

SEN Information Report



Support for your child at Didsbury CE Primary School

At Didsbury CE Primary School we believe excellent teaching gives children the life chances they deserve. We work hard to provide a Christian, caring, stimulating and inclusive environment to ensure that every child reaches their full potential. We recognise that you know your child best and you may feel that they need additional help or support for some or all of their time at our School.

Not all children will need extra support with their learning but the progress of all children at Didsbury CE is monitored closely to ensure support is provided where necessary. Support can be given for a variety of reasons.

This booklet is to inform you of the types of support available for your child at Didsbury CE. It will help you understand who can help and how this support can be accessed.

Teaching and Learning

Children learn and develop in different ways.

Teachers know and understand this and use different teaching styles to plan work at different levels, in order to meet the needs of all pupils in their class. This is called "Quality First Teaching."

All pupils at Didsbury CE receive "Quality First Teaching" from their class teacher. Our aim is to provide the highest quality learning environment for your child and for them to achieve their full potential. All our classes, when necessary, are supported by teaching assistants and pupils are offered additional support or catch up intervention programmes where needed.

At Didsbury CE the progress and attainment of all pupils is reviewed on a termly basis by the School Leadership Team. These termly pupil progress meetings help identify children who may need additional support.

Parents and Carers are informed about their child's academic progress and targets through the twice yearly Parents' Afternoons/ Evenings and the annual end of year school report. In addition, Parents and Carers of children who have a Statement of SEND, an Education and Health Care Plan, or a SEND Resource Agreement are invited into School at least once a year for their child's annual review meeting.

Additional Support

If a child continues to have difficulty after intervention or has a high level of difficulty when they join our School, they may be considered to have special educational needs/disability (SEND) and are placed on the SEND register. This decision is made in partnership with Parents and Carers.

At Didsbury CE Primary we provide support for pupils across the 4 areas of need as laid out in the SEN Code of Practice 2014:

- **Communication and interaction**
- **Cognition and Learning**
- **Social, emotional and mental health difficulties**
- **Sensory and or physical needs**

Children with SEND have learning difficulties and/or physical disabilities which make it harder for them to learn than most children of the same age. They will need extra support or different help e.g. modified tasks, extra time or breaks in formal assessments.

Our school and other agencies can help most children cope with their difficulties successfully. A few children will need extra help for some or all of their time in school. This means they may have difficulty with:

- some or all of the work in school
- reading, writing, spelling and mathematics
- understanding and processing information
- expressing themselves
- understanding others
- organising themselves
- sensory perception or physical mobility
- managing their behaviour or emotions
- making friends or relating to adults

At Didsbury CE Primary School teaching and learning opportunities are adapted and continually evaluated (with support of external agencies when required) to ensure the needs of all our learners are met. Parents and carers should not feel unduly anxious about such additional support as it allows children to receive the specific help they need to make the next steps in their learning journey. To ensure that staff are aware of children's needs some children create a One Page Profile in conjunction with their class teacher. This is designed so that staff has the correct information and pupils feel valued and their needs are understood.

SEND Stages and Terminology

The Special Educational Needs Code of Practice gives guidance to schools in meeting the needs of pupils. It sets out how help should be given in a step-by-step approach. Our school SEN Policy reflects the new SEND Code of Practice. Parents and carers will be consulted at all stages of our graduated approach and the class teacher will inform you of the additional work they, or other adults in school, do with your child.

The process is as follows:

Wave 1 (Quality First Teaching)

All pupils in school receive quality first teaching which is also known as Wave 1. Wave 1 is the effective inclusion of all pupils in high-quality every day personalised teaching. Such teaching will, for example, be based on clear appropriate objectives that are shared with the children and returned to at the end of the lesson. Teachers use a lively, interactive range of teaching styles and make maximum use of visual and kinaesthetic teaching techniques.

Wave 2

If a pupil has needs which are related to more specific areas of their education, such as spelling, handwriting, numeracy and literacy skills, then they may be considered for a Wave 2 intervention. A Wave 2 intervention is a targeted catch up provision for children to put them back on course and narrow the gap. This will be led by a teacher or a teaching assistant and is usually done in focus groups. Interventions at Wave 2 will be planned and reviewed by the class teacher half-termly to ascertain the effectiveness of provision and to inform future planning.

Wave 3

If a child continues to have difficulty after a Wave 2 intervention or has a high level of difficulty when they arrive at school, they may require support from an outside agency such as an Educational Psychologist or a Speech and Language Therapist. After an assessment is undertaken by the EP or Speech Therapist, a programme of support is sent to the School from the involved agency and is shared with the parents and carers. School may seek professional advice from a range of agencies including:

- Speech and language therapists
- Visual/hearing impairment teachers
- Health professionals
- Educational psychologists

Wave 3 interventions are a deeper intervention, offering more personalised solutions. They may be on a one to one basis or delivered in a small group.

Education, Health and Care Plan – EHC Agreement **(Formerly Statement of Special Education Needs.)**

If your child's needs are complex or severe we may suggest that we make an application for an EHC Agreement to the Local Authority. This document will describe your child's SEND and the special help they should receive. Education, Health and Care Plans usually involve the Local Authority providing extra resources to help your child. These could include money, staff time, special equipment or attendance at a school with specialist resourced support. This additional provision will be reviewed annually or sooner if required and would include Parent, teacher, SENCo and pupil.

From September 2014, all children and young people from age 0-25, who have significant special educational needs will undergo an Education, Health and Care (EHC) assessment (unless the Parents/Carers of the young person decide to opt out of the new system). This will lead to an EHC Plan instead of a Statement of SEND. For children and young people who already have a Statement of SEND, the transfer of Statements into EHC Plans will be a gradual process and this is the responsibility of the Local Authority.

Didsbury CE Staff

Here at Didsbury CE Primary School we have an experienced team of staff who work together and may be involved in supporting your child in school. These include:

- **Your child's teacher** who will always make sure that learning is differentiated appropriately and that tasks set are accessible for your child.

Please talk to your child's teacher if you have any concerns regarding your child in school.

- **Teaching assistants** support all pupils in class. At Didsbury CE Primary School we have several additional teaching assistants who support groups and individual children with their learning.
- **Our School SENCo (Mrs P Livesley)** is responsible for co-ordinating SEND provision across the school, from Nursery to Year 6.
- **A Designated School Governor (Nick Bundock)** who works with the SENCo in leading SEND across the school.

Sometimes School may commission **Specialist Support** to work with identified children with a particular focus eg. Speech and Language therapists or Occupational therapists.

The Manchester Common Assessment Framework (MCAF)

As part of our support for all children here at Didsbury CE Primary School, we have regular opportunities to consult support services and health agencies through a multi-agency approach which sometimes includes completing the **Common Assessment Framework (CAF)** to support the family as well as the identified pupil. School and the family will meet and discuss and plan together the best use of advice and support from other agencies, with a view to achieving the best outcome for the child and family.

Professionals who might attend a CAF meeting include:

- **The School Nurse** who works closely with us and can advise and assess any medical needs. If a care plan is required this would be done in conjunction with the Parent and School nurse and would be reviewed annually.
- **A Speech and Language therapist** who works with children in School and can offer advice as to whether your child would benefit from this support or assessment.
- **An Educational Psychologist** may give advice or complete an assessment for a child.
- **Outreach support** from specialist schools.

If you would like advice from professionals outside school you may find the following numbers and websites useful:

Information,Advice and Support(IAS) – 0161 209 8356

Manchester Families Service Directory –

www.manchester.fsd.org.uk

Audiology Department – 0161 232 4215

Ashgate(

Autistic Society Greater Manchester – 0161 866 8483

The British Dyslexia Association – 0845 251 9002

The Dyspraxia Foundation – 01462 455016

Headway: The Brain Injury Association – 0808 800 2244

Lancasterian Sensory Support Service – 0161 445 0123

Living with ADHD – www.livingwithadhd.co.uk

Manchester Autism Resource Centre – 0161 945 0040

Manchester Asian Parents Carers Project – 0161 227 8708

Manchester Mencap – 0161 728 8109

Manchester Speech and Language Therapy Service – 0161 248 1208

National Autistic Society, Greater Manchester – 0161 998 4667

National Blind Children's Society – 0800 781 1444

National Deaf Children's Society – 0808 800 8880

National Down's Syndrome Society – 0333 1212 300

South Manchester Down's Syndrome Support Group - 07593 542 107

Rodney House Pre-school Outreach Team – 0161 230 6854

SEND Local Offer Hub Drop In Sessions – 0161 998 7280

The Sensory Team at Manchester City Council – 0161 219 2658

Sleep Manchester (sleep problems) – 0161 448 8895

Statutory Assessment Service – 0161 245 7439

Frequently Asked Questions

Who should I talk to if I am worried about my child?

Your child's class teacher is always best placed to answer any questions you may have relating to any aspect of School life. They may consult other staff members involved with your child. You can also contact the School SENCo either via email or the school office if your concerns have not been answered by your child's class teacher.

What types of support will be available to my child? How will teaching be adapted?

There are many types of SEND support available at Didsbury CE Primary School. These range from full time 1-1 support to short 20 minute intervention sessions.

Support for all children begins in the classroom with 'Quality First Teaching', where the class teacher plans differentiated activities in all lessons including a range of learning styles and outcomes. If a teacher feels that a child needs more support, they will share this information with you as a Parent/Carer and outline and deliver initial provision. If progress remains a concern, the class teacher and SENCo will follow the process outlined in the school SEND Identification Strategy.

How can I support my child?

Stay in regular contact with School – we want to work in partnership with Parents and Carers. Attend all Parent meetings and support your child in following tasks and homework set by School. Encourage your child at all times and let us know of all successes outside of School. Always talk to your child's class teacher if you have any concerns or worries about your child.