



Lindale CE Primary School – Special Educational Needs and Disability information			
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## Special Educational Needs and Disability (SEND) Information Report

**Headteacher:** Mrs Kim Curwen      **Interim Headteacher:** Mrs Mandy Barnsley

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**Local offer information from Cumbria CC:**

<https://fid.westmorlandandfurness.gov.uk/kb5/westmorlandandfurness/directory/localoffer.page?localofferchannel=0>

### What is the school's vision for all pupils?

We believe that everyone is an individual, created in the image of God, who should be encouraged and nurtured in order to flourish and achieve their full potential. We want all our pupils to develop knowledge, skills and enthusiasm for learning so they can thrive in every area of life. We encourage everyone to positively understand their own worth and that of others. As a small rural school, we seek to broaden our understanding of the world and become advocates for good. Our aim is to inspire our whole school family to 'walk as children of light'.

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

We have close relationships with parents and our on-site Pre-School. Class teachers are encouraged to raise concerns and have discussions with parents and relevant colleagues. All staff are aware of expected development at different ages and have expertise in identifying additional / special educational needs (SEN).

If you have a concern about your child's development please raise this with the class teacher in the first instance.

### How will school staff support my child/young person?

Class teachers are responsible for the education of all the children in their class. They plan the education programme for children who have or may have SEN with support from the school's Special Educational Needs Coordinator (SENCO), Mrs Curwen. Where appropriate, children may be supported by an additional adult. For example, this support could be in class; in a small group outside the class or one-to-one.

The school has a nominated governor for Special Educational Needs, Jane Thedham (*who reports directly to the governing body*).

### How will the curriculum be matched to my child's/young person's needs?

Our vision is that all pupils will be encouraged and nurtured to achieve their full potential and we do everything we can to fulfil this expectation. We believe in quality first teaching which means that, where possible, pupils take part in all lessons but these may need to be adapted for individual pupils. This may include adapting materials or the environment, changing the way a child accesses the content (such as



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using IT or having information broken into small chunks), pre-teaching and providing equipment where possible to assist the child to take a full part in the lesson. Occasionally, children are taught individually or in small groups for short periods if this is the most appropriate method of supporting their needs. Some children need a quiet space or time to move around and wherever possible this will be accommodated. Other adaptations to the environment may include standing desks, seating arrangements and adapting classrooms for sensory needs. Additional intervention and support may be appropriate in some cases.

### **How will I know how my child/young person is doing and how will you help me to support my child's learning?**

In addition to the school's normal reporting arrangements, we also have an "open door" policy to enable more informal and frequent conversations with you and your child.

The progress of each child is carefully monitored and tracked on a regular basis. This, along with other information gathered informs staff on the next steps for your child.

Progress and targets are discussed as part of the school's normal reporting arrangements.

In some cases, your child may require an individual support plan or behaviour management plan which will be drawn up in consultation with you and your child and reviewed regularly. For some children with profound and lifelong needs an Education Health and Care Assessment may be requested with advice and support from external agencies.

Where appropriate, we signpost parents to relevant agencies within the community who can offer further support to you and your child.

### **What support will there be for my child's overall well-being?**

Pastoral care is the class teacher's responsibility. With small classes, staff get to know children very well. Sometimes additional small group or individual support is needed to meet specific needs and support the wellbeing of children with SEN and to promote positive behaviour. For example, nurture groups, circle time and Talkabout/Time to Talk. We have a mental health lead in school, Mrs Coulston, and an ELSA (Emotional Literacy Support Assistant), Mrs Entwistle, who work with groups or individual children as appropriate.

The school follows statutory guidance in the administration of medicines and provision of personal care.

Further information can be found in the relevant policies on our website and on our wellbeing page <https://www.lindale.cumbria.sch.uk/mental-health-and-wellbeing/>

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

There is a wealth of experience and expertise in the school staff including those trained in Reading Intervention and an ELSA. We also have a Sensory Lead who is working closely with the occupational therapist. Staff members are Team Teach trained and have paediatric first aid qualifications.

There is access to family support services for any child within the school.

Referrals can also be made to other agencies including the school nurse, Child and Adolescent Mental Health Service (CAMHS), Barnardo's, Action for Children, educational psychologists and specialist advisory teachers.



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### **What training are the staff receiving or have completed to support children and young people with SEN?**

Staff share expertise through collaborative training opportunities within cluster groups as well as accessing local and national training. Individual staff development needs are identified and met as part of the formal appraisal process. Recent training for all staff includes autism training. Our SENCO receives regular update training across a range of area, which is then shared with staff if appropriate. Our SENCO also attends SENCO network meetings throughout the year. When seeking training opportunities, we identify what is valuable for the needs of the pupils within our school.

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

Please refer to the school's Single Equality Plan.

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

We have strong links with our on-site Pre-school and secondary schools and with other local primary schools.

All transitions within school are carefully managed to support children's wellbeing.

A range of transition strategies are put in place to support children at the end of key phases – e.g. transition plans and extra visits. When transitioning to our local secondary school, we have the option to enroll our pupils in additional 'nurture groups' to aid this.

The receiving schools are invited to attend transition meetings to share information about your child and to ensure a positive transition. Paperwork will be passed on as required. In all cases there will be liaison and communication between the schools.

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

We aim to allocate resources appropriately to meet the needs of all children with special educational needs.

### **How is the decision made about what type and how much support my child will receive?**

The decisions about the type of support your child needs will be based on discussions between all interested parties including you as a parent and following statutory guidance and best practice. Some of the ways we consult with parents include informal meetings and conversations through the year, formal EHCP reviews, sharing IEPs and working collaboratively to review these. We also believe in consulting pupils, where appropriate, and taking their views into account. We do this in a range of ways such as informal conversations and pupil profile sheets. The amount and type of support will be reviewed on a regular basis against the progress your child has made.

### **How are complaints managed?**

We take any complaints seriously and invite parents to first of all speak to the class teacher about their concerns or the SENCO if more appropriate. We will always work with parents and pupils to ensure the provision made in school is appropriate.