



## **SEND Information Report**

The information in this document describes our provision for students with a Special Educational Need or Disability (SEND) and reflects Solihull Borough Council's Local Offer which can be found at [www.socialsolihull.org.uk/localoffer](http://www.socialsolihull.org.uk/localoffer). Given the geographical location of Lyndon School some of our young people and their families may also wish to refer to Birmingham's Local Offer <https://www.localofferbirmingham.co.uk/>

At Lyndon, a Summit Learning Trust school, we strive to ensure that all students achieve their potential personally, socially, emotionally and academically in all areas of the curriculum regardless of their gender, ethnicity, social background, religion, sexual identity, physical ability or educational needs. This report is intended to give you information regarding the ways in which we ensure that we support all of our students, including those with special educational needs and disabilities, in order that they can realise their full potential. It may not list every skill, resource and technique we employ in order to achieve this as our provisions are continually developed and evaluated to meet the diverse and changing requirements of our students.

### **How does the school identify and assess special educational needs or disabilities?**

Primary school information is a key source for us in identifying new students with SEND. At the start of year 7 all students have their reading and spelling assessed together with subject baseline testing so that we can establish who might require targeted wave 2 and specialist wave 3 interventions (see table below). In addition, as the term progresses and at regular intervals throughout key stages 3 and 4, teaching and support staff are asked to raise via the SENDCO, Curriculum Leaders, Pastoral Managers, the school's Inclusion Referral Panel any student who is not making expected progress or whom they have particular concerns about. At this point a conversation will take place with parents/carers to discuss options and strategies available to ensure the most appropriate support mechanisms are agreed and implemented.

## **How does the curriculum support the diverse needs of our students?**

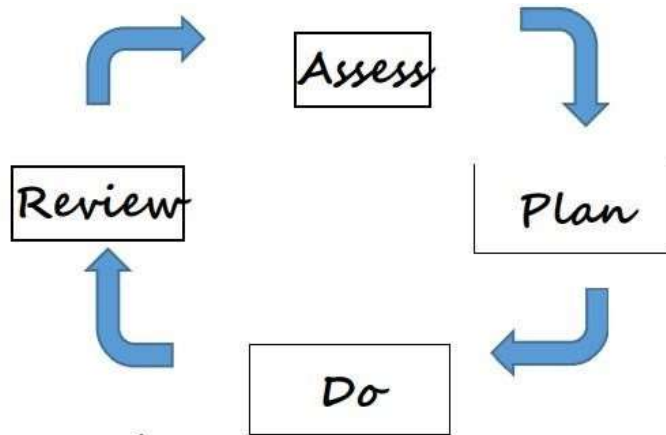
Via our curriculum intent, consistent expectations about high quality teaching and precision planning are embedded amongst staff. The application of an inclusive and ambitious approach to learning is at the heart of school improvement. Robust quality assurance systems are subject to regular review, these include learning walks, book looks, pupil voice and departmental target setting.

Throughout the year, teachers and teaching assistants are kept abreast of new initiatives through professional learning opportunities delivered via the Summit Learning Trust Professional Learning Institute, the SENDCo and specialist guest speakers. As a result, staff confidence, skillset and practice are enhanced. Further training to ensure wave 2 and 3 interventions are also effectively delivered has taken place with Teaching Assistants completing accreditation for delivering ELKLAN Speech & Language programmes, Friends for Life, Toe by Toe, Word Wasp, Fresh Start and assessment completion in support of exam access arrangements.

In school we assess whether a young person has a special educational need or disability in different ways. Some of these may include:

- Pupil observations
- Teacher feedback / referrals
- Pastoral / Designated Safeguarding Lead / Attendance (Education Welfare Officer) referrals
- School based test results
- Information from parents / carers
- Information from the young person
- Specialist assessments carried out by external agencies working in collaboration with the school (with parent/carer consent)
- Transition information
- A specialist external report from an education, health or social care professional

A person-centred approach is then used in consultation with parents and outside agency specialists in the form of a graduated cycle to underpin the provision and interventions required;



### **Wave 1 (Universal support)**

This includes high quality inclusive teaching, which takes into account the learning needs of all students in the classroom. It requires teachers to provide scaffolded work, appropriate resources and create an inclusive learning environment.

### **Wave 2 (universal plus / targeted intervention – school support)**

This includes specific, additional and time-limited interventions that target gaps or a delay in a student’s development. The support is designed to accelerate a student’s progress from their starting point. Often the intervention is delivered to support a small group of students with similar learning, language or personal development needs. Students in receipt of a wave 2 intervention are identified as having “SEN support”.

### **Wave 3 (High focused support / Support Plan / Education Health Care Plan)**

This includes specialist provision for a minority of students where it is necessary to provide highly tailored interventions to support their academic progress and/or personal development. Students receiving a wave 3 intervention and / or access to specialist external support (on a 1:1 / small group basis) are identified as having high focused “SEN support”. The school may work with external agencies, parent/carers and the pupil to create a profile of need outlining specific targets to clearly evidence desired outcomes and provision. The plan is usually reviewed on at least a termly basis with progress and next steps clearly noted.

Students may (if not already in receipt of) need to undergo a holistic statutory assessment of their needs which may result in an Education Health Care Plan (EHCP) being applied for, agreed and issued by the Local Authority. Evidence in support of an EHCP needs to be gathered and clearly documented through the graduated approach; assess, plan, do and review cycle and noted within a young person’s profile of need. Short and long term outcomes are then discussed at a Team Around the Child meeting with all views gathered and recorded. This

process usually takes at least two academic terms to fully evidence unless there are extenuating / special circumstances.

For further information regarding this process, follow the links below;

[https://www.birmingham.gov.uk/info/50142/assessment\\_of\\_need](https://www.birmingham.gov.uk/info/50142/assessment_of_need)

<https://socialsolihull.org.uk/localoffer/wp-content/uploads/sites/21/2018/08/Family-conversation-record-forEHC-Blank.pdf>

<https://socialsolihull.org.uk/localoffer/wp-content/uploads/sites/21/2018/08/MedicalQuestionnaire-Blank.pdf>

<https://socialsolihull.org.uk/localoffer/wp-content/uploads/sites/21/2015/07/REQUEST-FOR-A-STATUTORYEDUCATION.pdf>

Parental request form:

<https://socialsolihull.org.uk/localoffer/wp-content/uploads/sites/21/2016/07/REQUEST-FOR-A-STATUTORYEDUCATION-Parental-5.pdf>

### **Education Health Care Plan**

Where, despite the school having taken relevant and purposeful action to identify, assess and meet the SEND of a student, expected progress hasn't been made, school, health and social care professionals or the child's parents/carers could consider asking the local authority to carry out an Education, Health and Care (EHC) needs assessment. To inform the request there should be adequate evidence (at least 2 cycles) to support historic, current and future needs.

A small minority of students may transfer from primary school with an EHCP or require a Local Authority statutory assessment of their needs having received support through the above graduated approach. The holistic and person-centred plan will clearly outline the very specific areas of special educational need and / or disability a student has, the support they require and the short / long term desired outcomes. The plan is reviewed at least annually and at this point feedback is obtained from the young person, significant people in their lives, teachers and external professionals involved in their care and education so that the impact of provision can be measured and new targets set.

For further information regarding this process (for a child living in Solihull) details can be found at; <http://socialsolihull.org.uk/localoffer/ehc-plans/>

(or living in Birmingham)

[https://www.birmingham.gov.uk/info/50142/education\\_health\\_and\\_care\\_plans/854/education\\_health\\_and\\_care\\_plans\\_for\\_children\\_and\\_young\\_people](https://www.birmingham.gov.uk/info/50142/education_health_and_care_plans/854/education_health_and_care_plans_for_children_and_young_people)

## What interventions / provisions are available to support students with SEND?

The list below is an example of the various provisions available to our students as part of the graduated approach:

<b>Cognition &amp; Learning</b>	Profile of need Reading programme i.e. Toe By Toe / Rapid Plus /Fresh Start Spelling programme i.e. Word Wasp / SNIP Precision teaching Corrective reading groups Catch up literacy & numeracy Colour overlay – visual stress Access to an ICT device for extended writing Shared access to in class support Subject specific intervention groups Homework club Exam access arrangements Direct input from SISS – Communication and Learning Difficulties (CLD) Team
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<b>Social Emotional and Mental Health</b>	Profile of need Support from the school's pastoral managers Friends for Life Transition Programme Friends for Youth KS4 programme Counselling / mentoring Lunch club Monitoring and support from SISS – Social Emotional and Mental Health Team Educational Welfare Officer Referral to Child and Adult Mental Health Service – SOLAR (Solihull) Forward Thinking Birmingham Student Welfare Provision Senior Mental Health First Aid Lead Staff trained in positive behaviour handling – Team Teach
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<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Speech Language and Communication Needs</b></p>	<p>Profile of need and/or Speech and language report  Speech and language vocabulary intervention  Personalised 1:1 programme  Units of Sound  ELKLAN intervention  Access to a Speech and Language Therapist (SALT)  Access to SISS – Autism Team  Referral to / recommendations from Solihull's Meadows Centre or Birmingham's Child Development Centre</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Sensory / Physical Impairment</b></p>	<p>Profile of need  Individual resources / aids as guided by specialist sensory support teams  Reasonable adjustments made to timetable / rooming  Referral to Paediatric, Occupational or Physiotherapy  Referral to / support from SISS – VI &amp; HI teams    Sensory profile / audit</p>

### **How do we report and feedback to parents / carers?**

All students will receive progress reports throughout the school year having undergone assessments detailing their attainment, effort and achievements from across their subject areas. Should teachers, Curriculum Leaders or parents/carers have any interim concerns, home to school contact is essential to swiftly intervene and identify appropriate support and ways forward.

Parent/carers also have the opportunity to contribute to and review their child's profile of need. Formally this is done in line with consultation evenings and review meetings, however, should information need updating this can be done at any given time in order to keep teachers informed of how best they can support students. A copy is also posted home prior to consultation evenings for consideration and annotated amends.

### **Our Inclusion Team**

Our Inclusion Team consists of Ms Jo Hill and a team of Teaching Assistants. Where necessary assessment, advice and guidance is also sought from our external agencies, they include;

- Solihull Specialist Inclusion Support Service – Autism Team
- Solihull Specialist Inclusion Support Service – Communication & Learning Difficulties Team
- Solihull Specialist Inclusion Support Service – Social, Emotional and Mental Health Team

- Sensory and Physical Impairment Team
- Speech and Language Therapist
- Educational Psychology Service – Solihull and Independent EP
- Family Support Worker
- Educational Welfare Officer
- Barnardos
- James Brindley Service / Triple Crown
- Child Development Centre – Paediatricians

As an Academy Trust our SENDCos and wider inclusion teams value working collaboratively to share best practice and develop expertise through regular networks of excellence. There is also the Director for Inclusion who works across our Multi Academy Trust supporting, advising and quality assuring our SEND systems and provision.

### **How does Lyndon school support students with special educational needs and disabilities through transition?**

During the summer term, prior to admission in year 7, our Inclusion team work collaboratively with the designated Pastoral Manager to visit our feeder primary schools so that information can be shared, parents can be met with, and additional visits can be arranged for students that require additional support in preparation for transferring to secondary school.

The SENDCO liaises with parents/carers, students and subject teachers during the options process to ensure appropriate and ambitious pathways are chosen for key stage 4. All EHCPs and Profiles of Need are updated to reflect our commitment to the four Preparing for Adulthood outcomes which focus on *employment, independent living, community inclusion and health*.

In preparation for Post 16, from year 9 onwards planning begins with school-based careers events, information and guidance meetings, 1:1 career advice, work experience and a visit to the annual Skills Show at the NEC. Should a student require individual support with their post 16 application forms and interviews our Inclusion team can support this process helping to forge links with supported learning teams / key staff at the colleges / sixth forms to ensure a successful and confident transition is planned for.

### **How are parents / carers of children with special educational needs or disabilities involved in the education of their child?**

At Lyndon school we are fully committed to the principles of co-production. We operate a working in partnership approach which means parents/carers can contact the school whenever they have a query and time will be made for them. We want all parents/ carers to be involved in the education of their child as young people learn best if there is strong collaboration between home and school with honest and open communication. Our SENDCo and a representative from the pastoral team is available at all consultation events and can be contacted by telephone / email should an individual query or meeting be required.

## **How are students with special educational needs or disabilities involved in their own education?**

Student voice is recognised and valued. As part of our robust review of the curriculum and our provision, the views of our students are regularly sought and responded to ensuring support and challenge is effectively implemented. We use person centred tools and approaches to ensure that our students are actively involved in their review meetings and decision making regarding their support and provision. We have a school culture that promotes student leadership with all students having the opportunity to raise their views via tutor group programmes, our school council, prefects and head students.

The school also collects student and parent voice at timely intervals throughout the year via questionnaires to enhance our systems, practices and events.

## **How is SEND provision evaluated?**

There is multi-layered approach to evaluating SEND provision at Trust, School and Local Governing Body (LGB) level.

- At Trust level, at least termly meetings are held between the SENDCO and the Director for Inclusion to evaluate the quality of provision and outcomes.
- At school level:
  - SEND provision is evaluated by the SENDCO and wider Senior Leadership Team. Our quality assurance cycle reviews the effectiveness of provision for all learners.
  - Progress data from formative assessments is collected 3 times a year, key information shared and followed up.
  - Attendance is monitored weekly with appropriate action taken.
- Termly meetings take place between the link Governor and SENDCO with updates reported to LGB.

## **How do I contact the Special Educational Needs and Disabilities Coordinator?**

In the first instance should a parent / carer have a query they would like to raise regarding their child's special educational needs, support or provision we ask that they make contact via email or telephone to our school based SENDCo or Higher Level Teaching Assistant. A face to face meeting can also be arranged via email or telephone at a mutually convenient time.

Lyndon School SENDCo Ms Jo Hill

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Higher Level Teaching Assistant Ms Kate Roslyn [Kate.roslyn@lyndon.org.uk](mailto:Kate.roslyn@lyndon.org.uk)



## **How are complaints dealt with?**

We take parent / carer concerns seriously and will act upon these on an individual basis.

In the first instance we would always ask that a parent /carer raises their concerns with their child's form teacher, subject teacher, curriculum leader or pastoral manager. Should they have any specific questions or queries thereafter regarding their child's SEND support or provision contact should be made via the school's main reception for the attention of Ms Jo Hill our SENDCO.

If a parent / carer is still unhappy about the resolution of their concern or if it is of a more serious nature, then this should be raised with the Vice Principal Mr Richard Bohdanowitsch [Richard.Bohdanowitsch@lyndon.org.uk](mailto:Richard.Bohdanowitsch@lyndon.org.uk)

More guidance regarding the school's complaints procedure can be found on the school's website or can be requested from our school reception.

## **Who are Solihull SENDIAS Service and how can they support and advise parents/carers and young people?**

"The vision for our Solihull SENDIAS Service is that children and young people with SEND, and their parents/carers, will be more aware of their entitlement and the options available, and will be able to make informed decisions. Information, advice and support for children and young people with SEND and their parents/carers will be impartial, free to access, accurate, confidential, comprehensive and easily accessible/understandable."

Solihull SENDIAS Service aims to:

- Provide information, advice and support to children and young people up to the age of 25 with SEND
- Provide information, advice and support to the parents/carers of children and young people up to the age of 25 with SEND
- Provide impartial advice about matters relating to SEND, including issues relating to health and social care
- Offer support to parents/carers and children and young people with SEND in participating in decisions made about the child/young person's education, health and social care:

<https://www.family-action.org.uk/solihullsendias/>

### **Solihull SENDIAS Service**

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Email: [solihullsendias@family-action.org.uk](mailto:solihullsendias@family-action.org.uk)

Write to: Sans Souci, Tamworth Lane, Shirley, Solihull, B90 4D

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