# **Further Information**

#### Contact the school

If you have any questions about the support your child is receiving, or about SEN more generally, please speak to your child's key worker or our SENCO.

#### See our SEN policy

The school's SEND and Inclusion Policy sets out more detailed information about the support available for children with SEN and disabilities.

Our SEN Local Offer document provides information about how we identify and assess children's needs, provide additional support, involve parents and monitor and review children's progress.

You can access both these documents on our website.

## **External Links**

The government's SEND Code of Practice and a related guide for parents have more information about the topics outlined in this leaflet:

SEND Code of Practice: 0 to 25 years, GOV.UK – DfE <a href="https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment">https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment</a> data/file/398815/SEND Code of Practice January 2015.pdf

SEND: a guide for parents and carers, GOV.UK – DfE <a href="https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\_data/file/417435/">https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/attachment\_data/file/417435/</a>
Special educational needs and disabilities guide for parents and carers.pdf

Wolverhampton Information, Advice and Support Service - impartial information, advice and support on matters relating to a child or young person's special educational needs or disability from birth to 25 years. https://wolvesiass.org/

# **Special Educational**



# **Information for Parents**

#### What is SEN?

Some children find learning more challenging than others and may need extra support to achieve their full potential. For example, they might have difficulty with:

- Expressing themselves
- Interacting with others
- Reading, writing and maths
- Controlling their emotions
- Sensory or physical mobility

These difficulties can be barriers to learning. As a school we assess **all** children to identify their strengths and needs and how we can best support them. Children who need extra help with their learning may receive additional support under one of the following categories:

- SEN support
- An Education Health Care plan







# **Special Educational Needs**

#### What is SEN support?

SEN support describes the additional help which assists children to access the curriculum. This might include:

Extra help in the classroom

One-to-one learning

Support from specialists such as speech and language therapists

If your child needs extra support we will work with you to agree what support we will provide and what it will achieve.

### What are EHC plans?

If your child has more complex needs, he/she might be assessed for an Education Health Care plan which is a detailed plan setting out how your child's education, health and care needs will be met by all the agencies involved with your child.

We will use the following stages to determine the type of support best suited to each child:

High quality, differentiated teaching

For all children

Quality teaching plus extra shortterm support

For children making slower progress SEN support: additional long-term, individualised support

For children still making less progress than other children EHC plan

For children with more complex needs

### **Frequently Asked Questions**

# How will the school decide what type of support my child receives?

We understand that every child's needs are different, and that these may change over time. We assess each child's needs closely to identify which support suits them best.

We regularly review the support your child receives to see what is working and what isn't, and we welcome your views on this too.

#### How do I know if my child needs SEN support?

If your child is not making expected progress for his/her age he/she may need SEN support.

Your child's key worker and our school SENCO assess each child's progress and needs closely and will always discuss this with you before placing your child on SEN support.

#### What if I think my child needs further support?

Please speak to the Head Teacher or the Deputy SENCO, who may recommend carrying out an EHC needs assessment.

### **Glossary of terms**

SEND - SEN and disability

**EHC plan** - education, health and care plan

**SENCO** - SEN co-ordinator SEN - special educational needs