

SEN Information Report Essex School Local Offer for your child

SEN provision for Children and Young People at Essex Primary School

As part of the Children and Families Act 2014, Local Authorities are required to publish a '**Local Offer**' which sets out support that is available for children and young people with SEN in the local area.

Newham's Local Offer is available *on the Newham Website* and tells parents how to access services in their area and what to expect from these services.

Link to www.newham.gov.uk/SENLocalOffer

Alongside this, schools are required to publish information about their arrangements for identifying, assessing and making provision for pupils with SEN.

This is the Local Offer and SEN Information Report for Essex Primary School. It describes the arrangements we make that are 'additional' and 'different' for pupils with SEN.

The following information outlines the support and provision pupils with SEN can expect at Essex Primary School.

At Essex Primary School our vision is "Everyone valued, everyone challenged, everyone achieving."

We value each member of our community as a unique individual. We go the extra mile to ensure that every one is challenged and achieves their full potential.

At Essex Primary school we support and encourage our children to learn, grow and succeed in a safe, happy and inclusive environment. Supporting children with special educational needs and disabilities is a key part of this.

We are committed to work co-operatively and with high expectations to ensure that we:

- Develop an exciting range of opportunities for all children
- Prepare our pupils to become responsible, confident members of a global society
- Enhance children's life chances through a stimulating, supportive parental partnership that nurtures each child to achieve his/her full potential
- Create an inspirational learning environment where children feel happy, valued and secure in their learning

Inclusion at Essex Primary School

Essex Primary School is a holder of the Inclusion Quality Mark with Gold Flagship status. This means that the school is externally quality assured for high standards for inclusion on an annual basis and as a model for other schools.

Inclusion considers the needs of all children with physical or sensory needs, social, emotional or mental health needs, communication or interaction needs and cognition or learning needs.

We also place a high value on supporting our children with English as an additional language and meeting the needs of children who are Gifted and Talented.

Essex Primary School has a Resource Provision for children at the lower end of the spectrum for autism.

Principles

We adopt the following principles regarding the provision of inclusive education taken from the Children and Families Act 2014 which sets out the 0-25 SEN and Disabilities Code of Practice:

- To ensure all children are offered full access to a broad, balanced and relevant curriculum
- All children will be given the opportunity to reach their full potential educationally, emotionally and physically.
- All teachers view themselves as teachers of children with special educational needs or disabilities, teaching such children are a whole school responsibility.
- All children with Special Educational Needs should have their needs met.
- Children's Special Educational Needs will normally be met in mainstream classroom.
- Children's views should be sought and taken into account.
- Parents/carers have a vital role to play in supporting their child's education and therefore good home/school links are established and valued.

Special Educational Needs

Children who are seen and identified as having a Special Educational Need will be placed on School SEN Support with the full involvement and agreement of parents. The formal process of Assess, Plan, Do and Review will then begin and everyone will be involved throughout the process. Part of this process will involve an Individual Education Plan, which give children specific targets to work towards. These targets are reviewed termly and a new Individual Education Plan is written. Parents and children are fully

involved in this process. Teachers and the Inclusion Team will always be available to talk them through the targets.

More Able/Gifted and Talented

Essex Primary School is keen to promote the learning skills of those children identified as being More Able whether this is in the area of the arts or sports as well as the academic.

Essex currently extends and enriches the curriculum for these pupils through local and residential trips, visits to universities and colleges as part of our vision for children aiming high, and participation in competitions such as sports competitions.

This is an area that Essex Primary School is keen to develop and promote through after-school clubs, links with the local community and local secondary school as well as extending the learning of the children within the mainstream classroom.

Children with English as an Additional Language

Essex Primary is a multi-ethnic school and highly values the promotion of equality throughout the school. We have a dedicated team within the Inclusion Team as a whole who support new children to the country with a Kickstart Welcome programme. There is close monitoring for the first two terms to ensure the child's individual needs are met as they assimilate into the school, supporting their learning of English as a second Language on entry. The school places a very high importance on helping all children to develop a sense of personal and cultural identity that is confident, open to change, receptive and respectful towards other cultures and people. Teaching takes into account pupils' cultural and religious backgrounds, linguistic needs and varying learning styles. The children feel safe and are able to have their voice heard and all feel respected and valued.

Social, Mental and Emotional Health Needs

Inclusion takes into account all the needs of the children and these include a child's well-being and emotional needs.

Essex strives to be a nurturing and supportive environment where children who might be displaying difficulties with behaviour may have an underlying cause. The school will work with parents and additional outside agencies wherever necessary to bring about positive change, often for the whole family. Essex Primary school will always put a child's well-being and emotional needs first, as these needs have to be considered carefully if a child is to meet their full potential. The school has an ethos that promotes high self-esteem through a positive behaviour management style in the classroom and closely monitors children with this type of need through weekly meetings of the Inclusion Team that includes the School's Senior Management team. The Family Support

Worker and Learning Mentors will support children in the classroom when necessary and the School Counsellor/Psychotherapist will also support children with social, mental and emotional health needs who are experiencing a period of emotional difficulty. The School Counsellor also meets with parents to form an effective partnership to meet the needs of children.

The diagram on the next page illustrates the school's graduated response to children's needs. It shows the standard offer of teaching, learning and care for ALL pupils, the additional provision which may be needed by some pupils and the specialist provision available to the children with significant or complex needs that are part of the Resource Provision or are supported through High Needs Funding arrangements.

The Essex Primary School Offer

ALL pupils will access:

Wave 1

- *High quality teaching and learning*
- *An interesting and differentiated creative and culturally inclusive curriculum*
- *Differentiated curriculum*
- *Reasonable adjustments to the environment and equipment for pupils with disabilities*
- *Assessment for learning*
- *Personalised target setting*
- *After-school clubs and educational visits*
- *A nurturing environment*

Some pupils with additional SEN needs will access:

Wave 2

- *Interventions additional to, or different from, those provided as part of the school's usual differentiated curriculum.*
- *Targeted interventions and support matched to need*
- *Access to additional adult support for group-work and/or specific tasks*
- *Access to support from a Learning Support Teacher, Learning Mentor, or School Counsellor*
- *Enhanced access to Speech and Language Therapy through additional buy-in service*

Some pupils with complex or significant needs will access:

Wave 3

- *A personalised timetable*
- *High levels of adult support and small group working*
- *Interventions additional to, or different from, those provided as part of the school's usual differentiated curriculum.*
- *Access to some specialist services and therapists*
- *Access to specialist programmes from advisory teachers and therapists e.g. speech and language programmes, literacy /dyslexia programmes, speech and language groups, occupational therapy, physiotherapy etc.*

Our ASD Resourced Provision:

- *A personalised timetable and individual support*
- *Access to specialist programmes from advisory teachers and therapists*
- *Access to specialist services and therapists*
- *High levels of adult support and small group working within the Resourced Provision setting*
- *Additional facilities; e.g. trampoline, swing, dedicated additional space for specific interventions e.g. life skills*

More information about Essex Primary School's offer of SEN provision:

How does the school know when a pupil has learning difficulties or special educational needs?

- New admissions to school are assessed on arrival and information sought from previous school
- Teachers may raise a concern about a child to the SENDCo, and complete an 'initial concern' form. This will be investigated and assessed by the Inclusion Team.
- Discussions at regular Pupil Progress Meetings
- Concerns raised by parents/carers
- Information/report from other professional, medical etc.
- Specific assessments including standardised assessments
- Children identified through the school's rigorous progress tracking and attainment recording systems
- EYFS children who do not reach the age expected levels in their profile
- Children who present with significant difficulties in Literacy or Numeracy which may indicate Dyslexia or Dyscalculia
- Children who have physical or medical needs that impact on learning
- Weekly inclusion team meetings focused around vulnerable children

How is the curriculum matched to pupils' needs?

- Teachers plan for children's individual attainment standards and differentiate the work to match the child's ability and learning needs and style, removing any barriers to learning.
- Specialist equipment/resources provided to meet individual needs
- Targets are individualized and children may have an Individual Education Plan
- Support is targeted at areas of need
- Multisensory learning opportunities to support different learning styles
- Additional adult support (small group or 1:1)
- Intervention groups
- Personalised curriculum for children for some children with SEN
- Use of strategies as recommended by advisory teachers and therapists

How is support organized for pupils with identified special educational needs and how are decisions made about how much support individual pupils receive?

- All children receive quality first teaching differentiated to meet identified needs. This is the responsibility of each class teacher with support from the Inclusion Team.
- Children significantly below national averages will receive additional support through targeted intervention programmes which are assessed and reviewed on a regular basis.

- Support is organized to take account of advice from specialist agencies
- Appropriate training is provided for staff to meet the needs of children
- Children within the Resource Provision and/or with High Needs Funding are supported by Learning Support Teachers and have access to and support from a range of outside agencies
- Pupils who have High Needs Funding are supported through some 1:1 or small group adult support

Arrangements for children Looked After by the Local Authority and also have SEN

- Key link teacher for pupil(s) to liaise with LA Newham Virtual School, SEN section, Children's Services and all personnel involved
- Targeted use of Pupil Premium
- Flexible arrangements for parent/foster carer involvement at parents evening/events
- Termly PEP meetings to ensure educational needs are being met
- School will attend LAC reviews

How does the school know whether pupils are making progress?

We use these activities/systems to measure impact. Evidence and data is measured against targets. Our main targets for inclusion can be found in our SDP, Inclusion Quality Mark Plan and Equality Policy:

- All staff have accurate knowledge of the progress of pupils.
- Tracking of pupils' attainment and rate of progress. The individual levels are put into the school tracking system by the teachers and updated following regular assessment weeks, as well as ongoing teacher assessment.
- Pupils whose academic progress is significantly below national averages is measured using Performance Scale levels ('P' levels) or Pre- Key Stage Standards.
- Pupils in EYFS are tracked using the EYFS Learning Goals and Profiles. Pupils with significant needs in EYFS are monitored using Developmental Journals.
- Termly pupil progress meetings
- Senior Leaders and Subject Leaders scrutinize pupils' books and work on a regular basis.
- Half termly tracking of interventions
- Monitoring - lesson observations and learning walks
- Individual reviews of progress through Individual Education Plans (IEPs), Pastoral Support Plans, SEN Annual Reviews
- Feedback from parents/carers

How are parents/carers informed about how their child is doing?

- Parent/carer conferences (parent evenings)
- Individual Education Plans (IEPs)/Pastoral Support Plans
- Annual Review meetings for those with High Needs Funding
- Annual Report to Parents
- Meetings with advisory teachers and therapists
- Copies of reports from advisory teachers and therapists
- SLT in playground/school every day at the beginning and end of the school day
- Home/school communication books for some pupils
- Parents newsletters and celebration of achievements

How does the school involve parents/carers in planning to meet their child's needs and in setting targets for learning?

Parents are fully involved from the beginning following any assessment or observation that indicates a special need.

- Parent/carer conferences (termly)
- Share Individual Education Plans
- Annual Review meetings
- Copies of reports from advisory teachers and therapists
- Meetings with the SENDCo and/or class teacher
- Meetings with advisory teachers and therapists

What expertise and training do the staff who support SEN pupils have?

Our Inclusion Team staff have a wide range of experience at including pupils with special needs in a mainstream school. Continuing Professional Development (CPD) for all staff is planned and agreed by the Leadership Team and supports meeting the School Development Plan targets.

Staff receive training in the following ways:

- In-school training
- Training from specialist services (e.g. Speech and Language, Occupational Therapy, Complex Needs, LCIS)
- Induction for new staff and NQTs
- Training shared between schools
- Advice on strategies etc. by advisory teachers and therapists
- SENDCo and RP teachers also provide suitable resources, advice and strategies

How are pupils with special educational needs consulted and involved in their education?

- Attendance at Annual Reviews/Pastoral Support Plan meetings
- Written/recorded views of pupils for all educational meetings including Personal Educational Plan meetings for Looked After Children with SEN.
- Assessment for learning – pupils evaluate their own learning and receive feedback on marking
- Target-setting
- Pupil voice/feedback questionnaire/school council/equality views

What specialist support or services does the school access for pupils with SEN?

- LCIS (Language, Communication and Interaction Service including ASD specialists)
- Complex Needs and Dyslexia Service
- Educational Psychology Service
- NHS Speech and Language Therapy Service (We have a Core Speech and Language Therapist and 2 buy-in Speech and Language Therapists for 1 day a week each)
- NHS Occupational Therapy/Physiotherapy Services
- CFCS (Child and Family Consultation Service)
- DAC (Development Advisory Clinic)
- Child Development Centre (CDC)
- Sensory Service
- School Counsellor/Psychotherapist

How are classrooms and other areas of the school adapted to meet pupil's individual needs?

- Hygiene/changing rooms
- Soft play and sensory room
- Disabled toilets for children
- Additional classroom space and time for learning life skills for children with ASD
- Additional play area for children with ASD to include sensory focused toys and equipment e.g. trampoline
- Additional play area adjacent to KS2 playground for developing balance/upper body strength
- Wider corridors
- Roundabout with wheelchair access
- Resource Provision classroom as dedicated space to children with high level of needs on the autistic spectrum.

- Individual pupils may have workstation provision in class and we utilize other areas for small group work.
- Inclusion Suite for small group interventions

What arrangements are made to support pupils with SEN taking part in after school activities outside the classroom, including school journeys?

- All clubs both before and after school are available to all pupils with additional support if needed
- On school visits, we ensure good access arrangements, both physical and learning
- Some children may require extra support and preparation before the visit e.g. photos, pre-visits
- Use of accessible places and transport
- Planned risk assessments so that we have considered any possible danger points and ways to keep safe
- Specific risk assessment considerations e.g. medical, adult support, transportation e.g. on stairs, lifts etc. or the use of a taxi or school mini-bus
- Differentiated activities
- Extra adult support where it is required
- Reasonable adjustments are considered to ensure equality of access
- On residential visits we plan carefully with Centre staff to include all pupils wherever possible in all activities and will make adaptations when necessary. This involves careful planning with parents. Risk assessments are completed for most activities prior to visits but some adaptations will be necessary.

How will the school prepare and support pupils who are transferring to a new school or are joining Essex?

- Liaison with previous/next school
- Admissions meeting
- Use of bilingual staff
- Staggered admission programmes
- Transition visits to the new secondary (or alternative primary) schools for some pupils, especially those with more complex or significant needs
- Transition booklets are created for some pupils with more complex or significant needs with photos and information about the new school
- Follow advice and recommendations from advisory teachers and therapists
- The SENDCo attends the SEN Secondary Transition meeting in June and discusses individual pupils
- Year 6 Annual Review meetings for those with High Needs Funding; secondary colleagues invited

- Choice of secondary schools discussed thoroughly at Year 5 Annual Review Meetings. Local Authority invited to the meeting to ensure they have a clear picture of the needs of the child regarding secondary placement.
- We pass all information possible to any new school and ensure any SEN records are passed to the new school SENDCo.

How does the School support pupils' overall well-being?

- Safeguarding Policy adhered to by all staff in promoting the well-being of pupils.
- PHSCE lessons and circle time activities
- Learning mentors (social/self-esteem/ positive interaction groups, individual sessions)
- Positive behaviour rewards, awards
- Attendance awards
- Playground peer mediators, sports leaders
- Support from the learning mentor for mid-phase admissions
- School Counsellor/Psychotherapist
- Multi-agency meetings for vulnerable pupils
- Liaison with school nurse and health visitor
- After school and before school clubs
- Healthy Eating projects
- Walk to school project
- Educational Psychology Service
- Buddy systems in class
- School Council
- SLT readily available for both parents/carers and children/ on duty at lunchtime
- Anti-bullying week, Cultural week, Black history month
- Related School policies include: Equality Duty, Accessibility Policy, Safeguarding, Inclusion, Anti-bullying, Behaviour, Online Safety

Who can parents/carers contact to talk to about their child's special educational needs?

Class teacher

Tracy Davis – Deputy Head Teacher/Inclusion and Safeguarding Lead

Joanna Cichorek – Teacher in the ASD Resource Provision

Alice WasekeGinn - Teacher in the ASD Resource Provision

Sue Montgomery – Family Support Worker

Mary Jones– Learning mentor – Y1/2

Shamim Patel – Learning Mentor - Early Years

Nadia Tamim – Learning mentor Y3/4

Andy Watson- School Counsellor/Psychotherapist (Wednesday and Thursday)

Who should parents/carers contact if they have a complaint about the SEN provision in the School?

Parental concerns will usually be addressed to the child's class teacher. If further input is needed then the next stage is to talk to the Deputy Head/Inclusion and Safeguarding Lead who has overall responsibility for children with SEN.

After this stage the Executive Head Teacher of the school and ultimately the Board of Governors. (For further details see school procedures for dealing with complaints.)

The Deputy Head/Inclusion and Safeguarding Lead is Tracy Davis. She is available to talk to parents/carers and pupils concerning any aspect of their special educational needs provision or on more general issues.

Additional Information

For more information about the SEN provision at our school please follow the links via the school website www.essex.newham.sch.uk

These include:

- Information about how the school is compliant with its duties under the Equalities Act 2010
- Details of the school's policies including Anti-bullying, Inclusion, Accessibility, Safeguarding and Child Protection
- Details of the school's pupil premium allocation

Tracy Davis (Deputy Head/Inclusion and Safeguarding Lead)
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