How Wood Primary School and Nursery

Special Educational Needs and Disability (SEND) - October 2017

How Wood Primary School and Nursery is an inclusive school and may offer the following range of provision to support children with SEND. All interventions are recorded on a provision map for each class.

Intervention

Social Skills programmes / support including strategies to enhance self-esteem:

Social Games Clubs (30 minutes per week) for up to 6 children in particular age-bands.

Access to a supportive environment – IT facilities / equipment / resources (incl preparation):

- Prompt and reminder cards for organisational purposes
- Pre-teaching of strategies, vocabulary
- Over-learning opportunities, for example, Maths' concepts
- Access to specialist equipment, for example, individual whiteboard monitor for children with a visual impairment, access to own laptop
- Access to specific learning programmes via Advisory Teachers

Strategies / programmes to support speech and language:

- Interventions from a Speech and Language Therapist
- Delivery of a planned Speech and Language programme by a specialist Speech and Language Assistant when recommended and supplied by Speech and Language Therapy Services
- Support by a member of staff trained by the Link Speech and Language Therapist / courses

Mentoring activities:

- Use of talk partners
- Use of Buddies / Play Leaders in the Foundation and Key Stage 1 playgrounds
- Support by experienced and trained TAs
- Planned programme by class teacher

Strategies / programmes to support Occupational Therapy / Physiotherapy needs:

- Interventions from an Occupational Therapist (OT) / Physiotherapist, if required
- Delivery of a planned OT / Physiotherapy programme by a trained and experienced TA / 1-1 SEN TA
- Access to specialised OT equipment to support learning needs and access to school facilities

Strategies to reduce anxiety / promote emotional well-being (incl communication with parents):

- Meet and greet at beginning and end of each day
- Open Door policy re contact for parents to share concerns
- Planned access to designated adults during the school day by child with anxieties
- "Worry book" for child to write / draw concerns privately
- Access to a Counsellor/Behaviour Intervention Support Worker via St Albans Plus Schools' Partnership/Vista
- Access to Play Therapy upon a successful referral
- Access to School Family Worker via St Albans Plus Schools' Partnership/Vista
- Strategies to support children manage the unstructured sections of a school day. For example lunchtimes an individual programme in place with named individuals to support.
- Referral to CAMHS / Step 2 as necessary
- Home visits for Nursery and new children joining Reception.

Strategies to support / develop English skills incl reading:

- Small group support in class and/or withdrawal for catch-up or over-learning activities
- 1-1 SEN TA support at particular times of the day
- Specific, named interventions led by class TA, SENCo, Non-class-based TA
- Scribe for children struggling to write their ideas
- "Dyslexia-Friendly School" with use of visual supports including visual timetables

Strategies to support / modify behaviour:

- Adherence to school's Behaviour Policy (available on school website) eg. Behaviour diamond
- Time out
- Good News book to celebrate positive behaviours
- Access to St Albans Plus Schools' Partnership and LINKS ESC for advice and practical work with individual children
- Social Games groups

Strategies to support / develop maths skills:

- Small group support in class
- 1-1 TA support at particular times of the day
- Withdrawal for catch-up or over-learning activities by TA or SENCo for 1-1 or small group support
- Specific, named interventions led by class TA, SENCo Non-class-based TA
- "Dyslexia-Friendly School" with use of visual / practical support and resources

Provision to facilitate / support access to the curriculum:

- Use of a personalised alternative curriculum as necessary
- 1-1 SEN TA support in the classroom to support using modified resources
- Specialist equipment such as seating, Soundfield systems, individual whiteboard monitor for visually impaired pupils
- Small group TA / Class teacher support

Strategies / support to develop independent learning:

- Use of visual timetables, Now and Next boards, checklists
- Pre-teaching of vocabulary and content
- Split tasks / learning into manageable sections
- Use of individualised success criteria, targets

Support / supervision at unstructured times of the day incl personal care:

- Designated 1-1 SEN TA to support with personal care
- Personal Care plan
- Strategies to support children manage the unstructured sections of a school day. For example lunchtimes an individual programme in place with named individuals to support.
- Year 5/6 Play Leaders to support children in Foundation and Key Stage 1 playgrounds
- Friendship Club with Year 5 children as leaders
- Named TA at playtime where appropriate

Planning and assessment:

- Child Review Meetings with parents, class teacher and SENCo
- Individual targets
- Pupil Progress Meetings each term with SENCo, Head Teacher and Class teacher to monitor progress of children who are not meeting Age Related Expectations.
- Access to Family Service Plan or Families First Assessment as necessary
- Child's opinions sought
- Class Provision Maps to show provision / support within each class

Liaison / Communication with Professionals, attendance at meetings and preparation of reports:

- Open Door policy for parents to share concerns
- Liaison with wide range of professionals and services
- Regular progress meetings with parents including Child Review Meetings; parents' input / opinions sought when decisions relating to their children are made
- Support for parents with writing reports including explanation of professional reports to parents
- Home / School Communication Books in place where needed
- SENCo Coffee Mornings with invited professionals and parents to provide support and information sharing and to raise profile of SEND in the school

Medical Interventions:

- Strategies for the use of personal medication
- Individual protocols for children with significant medical needs and allergies
- Yearly training updates by professionals to whole school staff
- Provision of personal differentiated curriculum to support learning
- Work with parents / carers to support pupils with short-term medical needs
- Access to school nurse
- 1-1 support for life-saving interventions, for example Rescue medication

For children with complex SEND, the frequency of such provision may result in the school applying for additional funding to support a child, known as Exceptional Needs Funding (ENF)