

Worsbrough Common Primary School



SEND Information Report

2021-22

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Worsbrough Common Primary School is a fully inclusive 3-11 learning community, also host to Worsbrough Common Communication and Interaction Resource Provision. We are committed to valuing the abilities and achievements of all the children and adults who access our learning environment and believe that all children are entitled to an appropriate broad and balanced education through the delivery of a curriculum which is challenging, exciting, enjoyable, and relevant. The curriculum we offer is designed to meet the needs of all our pupils, including those with SEND. We aim to give our children, including those with SEND and those who access the Resource Provision, the skills that will enable them to be fully included in the life of school. It is our belief that the inclusion of SEND children brings benefits to everyone, as all children can learn from one another and all are valued, regardless of ability or disability. Our unwavering commitment to delivering highly effective teaching and learning is paramount. As a result, our school strives to ensure that the provision for all its pupils is of the highest possible standard, whilst acknowledging that we are continually striving to improve our practice. We are committed to narrowing the attainment gap between children with SEND and their non-SEND peers.

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INTEGRATION

We aim, through inclusion, to promote respect and understanding for all pupils regardless of ability or disability. All our children benefit from a policy of inclusion; that children will realise that there are others with special needs different to their own and that these children are equal members of our school community. Conversely, we consider it important that all our pupils (including those with special educational needs and those part of the Resource Provision) feel themselves to be equal members of our school. We encourage all our children to have high aspirations for themselves and to have pride in their achievements. This is reinforced by private recognition and public celebration of achievements. Integration is achieved practically by differentiation in the classroom, by specific arrangements for individual children at playtimes, mealtimes and when moving around school, with adaptations which have been made to the environment. There is a whole school response towards some children when this is considered appropriate.

CURRICULUM

At Worsborough Common Primary, we work hard to ensure that all children, including those with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities, have access to as broad and balanced and relevant curriculum as possible that is rich, varied, creative and imaginative and meets the needs of individual learners, including those with SEND.

Work in all subject areas is differentiated to enable all children to succeed and make progress from their own starting point. Children and adults alike value each other, whatever their abilities or disabilities.

AREAS OF NEED

Below is a list of the main broad areas of need that we are able to provide for:

Broad Areas of Need:	Relating to difficulties with:
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 saying what they want to, understanding what is being said to them or they do not understand or use social rules of communication. The profile for every child with SLCN is different and their needs may change over time. They may have difficulty with one, some or all of the different aspects of speech, language or social communication at different times of their lives.
Cognition and Learning	Support for learning difficulties may be required when children and young people learn at a slower pace than their peers, even with appropriate differentiation. Learning difficulties cover a wide range of needs, including moderate learning difficulties (MLD), severe learning difficulties (SLD), where children are likely to need support in all areas of the curriculum and associated difficulties with mobility and communication, through to profound and multiple learning difficulties (PMLD).
Specific Learning Difficulties	Specific learning difficulties (SpLD), affect one or more specific aspects of learning. This encompasses a range of conditions such as dyslexia, dyscalculia and dyspraxia.
Sensory and or Physical Difficulties	Some children and young people require special educational provision because they have a disability which prevents or hinders them from making use of the educational facilities generally provided. These difficulties can be age related and may fluctuate over time. Many children and young people with vision impairment (VI), hearing impairment (HI) or a multi-sensory impairment (MSI) will require specialist support and/or equipment to access their learning, or habilitation support. Children and young people with an MSI have a combination of vision and hearing difficulties. Some children and young people with a physical disability (PD) require additional ongoing support and equipment to access all the opportunities available to their peers.

Social and Emotional Difficulties including Mental Health	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 challenging, disruptive or disturbing behaviour. These behaviours may reflect underlying mental health difficulties such as anxiety or depression, self-harming, substance misuse, eating disorders or physical symptoms that are medically unexplained. Other children and young people may have disorders such as attention deficit disorder, attention deficit hyperactive disorder or attachment disorder.
ASD	Children and young people with ASD, including Asperger's Syndrome, are likely to have particular difficulties with social interaction. They may also experience difficulties with language, communication and imagination, which can impact on how they relate to others

POLICIES FOR IDENTIFYING CHILDREN WITH SEND AND ASSESSING THEIR NEEDS

- Special Educational Needs Policy
- Safeguarding and Child Protection Policy
- E-safety Policy
- Accessibility Plan
- Equal Opportunities and Diversity Policy and Objectives
- Medical Conditions in School Policy
- Intimate Care Policy
- Behaviour Policy
- Anti-Bullying Policy
- Teaching and Learning Policy
- Admission Policy
- Attendance Policy

ARRANGEMENTS FOR CONSULTING WITH PARENTS OF CHILDREN WITH SEND AND INVOLVING THEM IN THEIR CHILD'S EDUCATION

At Worsbrough Common Primary School we:

- Hold statutory annual review meetings for those students with an Education Health Care Plan.
- Hold SEND review 3 x per year for children identified as having SEND needs.
- Hold and attend meetings with transition schools to further address the needs of pupils with SEND
- Attend and lead Team Around the Child/Multi-agency meeting as appropriate
- Communication books are put in place where necessary to support home-school communication for children with additional needs.

ARRANGEMENTS FOR CONSULTING WITH YOUNG PEOPLE WITH SEND AND INVOLVING THEM IN THEIR EDUCATION

At Worsbrough Common Primary School we promote pupil voice in decision making around the support and education of all our children, including those with SEND. At an age-appropriate level we will include the child in planning, monitoring and reviewing their educational provide including:

- Discussions around individual targets
- Agreeing appropriate motivators and rewards linked to personal aspirations

- Discussions around use of additional support and resources
- Include the child in discussions with outside agencies as appropriate including: Hearing/Visually Impaired Service, Educational Psychology, Occupational Therapy, CAMHS, etc
- Discussions with the SENDCO
- Attending SEN or Education, Health and Care Plan meetings as appropriate.

At Worsbrough Common Primary School, where appropriate, we use a person-centered MAP approach (Making Positive Action Plans) to actively involve pupils in their education.

ARRANGEMENTS FOR ASSESSING AND REVIEWING CHILDREN'S PROGRESS TOWARDS OUTCOMES

All children throughout the school and our Resource Provision are monitored regularly to ensure they continue to access the curriculum successfully and to help early identification of any area of concern. A range of evidence is collected through the usual assessment and monitoring arrangements, as well as regular formal discussions between the SENDCO and the class teachers as well as discussions with parents and carers. For children with SEND, progress is monitored in relation to their additional needs.

The school adopts the levels of intervention as described in the SEND Code of Practice, January 2015. The Code of Practice advocates a graduated response to meeting pupils' needs. When they are identified as having SEND, the school will intervene through intervention. These are often described as elements or waves:

ELEMENT/WAVE 1: Quality first teaching in the classroom - including differentiation and supportive strategies.

ELEMENT/WAVE 2: Small group support for those pupils who are achieving below age expected levels.

ELEMENT/WAVE 3: Focused, individualised intervention to support specific barriers to learning or support learners who are working well below age expectation.

Wave 2 Intervention:

Intervention is characterised by interventions that are different from or additional to the normal differentiated curriculum. Wave 2 intervention can be triggered through concern either from the class teacher or parent/carer, supplemented by evidence that, despite receiving differentiated teaching, pupils:

- Make little or no progress
- Demonstrate difficulty in developing Reading, Writing or Mathematics skills
- Show persistent emotional/behavioural difficulties which are not affected by behaviour management strategies
- Have sensory/physical problems, and make little progress despite the provision of specialist equipment
- Experience communication and/or interaction problems and make little or no progress despite experiencing a differentiated curriculum
- The child is working below age related expectations.

SUPPORT PLANS AND ONE PAGE PROFILES

If the school decides, after consultation with parents, that a pupil requires further support in addition to good quality first teaching and interventions to make progress, a School Focused Plan may be put into place in coproduction with families and the child. A School Focused Plan supports the assess, plan and review cycle and allows the child (where appropriate) and their families to have an input in planning future support.

Parents will be closely informed of the action and results. At this stage there may also be involvement of external services. External support services will advise on targets and provide specialist input to the support process. The circumstance under which we would begin a Support Plan are:

- Still makes little or no progress in specific areas over a long period.
- Continues to work at National Curriculum levels considerably lower than expected for a pupil at a similar age.
- Continues to experience difficulty in developing Literacy/Numeracy skills.
- Has emotional/behavioural problems that substantially impede their learning.
- Has sensory or physical needs requiring additional specialist equipment or visits/advice from specialists.
- Has communication or interaction problems that impede the development of social relationships, thus presenting barriers to learning.

Parental consent is sought before any external agencies are involved.

Education Health and Care Plans

“Needs Led Not Diagnosis Led”

Where, despite having taken relevant and purposeful action to identify, assess and meet the SEND of the child, the child has not made expected progress, we or the child’s parents will consider requesting an Education, Health and Care Needs Assessment.

An Education, Health and Care Plan (EHCP) will normally be provided where the LA considers the pupil requires provision beyond what the school can currently offer. However, the school recognises that a request for assessment does not necessarily lead to an Education, Health and Care Plan or increase in financial provision.

An Education, Health and Care Plan is a legal document which outlines the specific needs of the individual and the provision needed to support them. The progress and attainment of these learners, as well as the provision the child receives is reviewed annually at a person centered annual review. Parents and Carers, as well as learners themselves, are invited to share their views. Wider agencies who have been involved with the child are also often invited. These meetings are documented and submitted to the Local Authority. All learners who access the Communication and Interaction Resource Provision have an EHCP.

THE APPROACH TO TEACHING PUPILS WITH SEND

All pupils should have access to a broad and balanced and relevant curriculum. Teachers set high expectations for every pupil, whatever their prior attainment. Teachers use appropriate assessment to set targets which are deliberately ambitious. Potential areas of difficulty are identified and addressed at the outset. Lessons are planned to address potential areas of difficulty and to remove barriers to pupil's achievement. Planning will mean that pupils with SEN and Disabilities will be able to study and access the full National Curriculum. In order to achieve this the teacher may need to prepare additional support including specific resources, prior intervention and adult guidance as appropriate.

Some learners, with more complex needs, may require a more personalised curriculum. In these instances, Teachers act on the advice and recommendations of wider agencies involved and follow the provision outlined in Education, Health and Care Plans or School Focused Plans to support them to progress in line with their personalised trajectory.

Learners who access the Resource Provision are still able to access the National Curriculum at a level appropriate to the individual. The Lead Teacher in Charge who supports their provision is a fully qualified Communication and Interaction Practitioner. The learning journey of these learners is also supported by their Educational Health and Care Plan.

HOW ADAPTATIONS ARE MADE TO THE CURRICULUM AND THE LEARNING ENVIRONMENT OF CHILDREN WITH SEND

The SENCO alongside appropriate staff will identify students that require 'additional to' and 'different from' provision and makes appropriate adaptations and arrangements to meet these needs. If the pupil has an EHCP or SFP, these strategies/adaptations will be referenced in their plan.

The school has the following facilities: wheelchair access, disabled toilets, changing facilities, easy access for taxis/other transport. Where necessary, will also make other adaptations to the learning environment so that all learners, including those with a disability have as full access as possible to the curriculum and learning environment.

THE EXPERTISE AND TRAINING OF STAFF TO SUPPORT CHILDREN WITH SEND, INCLUDING SPECIALIST EXPERTISE WILL BE SECURED

When appropriate, a programme of professional development/staff training will be organised in relation to different SEND need types, to allow staff to feel confident that they are providing a rich and varied learning environment for students and that reasonable adjustments are made.

The SENCO and senior leaders aim to empower staff so that there is a good level of understanding related to individual children as well as general needs and conditions. First and foremost, all staff receive a range of quality CPD to support Quality First Teaching.

EVALUATING THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE PROVISION MADE FOR CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE WITH SEND

The SENCO and Senior Leaders monitor the effectiveness of the SEND provision through:

- regular meetings with class teachers
- learning walks and learning enquiries
- regular reviews of intervention programs
- annual review meetings for children with EHC Plan
- update meetings with class teacher and support staff
- analysis of progress against baselines
- regular update of the SEND Policy

HOW CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE WITH SEND ARE ABLE TO ENGAGE IN THE ACTIVITIES AVAILABLE WITH CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE IN THE SCHOOL WHO DO NOT HAVE SEND

Worsbrough Common Primary School believes in equal opportunities for all children. In order for children with SEND to be able to access extra-curricular activities extra adult supervision where necessary, amendment of resources and appropriate adaptations will be made.

THE ADMISSIONS OF PUPILS WITH DISABILITIES

Learners with an Education Health and Care Plan

Pupils with disabilities who have an Education Health and Care Plan who want to attend Worsbrough Common Primary School or the Resource Provision go through the Local Authority admissions procedure; this is via a consultation process. As part of this, school are sent information about the child and are asked whether our school is able to meet their needs. In responding to this, school will consider the range of documentation sent to determine whether we are able to meet the child's needs. School may also decide to carry out an observation of the child and speak with their current setting and their family to gather further information to determine whether needs can be met.

Learners with disabilities who do not have an Education Health and Care Plan

Parents contact the school in advance and meet with the SENCO to discuss the needs of their child and determine how school can meet them to support progress.

SUPPORT FOR IMPROVING EMOTIONAL AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT

Worsbrough Common Primary provides a 'bespoke' approach to providing social and emotional support for children with SEND. We believe social and emotional wellbeing is at the core of ensuring children are happy and safe. When children are happy and safe, they are ready to learn. Unconditional positive regard is our 'golden thread' approach that is integrated into all elements of school life that promotes the social and emotional wellbeing.

Support for improving social and emotional development is done through practice such as:

- Access to our Nurture environment at unstructured times
- A range of nurture based interventions at both 1:1 and group level
- Access to a learning mentor
- Play Therapy opportunities
- Implementation of the behaviour policy, which is the responsibility of all staff
- Referral to outside agencies such as Child and Adolescent Mental Health Service where appropriate
- Attending Team Around the Child and other multi-agency meetings
- Following safeguarding and child protection procedures
- Adapting a clear line of communication and reporting between all staff and the Senior Leadership Team

HOW THE SCHOOL INVOLVES OTHER BODIES, INCLUDING HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE BODIES, LOCAL AUTHORITY SUPPORT SERVICES AND VOLUNTARY SECTOR ORGANISATIONS

Worsbrough Common Primary School are building a good network of support outside services including:

- Educational Psychology Service
- Speech and Language
- Occupational Therapy
- Physiotherapy
- School Nursing Service
- Social Care
- Visual Impairment Service
- Hearing Impairment Service
- Speech and Language Therapy
- ASDAT Team
- Family Centres
- Early Help Hub
- CAMHS
- Berneslai Homes
- Banardos
- TADs

The Lead Teacher in charge of the Resource Provision is also available to offer specialist support to learners in the wider school around Communication and Interaction.

Learners who access the Resource Provision receive intensive specialist speech and language support delivered by the resident speech and language therapists.

Families are encouraged to access Special Educational Needs and Disabilities, Information, Advice and Support Service (SENDIASS) (formerly Parent Partnership Services) for impartial support and advice or to bring an appropriate relative or friend to meetings if they wish to do so.

COMPLAINTS

Worsbrough Common Primary has a complaints procedure for all to follow.

- Parents of SEND children are free to contact the SENCO whenever there is a concern and meet to resolve any issues as quickly as possible
- Formal meetings will take place where appropriate
- Where appropriate an action plan may be put in place and shared with all staff

All complaints will be dealt with thereafter by the Head of School through the complaints procedure of the school. The chair of governors may be involved if necessary.