



The Redeemer Church of England Primary School

Annual Local Offer SEND Information Report 2023

How we identify individual special educational learning needs

- ❖ When pupils have identified SEND before they start here, we work with the people who already know them and use the information already available to identify what their SEND will be in our school setting
- ❖ If you tell us you think your child has a SEND we will discuss this with you and possibly carry out some diagnostic tests with your child. We will share what we discover with you and agree with you what we will do next and what you can do to help your child
- ❖ If our staff think that your child has an SEND this may be because they are not making the same progress as other pupils; for example they may not be able to follow instructions or answer questions. We will observe them; we will assess their understanding of what we are doing in school and use diagnostic tests to pinpoint what is causing them difficulty (i.e. *what is happening and why*)
- ❖ Our in house assessments include British Picture Vocabulary Scale, Derbyshire Language, Wellcomm, Physical Development baseline motor skills, Goodenough Draw a Man, Yarc Assessment of Reading and Comprehension, Dyslexia Screener, Sandwell Numeracy Assessment, Talc (Test of Abstract language Comprehension), Ravens, Visual Perception and a range of specific language assessments. These assessments and screeners enable us to unpick a child's difficulties and ensure that we plan the appropriate strategies, targets, interventions necessary to ensure each child continues to make progress with their education. School will where necessary request the support of professionals for further diagnostic information for individual children.

Where a pupil is identified as having a Special Educational Need or Disability, their needs will be categorised as per the SEND Code of Practice 0 – 25 (2014) into the following four headings:

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

These will be used to identify the appropriate action to be taken by the school, rather than to label the child. The needs of the whole child will be used to determine additional provision. We recognise that some pupils' progress and attainment is affected by factors other than a Special Educational Need.

For example:

- their attendance and punctuality
- their health and welfare
- having English as an Additional Language (English As a second Language)
- being in receipt of the Pupil Premium Grant
- being a Looked After Child (Looked After Children)
- being a child of a serviceman/woman

How we involve pupils and their parents/carers in identifying SEND and planning to meet them

- ❖ Parents are viewed as partners in their child's education and are kept fully informed about this. They will be informed of any changes in their child's progress, behaviour or educational provision within the school. School operates an open door policy where parents are encouraged to request the opportunity for informal discussion or an organised meeting at a convenient time. Meetings can include the SENCO (Gillian Ross) and SENCO Support (Natalie Woodhouse). Parents have the right to access records relating to their own child and any school documentation they may feel appropriate.
- ❖ When we assess children with SEND, we identify if understanding and behaviour are the same at school and home; we take this into account and work with you so that we are all helping your child in the same way to make progress
- ❖ We identify targets, encouraging pupils and parents/carers and where appropriate children to be involved in the process. Targets are updated regularly throughout the year, following feedback from staff, parents and children
- ❖ We will provide advice on further activities and resources that can be used to support children at home, as well as homework to repeat and practice activities that are new and present an achievable challenge for the individual pupil
- ❖ Parental involvement may be sought, where appropriate, to reinforce or contribute to progress at home, likewise child involvement will be sought where appropriate.

- ❖ Children who have an Education Health Care Plan will be asked for their point of view, both when the application is made to panel for further support and annually as part of the review process. We endeavour to include children during the annual review process as much as possible and encourage children to be there whilst the review is taking place.
- ❖ The school will seek to engage the services of a translator if necessary or where requested by parents, to ensure partnership in developing strategies to help an individual student.
- ❖ We hold parents evenings twice a year. SEND support plans are provided termly. These plans include information of 1:1 SEND annual assessment results. The parents of children with an EHCP are invited to an Annual Review meeting.

Parents can find information about how the Local Authority seek to support families via the school website or www.blackburn.gov.uk/send

How we adapt the curriculum so that we meet SEN

At Blackburn The Redeemer we understand that children learn and develop in different ways. Outstanding, quality first teaching is vital for all children. This means that a range of teaching and learning styles, resources and adaptations are used and that appropriate, differentiated learning objectives are set for all children with a curriculum matched to their needs.

The majority of children in our school will receive support through good quality teaching in the classroom.

However, we are mindful that some children, at some time in their school life, may need extra help and support in a variety of different ways. If staff feel that a child's needs cannot be met through quality first teaching alone, then additional support or intervention may be put into place to compliment the curriculum and enhance access. This is monitored regularly and adjusted as necessary.

Each learner identified as having SEN is entitled to support that is 'additional to or different from' a normal differentiated curriculum. The type of support is dependent on the individual learning needs and is intended to enable access to learning and overcome the barrier to learning identified.

The waves of intervention model describes how different levels of intervention can be used to facilitate learning.

Wave 1 Quality First Teaching

This is about what should be on offer for all children: the effective inclusion of all pupils in high-quality everyday personalised teaching. This could include:

Differentiated and adapted work to meet pupils' needs

High expectations which inspire, motivate and challenge pupils
Good subject and curriculum knowledge
Well-structured lessons
Adapting teaching to respond to the strengths and needs of all pupils
Behaviour managed effectively to ensure a positive and safe learning environment which promotes progress
Deploying support staff effectively.

Wave 2 Interventions

Where children need additional support they may be given some Wave 2 intervention to help them 'Catch Up' with their peers or prevent a gap from appearing or increasing. Wave 2 interventions are often targeted at a group of pupils with similar needs. These are monitored for each class as well as individually for children with SEND using the SEND support plans.

Wave 2 interventions may include:

Handwriting interventions as a small group
Phonics Boosters
Social skills or nurture groups
Motor skills groups
Speech & Language groups including pre-teach vocabulary
Inference groups
Maths Boosters eg pre-learning activities surrounding vocabulary or strategies to apply in lessons
Reading comprehension/inference small group interventions
Better Reading
Spelling Boosters
Stretching a sentence work or sentence structure targeted small group support

Wave 3 interventions

If pupils continue to make inadequate progress, despite high-quality teaching targeted at their areas of weakness, the class teacher, with support from the SENCO, should assess whether a pupil has a significant learning difficulty, which may require highly-tailored interventions. Provision at this level may include specialist or individualised provision. There will be an adjustment to learning objectives and teaching styles, and/or individual support. It aims to reduce gaps in attainment and facilitate greater access to Waves One or Two.

Children receiving Wave Three support may be identified as SEND Support. If an external agency is involved in the assessment, planning and review cycle the children will be identified as SEND support.

How we modify teaching approaches including our plans for developing and enhancing SEN provision in our school next year include ...

- ❖ All our staff have received training which enables us to be able to adapt to a range of SEND:- specific learning difficulties (including dyslexia) (Specific Learning Difficulty); autistic spectrum disorder (ASD); speech, language and communication needs (Speech Language Communication Need); and social emotional and mental health difficulties, sensory and physical development difficulties, attachment difficulties, Attention Deficit Hyperactive Disorder, ACE training.
- ❖ We use a number of approaches to teaching –Small group boosters (Phonics, First Class @numbers, better reading, ELS, intervention programmes, write dance, body awareness, 1:1 tutoring, etc.)
- ❖ Enhancing SEN provision 2022/23 – School continued to provide additional training linked to Makaton, Clicker, ACE (Advice Childhood Experiences), Wellcomm, Talking Ted, ongoing Epilepsy Training, asthma, anaphylaxis, Visual Impairment updates – including the use of appropriate software, cane training, ongoing HI training, Emotional Health and Wellbeing, Mental Health Training, Well Being Warriors, Pop-Up Nurture, Lego Therapy. A continued focus on narrowing the gap between pupils at SEND Support and those with no identified SEN, in all subjects at KS1 and particularly in Maths, Writing and Reading at KS2. To improve the rate of progress for children at SEND Support across EYFS and Y1 in all subjects.
- ❖ Where appropriate, adaptations are made to the curriculum/learning environment enabling all children, including those with SEND to access the whole curriculum. (see accessibility plan)

How we assess pupil progress towards the outcomes we have targeted for pupils. How we review this progress so that pupils stay on track to make at least good progress. (including how we involve pupils and their parents/carers) How we evaluate the effectiveness of the provision

- ❖ We use national curriculum outcomes, EYFS outcomes and PIVATS to assess progress that is in smaller steps and at a slower pace than the usual national curriculum. During the last academic year, a child working below PIVATS level 4 was supported by an adult using the Engagement Model. This supports children who are not yet engaged in subject specific learning

- ❖ This academic year children in EYFS were supported via Wellcomm assessments. Those children who were not achieving speech and language skills at an age appropriate level were provided with outcomes to help them reach age related expectations
- ❖ We regularly use staff meetings to allow all teachers to assess an anonymous piece of work to check our judgements are correct (moderating)
- ❖ We check how well a pupil understands and makes progress in lessons. Where it is found during the lesson that a child needs additional support/teaching this is noted and catered for
- ❖ Our senior leadership team check the progress of pupils every term, (more often if progress is slow) and we discuss what we are doing to make sure all pupils make good progress (is there anything else we can do?)
- ❖ For pupils with SEN, teachers discuss progress with parents every term or more often if we believe this will help
- ❖ Individual targets identified by children/parents/staff are reviewed and updated
- ❖ Children involved in specific interventions may undertake an entry and exit assessment, either York assessment of reading comprehension or Sandwell Numeracy assessment. During the year, further assessments will be undertaken to ensure that children are continuing to make progress

All children identified as SEN support will undertake individual assessments linked to language, vocabulary, reading accuracy, reading comprehension and reading speed at the end of each academic year.

All children are formally assessed and reviewed 3 times a year. There are ongoing informal assessments throughout the year. Individual curriculum targets are set from these assessments. After formal assessment has taken place pupil progress meetings take place, where pupils progress and targets are reviewed. Staff also sit down and review progress and targets with individual children. All pupils are tracked from reception through to year 6 based on both formative and summative assessment.

We at The Redeemer monitor our SEND provision so that we can ensure that we are meeting the needs of our SEND pupils in the most effective way possible using the resources available. The Governors with a special interest in special educational needs will meet with the SENCO at least annually. The SENCO reports termly to the Governors regarding the provision for children with special educational needs. The Governors will oversee this process and will report annually to parents. When considering how successful our policy is, we will consider:

- * Movement of pupils on/off the SEND register.
- * The identification and assessment of SEND i.e. early identification – /Performance Indicators for Valued Assessment and Targeted learning Support/ Baseline results.
- * Pupil success in the National Curriculum, SATs and achieving targets. Comparative data from annual standardised tests in KS2.
- * Resource allocation.
- * Parental views and opinions expressed at Parents Evenings, reviews and informal discussions.

- * Effectiveness of documentation.
- * Complaints.
- * Assessment co-ordinator monitoring of progress through highlighted tracking of pupils with SEND and disabilities.
- * SENCO observations of whole class/ group/ individual teaching.
- * The school's self-evaluation policy.
- * Pupil and Parental views.
- * Adviser views – monitoring visits.
- * SEND officer / Educational Psychology service.
- * Targets are reviewed throughout the term

In academic year 2022/23, 23% of the pupils on roll were identified as SEN Support/EHCP. 1.6% of the pupils on roll had an EHCP. In EYFS, 11.5% of children were identified as SEN Support. Of those children 29% achieved GLD compared to 27% nationally. In the KS1 phonics screener, of the children identified as SEN Support/EHC, 63.6% achieved the expected standard, compared to 51.4% nationally. At the end of Key Stage 1 in 2023, 21.7% of Yr 2 pupils were at SEN Support. Of these SEN children 38% achieved the expected standard in reading, writing and numeracy compared to 18% nationally. At Yr 4, 20% of children achieved at least the average score in the MTC compared to 16.8% nationally. At the end of Key Stage 2 in 2023, 16.7% of Yr 6 pupils in the cohort required SEN support, 1.7% required an EHCP. Of these children, 60% achieved the expected standard in reading, writing and mathematics compared to 22.6% nationally.

What equipment or resources we use to give extra support/adapt the curriculum and learning environment

The facilities provided to assist access to the school by disabled pupils

- ❖ We use workstations; visual timetables; Makaton, Picture Exchange Communication System; countdown timers for pupils who need it
- ❖ We use hearing aid devices for pupils who need it
- ❖ We use iPad Apps/tablets and LBQ for pupils
- ❖ We use age appropriate software within school to help pupils engage with subjects they find difficult; practice basic skills; become independent learners, including mastering memory, 2type, Indirect Dyslexia Learning (IDL), Clicker, Reading Eggs, Mathletics
- ❖ We have a sensory room available for pupils who have physical or sensory needs
- ❖ Specialist equipment provided by Occupational Therapists when necessary
- ❖ Nurture Support via The Rainbow Room

Our School SENCO (Gillian Ross) who is an experienced teacher, received the National SENCO award in 2013. She is responsible for, reporting to Governors and for co-ordinating SEND provision across the school, from Reception to Year 6. She is supported by Natalie Woodhouse who has completed the National SENCO award in 2023. Our designated school governors (Charlotte Carter and Amy Teague) meet at least annually with the SENCO.

The school has provided some access for disabled pupils and parents and does have two disabled toilets. The needs of the pupil will be taken into account when considering timetabling arrangements in order to ensure full access to the curriculum is available. Future improvements to the school buildings and facilities are detailed in the School Development Plan and Accessibility Plan

How we safeguard our SEND children and support social and emotional wellbeing and prevent bullying and enable pupil voice

Early help

Any child may benefit from early help, but all school and college staff should be particularly alert to the potential need for early help for a child who:

- is disabled and has specific additional needs;
- has special educational needs (whether or not they have a statutory Education, Health and Care Plan);

Children with special educational needs (SEND) and disabilities can face additional safeguarding challenges. Governing bodies and proprietors should ensure their child protection policy reflects the fact that additional barriers can exist when recognising abuse and neglect in this group of children. These can include:

- assumptions that indicators of possible abuse such as behaviour, mood and injury relate to the child's disability without further exploration;
- being more prone to peer group isolation than other children;
- the potential for children with SEN and disabilities being disproportionately impacted by behaviours such as bullying, without outwardly showing any signs; and
- communication barriers and difficulties in overcoming these barriers.

The Redeemer School would follow the school safeguarding policy should any safeguarding concerns arise.

The Redeemer School is a nurturing school with a strong Christian ethos. Within school, children are taught about bullying, friendships and staying safe, through a combination of age appropriate PSHE, (personal, social and health education) lessons, circle time and daily worship. A member of staff is available to work with children and families who have emotional/mental health needs that require support. The Redeemer has access to a weekly consultation session with a mental health team linked to ELCAS to unpick the needs of specific individuals. From these consultations recommendations are provided and referrals can be made to a variety of agencies. Children are initially identified following concerns raised by staff and parents.

In school intervention/support for children will be decided according to the needs of the individual children/families. Yr 6 reading buddies spend time with the children in the infants. Within school there is an active school council and ethos group which meets formally weekly. All pupils are invited to contribute to these meetings, to reflect upon their daily life in school, to identify what they like/dislike, to raise suggestions of what they may wish to change and to raise concerns they may have. The school council aims to be a positive forum that provides an opportunity for all children to be heard. It enables the leadership of the school to listen to children's knowledge and opinions and aid communication throughout the school. The school council builds up children's confidence and esteem, encourages them to be active citizens and provides the children with a democratic model.

The school has a team of staff trained to be a Designated Safeguarding Lead/Deputy Safeguarding Lead to deal with issues to child protection and safe guarding. Groups are run in school to develop children's social skills and self- esteem. School has sign posted parents and children to specialist services for social, emotional and behavioural development. All children are encouraged to tell someone if they feel there are any issues, not just impacting on them but on their peers. The school's anti-bullying and behaviour policies are available on the website. School have subscribed to a Well-Being support tool which will enable school and teachers to better support the well-being and academic development of our KS2 pupils. School buy a bespoke Well Being Warriors programme run for 10 weeks each term. This programme supports 10 children with their emotional health and well-being.

What extra support we bring in to help us meet SEN: Specialist services, external expertise and how we work together collaboratively

The Redeemer CE Primary School works closely with other agencies to focus on the identification and provision for those children who have a special educational need. Liaison takes place with the following agencies:

- * School's Educational Psychological Service
- * Educational Welfare Officers
- * Speech Therapists
- * Occupational Therapists

- * Physiotherapists
- * Send Support Service, including advisory teachers for ASD (autistic spectrum disorder, speech and language, SEBD (social, emotional and behavioural difficulties), PD (physical difficulties), early years team.
- * School Nurse
- * Paediatricians
- * Family Wise
- * Parent Partnership (SENDIASS – Special Educational Needs and Disability Information, Advice and Support Service)
- * Clinical Psychology
- * Mental Health Support Team (MHST)

For those children who have a range of agencies working with them, a CAF (Common Assessment Framework) might be agreed. The CAF's main aim is to ensure all agencies work together according to an agreed plan of action. Thus, the actions and services provided across the agencies impact positively and achieve good outcomes for the child.

Extra-curricular activities available for pupils with SEN

At The Redeemer we aim to ensure that children with SEND play a full role in all school activities as far as is appropriate.

All activities within and outside school are covered by risk assessment. Additional risk assessments are carried out for specific children with advice from appropriate agencies depending on their needs. All reasonable adjustments are made to ensure that children with SEND are able to access all activities safely.

Before and after school care is available to all children at a cost to parents, including those with SEND. There is a range of after school clubs, again available at a cost to parents throughout the year. These vary each term and are accessible for all. All clubs are open to children regardless of SEND, with reasonable adjustments. e.g. increased staffing levels.

The school encourages pupils to support each other in work and play, to build on different strengths and talents and to encourage all children to reach their educational potential.

Arrangements for admission of SEND/disabled persons as pupils at the school/kinds of SEN provided for

- Pupils with all kinds of SEND will be admitted to The Redeemer CE Primary School in line with the school's admissions' policy. The school is aware of the statutory requirements of the SEND Disability Act and Equality Act 2010 we will not discriminate against disabled children and we will take all reasonable steps to provide effective educational provision. Once you have named our schools as one of your preferred choices in your child's plan:
- The Local Authority will send the school copies of the child's most recent EHCP which outlines the child's needs.
- The Local Authority will consult with the school to determine whether the school can meet the child's needs.
- The school will invite the family to visit the school and speak with the SENCo. We strongly encourage this visit as it will allow us the opportunity to meet and discuss any questions and concerns you want to address. In addition, it will allow you to determine whether we are the appropriate school for your child. The process will therefore allow you to make an informed decision.

If the school is alerted to the fact that a child may have a difficulty in learning they will make their best endeavours to collect all relevant information and plan a relevant differentiated curriculum.

We are able to offer support for children with:

SPLD specific learning difficulties

MLD moderate learning difficulties

SLD severe learning difficulties

BESD behaviour, emotional and social difficulties

SLCN speech, language and communication needs

PD physical difficulties

ASD autistic spectrum disorder

HI hearing impairment

VI visual impairment

How we support pupils in their transition into our school and when they leave us

We have close links with a number of Nursery's. An induction programme for the new Reception children coming to The Redeemer operates in order to establish a welcoming environment. For children identified as SEND prior to beginning school, the SENCO will attend meetings and arrange for further induction sessions, these may be at the school and/or members of staff visiting the child's nursery. Links will be made with all professionals involved with SEND children to ensure a smooth transition for each child. During academic year 2022/23,

staff visited a number of local nurseries. CAF meetings were attended in order to determine appropriate support for SEND children. Children with SEND were provided with a social story book to prepare them for life in reception.

For children moving between year groups and key stages, the school holds an annual "moving up" day in the summer term. Individual SEND transition documents have been generated for each class teacher along with behaviour support plans and updated SEND Support Plans. Some children were also provided with a new class information book and the opportunity to meet teachers. Children were provided with daily opportunity to work with their new 1:1. Where appropriate, further bespoke transition programmes are provided for individual children. For children moving to high school, the Redeemer follows the BwD "Moths" programme (Moving on to high school), which clearly sets out a series of activities aimed at alleviating anxieties. Additional transition arrangements are made for SEND children in all year groups and in all key stages according to need. Close liaison also takes place between SENCO at the Redeemer and SENCO's at nurseries and high schools. In June 2023, the SENCO attended an SEND transition event held by the local authority. This event provided opportunity to share SEND transition plans and discuss each SEND child with their next SENCO's.

Annual Reviews for children with EHCPs in Year 5 are held in the summer in order to discuss secondary school choices and make appropriate provision for further observation by external professionals.

How additional funding works

- ❖ Schools receive funding for all pupils including those with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities and they meet pupil's need from this (including aids and adaptations). If the cost of meeting an individual pupil's needs is significantly different to what is usually available, an application can be made to the local authority for an Education Health Care Plan (EHCP) asking for support in meeting the costs. Further information about an EHCP can be found on the Blackburn with Darwen Local Offer website.
- ❖ In the academic year 2022/23, the school has received **£249,558** which is a culmination of notional SEN budget allocation and Element 2 and 3 High Needs Funding.

<https://www.bwd-localoffer.org.uk/kb5/blackburn/directory/service.page?id=qYwdAepV28Y>

Where pupils can get extra support

The safety and well-being of all children is important to us. Children can approach their class teacher, teaching support staff, SENCO, Family Well-Being Worker and any member of the SLT.

Where parents/carers can get extra support

If parents have any concerns they should contact the class teacher, SENCO (Gillian Ross 01254 296400, office@theredeemer.blackburn.sch.uk) or a member of the SLT team, Mr Power, Mrs Barnes, Mr Devine or Mr Smallridge. For SEND support in the local community, Parents can access Blackburn with Darwen's website to identify other types of extra support in the local area. This website is an online resource that details services, support and guidance available to children and young people with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) aged 0 – 25 and their families.

<https://www.bwd-localoffer.org.uk/kb5/blackburn/directory/localoffer.page>

What to do if you are not satisfied with a decision or what is happening (for parents)

The complaints procedure for SEN mirrors the school's other complaints procedures, which can be found on the. 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 concern continues then the SENCO and Headteacher should be brought into the discussion process. If concerns cannot be resolved at this level they should be put in writing to the SEN Governor. Advice for parents can be sought from the LA or from the Parent Partnership Service.

<http://www.bwdpip.org.uk/>

School Policies linked to SEND Information Report

- ❖ SEND policy
- ❖ Teaching and Learning Policy
- ❖ Marking and Feedback Policy
- ❖ Equal Opportunities Policy

- ❖ Admissions Policy
- ❖ Accessibility plan
- ❖ Behaviour and restraint policy
- ❖ Safeguarding policy
- ❖ Keeping Children Safe in Education
- ❖ Supporting Children with Medical Conditions

Legislative Acts taken into account when compiling this report include:

- ❖ SEND Code of Practice
- ❖ Children & Families Act 2014
- ❖ Equality Act 2010
- ❖ Mental Capacity Act 2005