every effort is made to ensure that the opinions, thoughts and feelings of our pupils are an integral part of any plans made about their education. Pupil's opinions are sought at a level which is accessible to the individual. Younger or less able children are given the opportunity to contribute their ideas in discussions which take place with a familiar adult who acts as an advocate for them. There is a group of Future Leaders and a Safeguarding Council, made up of pupils who meet regularly to share their views and, in line with the Code of Practice, school aims to include pupils with SEND where practical.

What opportunities are there for parents to become involved in the setting/school/college and/or to become governors?

Parents are encouraged to take an active role in the setting. There are opportunities to join the PTA who organise events and fundraise on behalf of the school and shape the direction of the school. Parent governors sit on the governing body and when their term of office expires, details of how to stand are advertised.

What help and support is available for the family through the setting, school or college? (IRR)

Staff in school provide support to parents as required. This might be completing forms with parents, or signposting them to agencies who can help further. If you would like help with any area of SEND please speak with the class teacher or the SENCo.

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Inclusion & Accessibility

How will my child or young person be included in activities outside the classroom, including trips? (**IRR**)

As an inclusive school setting we seek to ensure that all pupils regardless of need are able to attend enrichment opportunities such as after school clubs, school trips and breakfast club. For children with a higher level of need, any school trips and residentials will be discussed and planned for with the parents.

How accessible is the setting/school/college environment?

The school is able to cater for pupils with disabilities and is wheelchair accessible. Pupils are able to follow the Cheshire East admissions policy however an appointment to visit the school and discuss the pupils needs with the SENCo or the Headteacher is recommended prior to this. We have facilities for access to the main entrance, disabled parking and disabled toilet facilities. The accessibility plan can be found on the school website.

Is the building fully wheelchair accessible? Yes

Details (if required)

Access can be gained through the main entrance.

Are disabled changing and toilet facilities available? Yes

Details (if required)

In the main entrance of the school.

Do you have parking areas for pick up and drop offs? Yes

Details (if required)

There is parking available by the main entrance with one disabled parking space.

Do you have disabled parking spaces for students (post-16 settings)?

Details (if required)

Not applicable

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Transition

Who should I contact about my child/young person joining your setting, school or college? (IRR)

For information about entry please email the main school office admin@beechwood.cheshire.sch.uk or call into school and they will discuss the entry process with you. The school complies fully with the Equality Act 2010 and the School Admissions Code 2012 in relation to the arrangements for the admission of disabled pupils. Where the school is oversubscribed, all children are admitted in accordance with the published oversubscription criteria. Where a child is disabled, the school will make reasonable adjustments and provide auxiliary aids or services where reasonable to ensure that no disabled child is placed at a substantial disadvantage compared to other pupils.

How can parents arrange a visit to your setting, school or college? What is involved?

We offer a range of transition visits for new reception pupils; however we encourage the families of pupils with SEND to arrange a separate visit with the school SENCo and/or headteacher so that information which specifically relates to your child's requirements can be shared. This can be arranged at the school office.

How will you prepare and support my child or young person to join your setting, school, or college and how will you support them to move on to the next stage, or move on to adult life? (as applicable for setting) (IRR)

ENTRY

Prior to entry to our school, it is usual for families of pupils with SEND to visit for an informal tour of the school with the school SENCo. Information from this meeting is then shared with the prospective class teacher. Where necessary, transition visits can be arranged that are personalised to meet the needs of the pupil.

TRANSITION TO NEW SETTINGS

Wherever possible we prepare pupils for transition to new settings in a manner most appropriate to the individual. For some pupils this takes the form of additional visits to the new setting, for others this might be working through materials which address key aspects of the new setting. We have good links with our local high schools and work with the staff from those settings.

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Additional Information

What other support services are there who might help me and my family? (IRR)

The school SENCo and the Pastoral Lead in school can provide details of further support for families.

When was the above information updated, and when will it be reviewed?

The school offer will be reviewed and updated each January alongside the Inclusion policy or throughout the year if changes are required.

Where can I find the Cheshire East Local Offer? (IRR)

From 1st September 2014, the Cheshire East Local Offer can be found at www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/localoffer

What can I do if I am not happy with a decision or what is happening? (IRR)

As a school we encourage parents to address any worries or concerns promptly initially with the class teacher, and then if they are unable to help, with a senior member of staff such as the SENCo or the Headteacher. In the vast majority of cases we find that by talking things through we are able to find solutions to most problems. However, if after discussing your concerns with these people, you remain unhappy with any aspect of the school's performance we can advise you on our complaint procedures. The school complaints policy and procedure can be found on the school website (www.beechwoodprimary.org).