

SEN Information Report

LEYBOURNE Ss PETER & PAUL CE (VA) PRIMARY SCHOOL



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Under the Special Educational Needs and Disability regulations 2014, contained within the Children and Families Act 2014, the governing body is responsible for publishing a Special Needs Information Report outlining the provision made for pupils with special educational needs and disabilities. The governors have consulted with staff and parents to provide the following information, which is reviewed and updated annually.

Other Leybourne Ss Peter and Paul C.E. Primary School policies which you may find useful to read in conjunction with this SEN Report can be found on the school website. They include the Supporting Pupils with Medical Needs Policy, the Safeguarding Policy Statement, the Accessibility Plan, the Admissions Policy and the Attendance Policy.

1. Definition of SEN (Special Educational Needs)

Children have Special Educational Needs if they have a learning difficulty or disability which calls for special educational provision to be made for them.

Definition of learning difficulty

Children have a *learning difficulty* if they:

A) have a significantly greater difficulty in learning than the majority of children of the same age: or

B) have a disability which prevents or hinders them from making use of educational facilities of a kind generally provided for children of the same age in mainstream schools (*SEN Code of Practice Jan 2015, p.15-16*)

C) are under compulsory school age and fall within the definition set out in (A) or (B) above or would so do if special educational provision was not made for them.

Definition of disability

Many children and young people who have SEN may also have a disability under the Equality Act 2010 – that is ‘...a physical or mental impairment which has a long-term and substantial adverse effect on their ability to carry out normal day-to-day activities’. (*SEN Code of Practice Jan 2015, p16*)

2. What kinds of SEN are provided for at Leybourne?

We aim to identify and assess at the earliest opportunity all children who may have special educational needs in order to support their physical, sensory, social, emotional, communication or cognitive development.

3. How does Leybourne Ss Peter and Paul C.E. Primary School assess the progress of pupils and identify any pupils requiring additional support?

Progress and attainment is monitored by:

- The class teacher and teaching assistants (TAs) through observation, marking, formal and informal assessments
- The Senior Leadership Team (Head and Deputy Head Teacher), the Inclusions Manager and the Governing Body through pupil progress meetings three times a year.
- Home and pre -school visits prior to a child starting in year R(Reception)
- Liaison with the current school in the case of casual in-year admissions
- Use of universal age appropriate assessments to identify particular areas of strength and need (e.g. Language Link in year R)
- Information provided by the parent and /or the child themselves.

4. How will Leybourne Ss Peter and Paul C.E. Primary School support my child and address their needs?

- Quality teaching first and foremost, which is monitored by the Senior Leadership Team
- High number of experienced and well qualified support staff, including TAs, and midday meals supervisors, to ensure a high level of targeted support and intervention.
- The school follows the Kent County Council mainstream core standards advice for best practice
- Class teachers differentiate teaching and scaffold learning
- Should further support be required in addition to in-class differentiation, then provision maps for each class are devised with tailored interventions and programmes to address specific needs. Parents are informed of this and given a copy of the provision map. The provision map is formally reviewed three times a year and parents informed.
- If there is still cause for concern after the school interventions, then, in consultation with parents and with their permission, the pupil will be referred to outside agencies for further help and advice. These agencies include:
 - LIFT (Local Inclusion Forum Team) to request additional help and advice from the Specialist Teaching Service & Grange Park Outreach Service
 - Educational Psychology Service
 - Speech and language Therapy Service
 - Occupational Therapy and Physiotherapy Service (ITACC)
 - School Nurse
 - Community Paediatricians
 - Early Help Prevention Service
 - CAT (Communication and Assistive Technology Team)
- Any programmes or strategies suggested by these agencies will be implemented as far as possible, following a meeting between the agency, school and the parents.
- Once a pupil has been recognised as requiring additional and different resources in order to make good progress appropriate to his or her potential and that of his or her peers, he or she will be identified as receiving SEN Support, placed on the SEN register and parents informed to this effect.
- Once recognised as needing SEN support, the pupil will have an individual provision plan which will be formally reviewed & discussed with parents 3 x a year
- As part of SEN Support, if there is a financial implication with regards to the additional support being offered, an application may be made for HNF (high needs funding) to the Local Authority. Parents will be informed of this process.
- The pupil will continue to receive SEN support for as long as the support package is needed to maintain good progress. If the pupil makes little or no progress in spite of all the interventions put into place & it is considered that mainstream provision may not be appropriate for the rest of the pupil's educational life, then parents will be consulted and a referral made to LIFT to consider statutory assessment for an EHC plan (Education, Health and Care Plan).

5. How will Leybourne Ss Peter and Paul C.E. Primary School consult with me and my child and keep me and my child informed of progress?

- Parent consultation evenings twice a year will inform you about your child's progress and any extra support for your child. Pupils in years 5 and 6 attend these consultations with you.
- You will be given a copy of, and have a chance to discuss, the extra provision for your child at parent consultation evenings.

- The Inclusions Manager can be present at the consultation or a separate appointment can be made to see her.
- Pupils will be asked for their views and to self-assess at the beginning, and again at the end, of any intervention.
- Reading journals are provided for each child and can be used for home/school communication.
- You can see your child's teacher at the end of the day
- Clear focused marking for improvement ensures pupils know how well they have done and identifies next steps in their learning.
- You will receive an annual report from the class teacher for your child. In the case of pupils in Reception, records of progress are provided three times a year.
- Parents will be invited to attend outside agency meetings, EHC plan reviews and target setting meetings and given copies of any report.

6. How does Leybourne Ss Peter and Paul C.E. Primary School ensure that the range of special educational needs and disabilities of children are provided for?

- At Leybourne we are committed to providing the best possible support for all our children.
- The Governor responsible for SEN is Mr. Patrick Tootal.
- In September 2014 the school appointed Mrs. Caroline Mills as its Inclusions Manager. She is a qualified teacher with previous experience as a SENCo and has a postgraduate Diploma in Dyslexia and Literacy.
- Pupils at Leybourne Ss Peter and Paul C.E. Primary School continue to benefit from a team of dedicated teachers and TAs and from a very experienced and outstanding SEN TA, Mrs. Caroline Reeves who not only works with the children but also advises and shares her expertise and good practice with her colleagues.
- Whole school INSET takes place in line with the School Improvement plan; for example, in November 2014 this involved training in teaching phonics.
- Where training or an update in a specific area of SEN is identified to support certain pupils, we strive to access suitable courses and encourage staff to attend and then to share their knowledge.
- We have staff trained in using a wide range of interventions, including Sensory Circuits, the BEAM programme (gross motor skills), play therapy, Lego therapy.
- From 2014-2015 the training courses attended were in the following areas: Dyscalculia, Autistic Spectrum Disorder awareness, Autism and Sensory awareness, Communicate in Print, Making Memories (enabling children to remember). From 2015-2016 further staff training is planned in De-escalation techniques, Sensory Processing & Social, Emotional and Mental health and ADHD. An INSET day is also planned, covering ASD & Clicker 7 training.
- We can also access a variety of outside agencies for further advice and support (see above: **4. How will Leybourne Ss Peter and Paul C.E. Primary School support my child and address their needs?**)
- Specialist resources, such as Move and Sit cushions, pencil grips and ICT resources, are purchased to support individual and group needs as appropriate. These are purchased from the school budget and their use is reviewed by the Senior Leadership Team to ensure best value for money
- Other specialist resources may be provided by external agencies following the approved application procedures or, where applicable, the use of pupil premium funding.

7. How will Leybourne Ss Peter and Paul C.E. Primary School evaluate the effectiveness of its provision for pupils with SEND?

- The Senior Leadership Team closely and regularly monitor class teaching for all pupils
- Extra support, in addition to in-class differentiation, is delivered through the class provision map. The provision map is formally reviewed three times a year and progress monitored through entry and exit data (where relevant), for each intervention as well as pupils' views
- Parents' and pupils' views are sought at the review meetings for those pupils on SEN support and those who have EHCPs
- Progress is also monitored via the school's data tracking system; this happens formally three times a year
- Behaviour and exclusion records are monitored
- Advice and guidance is sought when needed from outside agencies and provision adapted or changed accordingly

8. How will Leybourne Ss Peter and Paul C.E. Primary School include my child in activities outside the classroom, including school trips?

- We ensure that activities outside the classroom and school trips are available to all.
- Risk assessments are carried out for each trip and a suitable number of adults are made available to accompany the pupils, with 1:1 support if necessary.
- Parents may be invited to accompany their child on a school trip if this is appropriate to the individual trip and ensures full access for the pupil. This will not be the case for every trip, and will follow discussion between the Headteacher, Inclusions Manager and Class Teacher.
- After school clubs are available to all pupils, although places are limited. We try to ensure that pupils with a learning difficulty or disability, or who are experiencing social, emotional or communication difficulties, are given priority.

9. What arrangements are in place for the admission of pupils with SEND to Leybourne Ss Peter and Paul C.E. Primary School? How will Leybourne Ss Peter and Paul C.E. Primary School prepare my child to join the school, transfer to a new school or move to a new class within the school?

- Pupils are admitted to Leybourne Ss Peter and Paul C.E. Primary School in line with our published Admissions Policy.
- There is an induction evening in term 6 for the parents of all pupils who will be joining the Reception class in September, with the opportunity to meet the Headteacher, Inclusions Manager, Class Teacher, Teaching Assistant & the School Nurse.
- Reception taster sessions are held before children enter school
- Prior to entering Reception, children are visited at home and pre-school by members of the Reception team
- In the case of pupils with SEND, additional meetings are arranged between the parents and key members of the school team, namely the Inclusions Manager, SEN TA and outside agencies, for example, the School Nurse, if appropriate, in order to facilitate the child's entry to school.
- Members of the school SEN team may also meet with the child's pre-school, or previous school if the child is older.
- If a prospective pupil has an EHCP in place prior to starting school the Headteacher, Class Teacher and Inclusions Manager will meet to discuss the provisions identified in the EHCP and to prepare any necessary support and resources.

- Children who join Leybourne Ss Peter and Paul C.E. Primary School at a later date are given a tour of the school and parents are given a prospectus containing key information
- Previous schools are contacted to discuss any concerns and information shared
- Transition to a new class within Leybourne Ss Peter and Paul C.E. Primary School is facilitated by a 'class swap' session to meet the new class teacher
- Parents will be invited to meet their child's new class teacher in the July preceding a move to a new class
- Pupils with additional needs, who would benefit from extra support to prepare them for transfer to secondary school and if needed, for transfer to new classes within the school, may receive additional transfer sessions & a TA may attend the new school with the pupil for these sessions.
- Secondary school SEN Co-ordinators and Year 7 teachers visit Leybourne to meet teachers to discuss any concerns regarding transition, for all pupils. If a pupil has any additional needs, regardless of whether they are on the SEN register or not, the new school will be fully informed.

10. How will Leybourne Ss Peter and Paul C.E. Primary School support my child's medical or sensory needs and overall well being?

- We have access to both The Early Help & Preventative Service & counselling services & CHYPS (Children and Young Persons' Service) where help can be sought to support the well being of a pupil & his/her family.
- We have staff trained in play therapy for children who have experienced trauma or who need additional emotional support
- We have good links with the school nurse, Mrs. Stephanie Millichope, who is based at Larkfield Medical Centre and is available to talk to parents or children and give advice on a range of medical issues as well as to give guidance when reviewing in-school medical care plans. Stephanie arranges 3 'drop-ins' at the school across the year & has led staff training in management of medical conditions.
- 1:1 teaching assistants and midday meals supervisors support pupils with identified needs
- Father Matthew, our local Vicar, who is also our Chair of Governors, is available for pastoral support
- Playground buddies are on the playground at break and lunchtimes in KS1
- For children with physical disabilities we can access advice from the Specialist Teaching Service
- Individual Health Care Plans are drawn up with advice from the school nurse for children with medical needs
- Prescribed medicines, such as asthma pumps, can be administered in school with written parental permission & using an asthma card. (see Supporting Pupils with Medical Needs Policy)
- There are 23 trained first aiders in school (see Supporting Pupils with Medical Needs Policy)
- Leybourne Ss Peter and Paul C.E. Primary School is fully wheelchair accessible
- There are two disabled toilets on the school site, one in the main building and one in Key Stage 2.

11. Where can I get further information about SEN provision and who can I contact for further information?

- Kent provides a 'local offer' which is found on the following website: www.kent.gov.uk through the following link: www.kent.gov.uk/education-and-children/special-educational-needs
- On the same website above you can access IASK (Information, Advice and Support Kent) which is the new name for the Kent Parent Partnership Service. They also have an email: iask@kent.gov.uk
- Other Leybourne Ss Peter and Paul C.E. Primary School policies which you may find useful to read in conjunction with this SEN Report can be found on the school website. They include the Supporting Pupils with Medical Needs Policy, the Child Protection Policy Statement, The Equality Statement & accessibility plan and the Attendance Policy.
- For further information about Leybourne Ss Peter and Paul C.E. Primary School you can contact:
- Mrs Tina Holditch, the Headteacher, by email headteacher@leybourne.kent.sch.uk
Or the following people by emailing: admin3@leybourne.kent.sch.uk
Mrs. Julie Hardy, Office Manager
Mrs. Therésa Jaggard, Deputy Head
Mrs. Caroline Mills, Inclusions Manager

12. The Governing Body has the following procedures in place for dealing with complaints concerning SEN provision

- At Leybourne Ss Peter and Paul C.E. Primary School parents are encouraged to speak to the class teacher in the first instance, with any issues or concerns about their child. If the class teacher is unable to resolve the problem or a concern remains then an appointment can be made with the Inclusions Manager, Deputy Headteacher or Headteacher.
- If in the unlikely event that the problem remains unresolved then the school's official Complaints Policy should be followed. This is available on the school website, or from the school office.