



# Norton St Nicholas CofE (VA) Primary School

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## **SEND (Special Educational Needs Disabilities) Information Report ('School Offer')**

Definition of SEND: "A child or young person has a learning difficulty or disability if he or she has a significantly greater difficulty in learning than the majority of others of the same age." (Code of Practice June 2014).

This new offer has been compiled in consultation with all relevant stakeholders: staff, parents and governors. We always welcome comments and feedback.

### **The SEND (Special Educational Needs and Disabilities) Code of Practice (2014)**

The code covers children and young people from 0 – 25 years. Here are some key points from the document:

- It involves Health, Social Care and Education.
- It states that the views, wishes and feelings of the child and the child's parents / carers are taken into account.
- The new code highlights the importance of the child and the child's parents / carers participating as fully as possible in decisions and being provided with the information and support necessary to enable participation in those decisions.
- The code emphasises the need to support the child and the child's parents / carers, in order to facilitate the development of the child and to help them achieve the best possible educational and other outcomes, preparing them effectively for adulthood.

The Code identifies 4 Broad Areas of Need:

- Communication and Interaction
- Cognition and Learning
- Social, Emotional and Mental Health
- Sensory / Physical.

Behaviour can come under any of these areas. Under the new Code of Practice, Behaviour is not identified as SEND, as there must be an underlying cause to the behaviour.

## **How does the school know if children/young people need extra help and what should I do if I think my child may have special educational needs?**

Once a term every child in the school is academically assessed by their class teacher in Reading, Writing, SPaG, Mathematics and Science.

- Following this, termly Pupil Progress meetings are held involving The Headteacher, SENDCo, Class Teacher and Teaching Assistant (if possible) where each child's academic progress and overall wellbeing is formally reviewed.
  - A member of staff or parent/carer may raise concerns at any point in the term by filling out a 'SEND Support Request Form' with your child's Class Teacher (Please see Appendix 2) and returning it to the SENDCo (Special Education Needs and Disabilities) Mrs Esther Horner.
- Our Family Support Worker meets with the SENDCo on a regular basis to discuss the wellbeing of individual children and their families.

### **1. How will school staff support my child?**

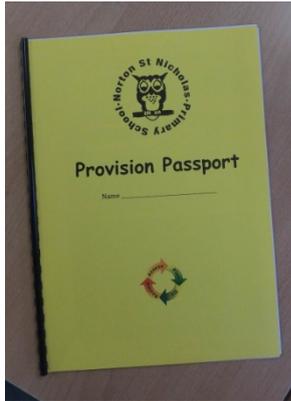
If children are identified as possibly having a SEND or are not making expected progress, the school will react in accordance with the policies and practices we have in place (Please see Flowchart in Appendix 1):

If an individual's progress is not as it should be, they will be offered the opportunity to join in-class boosters (Wave 2 Support). These boosters could include: small group work; extra adult support; focused differentiation; extra resources provided for children. Children's progress will be monitored at Pupil Progress Meetings termly.

Following this, 3 options are available:

- A child will no longer require additional (Wave 2) support in class. The child will continue to be monitored.
- A child will continue having in-class boosters.
- Parents/carers will be contacted by the SENDCo to plan the next stage of support (Wave 3 Support).

This escalation of support to Wave 3 will include Parents/carers, the child, the Class Teacher, the SENDCo creating an SEND Support – Assess, Plan, Do, Review document called a Provision Passport. At this point, the child will be placed on the SEND support register -if they have not already been so-. A Provision Passport will be created for the child in a Person-Centred Meeting, which will involve parents/carers, the child, relevant school staff, the SENDCo and any professionals involved with the child. The Class Teacher/s and SENDCo will use a variety of age appropriate 'tools' to ask the child about their views on their development. The Provision Passport will include:



A One Page Profile of the child.

A Personalised Provision Plan

Assessment information for the child

A Learning Log - to detail support

Reasonable Adjustments will be made:

A 'reasonable adjustment' is an individualised change in usual classroom practice to enable learning or participation, which should allow progress to be made. For example – homework provided in larger font, a colour filter used for reading, use of a scribe in some writing tasks, making activities outside the classroom, including school trips, accessible to all...

Progress is then reviewed at the termly pupil progress meetings.

#### Speech Language and Communication Needs (SLCN) Offer

-We work closely with our link Speech and Language Therapist to support the needs of children with SLCN.

-All children entering EYFS are screened using the WellComm Speech, Language and Communication Toolkit.

-Children scoring Red or Amber will be part of Wellcomm booster groups. They will be retested termly, and will remain on Wellcomm until they score a Green.

-We have 3 Elkan trained members of staff available to provide 1:1 support for children with persistent/ moderate SLCN.

#### Autism Spectrum Disorder Offer

-We have a Setting/School Autism Lead, he/she is called.... This is your initial point of contact if you need information about services available.

-Every child with autism will be given a Pupil Profile that highlights their strengths, interests and needs – and will be reviewed regularly.

-Our staff are trained by the Autism Education Trust to ensure that everyone who

comes into contact with your child has a greater understanding of their individual needs.

-We ensure that there is a positive 'Transition Pathway' that will support transitions within the setting/school and when your child moves on to their next School.

-We ensure that we have strong Parental partnerships so that any change in your child's circumstances are quickly responded to and needs are met. This relies on open parental communication.

-We endeavour to listen to your child's views, we take in to consideration that children have different ways of communicating and we will need appropriate strategies to support them.

## **2. How will I know how my child is doing?**

We have an 'open door' policy at Norton St. Nicholas and all parents are encouraged to discuss their children's progress with Class Teacher. Parents/Carers of children with SEND are encouraged to regularly review their child's Provision Passport which is kept in their classrooms under the care of the Class Teachers. There are two formal parents' evenings in the school year, open mornings –when parents are invited into the classrooms for an insight into the child's learning opportunities- and a termly report is produced for children (Year R-6). Parents/Carers of children on the SEND register will be invited to Person-Centred Planning Meetings termly.

All parents can contact the SENDCo by phone (01462) 623322, in person (Please make an appointment at the school office) or by email:

[senco@stnicholas23.herts.sch.uk](mailto:senco@stnicholas23.herts.sch.uk)

## **3. How will the learning and development provision be matched to my child's needs?**

Outcomes for the child with SEND will be agreed at the Person-Centred Planning Meetings. Provision and reasonable adjustments for each Outcome will be agreed and recorded in a Personalised Provision Plan.

## **4. What support will there be for my child's overall wellbeing?**

At Norton St. Nicholas we are committed to encouraging the Mental Health and Well-Being of all. We are a 'growth mindset' school and teach the children how to strive for their goals. We also run nurture groups in school.

We have Family Support Worker (Mrs Sarah Rodway) who can signpost families to external support and training. Families also have the option of being involved in

Families First (Formerly CAF). This is created by documenting information from all involved with the child e.g. parents/carers, the child, staff at the school, external agencies, social services etc.

As part of the Families First, outcomes for the child are agreed by all involved.

The outcomes are reviewed, on average, every six weeks in a Team Around the Family (TAF) meeting.

#### **5. What specialist services and expertise are available at or accessed by the school?**

A Single Service Request (SSR) is made to an external agency requesting support for the child. Some of these services include:

- Speech and Language Therapist
- School Nurse
- Educational Psychologist
- Leys SpLD Base
- Woolgrove outreach
- Behaviour team
- Low Incidence Team
- Communication Disorders Team
- CAMHs/PALMs/Step 2
- Social services
- Local Children's Centres

The external agency visits the school/child and consults with the SENDCo/parent/carer.

Following external agency advice, outcomes on the Personal Provision Plan are adjusted and reviewed.

#### **6. What training have the staff, supporting children and young people with SEND, had or are having?**

All teachers are teachers of SEND and through their training differentiate through high quality whole class teaching.

All staff training needs are identified on a regular basis and those relating to SEND are addressed by the SENDCo, sourcing the most appropriate training method. The training can be given in-house or externally, for the whole staff or individual teachers/support staff. In the last 18 months, training has been given to all staff on:

- Understanding ADHD

- Speech, Language and Communication Needs
- Supporting Children with Literacy Difficulties.
- Supporting Children with Maths Difficulties.
- Supporting Children that Stammar.
- Wellcomm.
- Success with Social Stories
- Autism Education Trust – Tier 1 Training
- Specific Learning Difficulties.

In addition to this, we have 2 Elkan (Supporting children with Speech Language and Communication difficulties) trained members of our support staff. Our Family Support Worker is Tier 2 trained with the Autism Education Trust.

The SENDCo, Mrs Esther Horner, has successfully completed the SENDCo National Award, has a PGCert in Child Development, is Tier 2 trained with the Autism Education Trust, and has an Elkan Level 3 qualification.

## **7. How will you help me to support my child's learning?**

We offer regular Parent Meetings on a variety of subjects from eSafety to Early Reading and Speech and Language coffee mornings. We encourage parents to:

- Be involved – come to meetings and feedback information.
- Be proactive – regularly review your child's provision passport. They are available in classes at all times.
- Do extra work at home – this could be TRACKS, extra reading, mental maths, speech therapy exercises, spelling. Please ask your child's teacher or the SENDCo for details
- Ask for advice from Class Teachers/ the SENDCo.

## **8. How will I be involved in discussions about and planning for my child's education?**

Parents/Carers will be active participants in the Person-Centred-Planning meetings detailed above. Also, referrals to external agencies will be planned with direct involvement from Parents/Carers.

### **9. How will my child be included in activities outside the classroom including school trips?**

We make every effort to make reasonable adjustments in order for children with SEND to be included in school trips. Where there is a safeguarding concern, a risk assessment will be carried out by the Headteacher with input from the SENDCo and the Parents/Carers.

### **10. How accessible is the school environment?**

We have Soundfield Systems available in school to support children with hearing difficulties. Norton St. Nicholas is not currently wheelchair friendly.

### **11. Who can I contact for further information?**

- Approach your child's class teacher.
- SENDCo – Mrs Esther Horner – [senco@stnicholas23.herts.sch.uk](mailto:senco@stnicholas23.herts.sch.uk)
- Parent support worker – Mrs Sarah Rodway
- Peer support – coffee mornings etc.

### **12. How will the school prepare and support my child to join the school, transfer to a new school or the next stage of education and life?**

For a child with SEND all transition is planned for involving the child, Parent/carer and school.

EYFS1 (Nursery) children have a Home Visit . The class teacher also visits pre-schools (where applicable). In addition, the children have the chance to attend open mornings with their parents prior to starting Nursery.

Any child entering the school from EYFS2 (Reception) to Year 6 have a Home Visit from their class teacher and an opportunity to attend a session in their new class prior to joining the school.

Parents/carers of children entering Nursery, Reception and Year 3 are invited to information open evenings, explaining how they can support their child(rens) transition.

At the end of each academic year staff from the current class meet with staff in the

receiving class to pass on all information regarding academic ability and overall wellbeing. When children move from Norton St Nicholas in Years EYFS1 to Year 5, their new school is contacted and the appropriate information is passed on.

Children moving from Year 6 to Secondary school have a thorough transition programme including visits from Year 7 staff and INCos / SENDCos, additional visits to their new Secondary school (where applicable) and PSHE lessons. The SENDCo will create Transition Reports for the Secondary Schools involved and will pass on any relevant paperwork.

### **13. How are the school's resources allocated and matched to children's special educational needs?**

Once a child's SEND have been established and a Personal Provision Plan has been drawn up the INCo then feeds this in to the Whole School Provision Map.

All schools are given a fixed budget for SEND from County, regardless of how many children are on the SEND register. This money is used towards employing several teaching assistants to work with individual children for limited times in the week. Where possible, the budget is also used to purchase resources.

Exceptional Needs Funding (ENF) – the school can make a request for ENF where it is felt that the school's funding cannot meet the requirements of the child. In most cases, this is a child who needs continuous 1:1 support. The application is taken to a cluster involving Letchworth schools. If the application is successful at this meeting, it is then taken to a North Herts district panel at County level to be approved.

Norton St Nicholas continues to be resourceful with extremely limited funds!

### **14. How is the decision made about how much support my child will receive?**

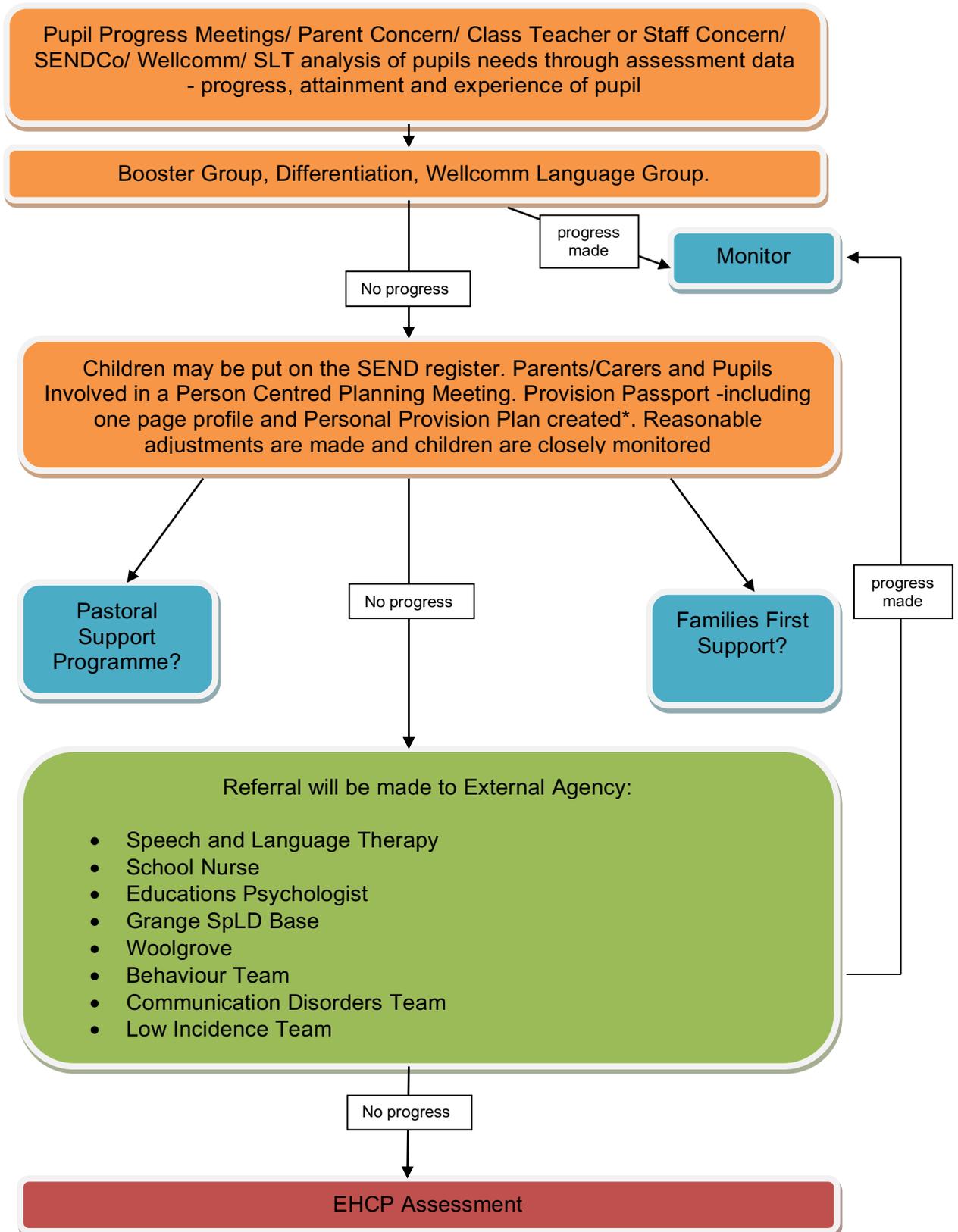
This will be discussed in the Person-Centred Planning Meetings.

### **15. How can I find information about the local authority's Local Offer of services and provision for children and young people with special educational needs and disability?**

Should you require further information about the local authority's Local Offer of services and provision for children and young people with special educational needs and disability please see [www.hertsdirect.org/localoffer](http://www.hertsdirect.org/localoffer) and [www.hertsdirect.org/SEND](http://www.hertsdirect.org/SEND)

## Appendix 1

### How are SEND identified at Norton St. Nicholas?



\* Children on Wellcomm will not have a Provision Passport until such time as they are on role with Speech and Language Therapy.



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## Appendix 2 SEND Support Request Forms

(Please complete this form with as much detail as possible and return it to Mrs Horner)

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Pupil \_\_\_\_\_ Class \_\_\_\_\_ DOB \_\_\_\_\_

1. Please tick which area(s) of SEND is/are of concern for this pupil:

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

For Parents – Please detail your concern (Continue on a separate sheet of paper if necessary):

For Teachers:

Explain what difficulties the child has been experiencing in accessing the curriculum

What have you put in place for this child at Wave 1 and Wave 2?

What action/response do you require from the InCo?

Date Received by InCo \_\_\_\_\_

InCo Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Action taken by INCO (response within 2 weeks of receipt):

SEND RAG Rating:	
Feedback given to member of staff/parent reporting concern:	
Agreed action and response of SENDCo:	
Review Date	
Teacher Signature _____ Date _____	

<b>GREEN</b>	Teacher to continue to monitor and observe this child for review in next half term.
<b>AMBER</b>	SENDCo to do further assessments and information gathering – possible Wave 3 intervention
<b>RED</b>	Child to be referred to outside agency.