

SEND Information Report

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What Woodlands Park Primary School can offer children with additional needs.

What is SEN?

'A pupil has SEN (Special Educational Needs) where their learning difficulty or disability calls for special educational provision, that is provision different from or additional to that normally available to pupils of the same age.' (SEN Code of Practice page 82)

We are an inclusive school, aiming to support all children and their individual needs within the limitations of our school budget. The Code of Practice identifies 4 broad areas of need:

1. Communication and interaction;
2. Cognition and learning;
3. Social, emotional and mental health difficulties;
4. Sensory and/or physical needs.

How does Woodlands Park support children with special needs?

All children will benefit from high quality teaching that has been differentiated to suit their needs. Where necessary they will take part in small group or individual interventions targeted to meet and support their area of need. We draw on expertise from outside agencies to inform our support programmes to ensure children make the best progress they are capable of. We also ensure children's emotional and social development is secured through strong pastoral systems within our school. Teachers and our Thrive practitioners work together to promote the emotional well-being of all our pupils. Our school environment where possible is adapted to meet children's additional needs. Children with SEN are given every opportunity to take part in the wider life of the school.

How does Woodlands Park assess the progress of pupils and what will be done if my child is falling behind?

Each class teacher assesses the children continually as part of their teaching. If they feel that a child is not making expected progress they will try teaching them in different ways to help them to learn.

If they continue to make less than expected progress then they will be discussed with the Special Needs Co-ordinator (SENDCO) at a pupil progress meeting. Additional assessments may be undertaken to identify the child's area of need and to set specific targets for their learning. If more or different support is needed, an action plan is put in place to support the child and to help them make more progress.

If necessary, the SENCO will seek advice from other professionals to make more detailed assessments to inform the support put in place for your child.

How can I let the school know if I think my child is struggling at school?

If you have concerns about your child's progress, you should speak to your child's class teacher.

If you continue to be concerned that your child is not making progress, you may speak to the Special Needs Co-ordinator, known as the SENDCO. This is currently Lyndsey Walker.

The school SEN Governor can also be contacted for support. This is Denise Smith.

How accessible is Woodlands Park Primary to my child with SEND?

- The school is fully compliant with DDA requirements.
- The school has easy access and double doors and ramps.
- The front desk can be made accessible to wheelchair users upon request as the doors can be open and a member of staff can come to you.
- There is a disabled toilet on the upper and lower levels and a lift which is checked annually.
- We ensure wherever possible that equipment used is accessible to all children regardless of their needs.
- After-school provision is accessible to all children, including those with SEN.
- Extra-curricular activities are accessible for children with SEN.

Who is the person responsible for children with SEND?

A child's class teacher is responsible for the day to day needs for the SEN children within their class. Any concerns about a child's learning should always in the first instance be raised with the child's class teacher.

Miss Walker is our school's Special Educational Needs Co-ordinator. She is responsible for co-ordinating provision for our SEN children across the school.

The Head Teacher, Mr Bone has overall responsibility for all pupils.

How do I contact the people responsible for SEND or arrange to meet them?

Class teachers, the SENCO and Head Teacher can be contacted either by:

- Writing: Woodlands Park Primary School, Abbot Road, Ivybridge, Devon PL21 9TF
- Telephone: 01752 690046
- Email: admin@woodlandspark.devon.sch.uk marked for the attention of Miss Walker and she will then arrange to meet you at a mutually convenient time.

What training or specialist expertise do the Woodlands park staff have around SEND?

Miss Walker is currently undertaking the National SENDCO Qualification.

Ms Meadowcroft and Mrs Peters are Thrive trained practitioners. They equip children with tools and techniques that support them to become confident and emotionally secure so that they can engage with life and learning.

All class teachers are qualified (QTS) and their planning includes learning opportunities aimed at pupils who are at risk of underachievement.

Teaching and learning is regularly monitored by the Senior Leadership Team (SLT) who check that the teachers cater for every child in their class.

What further external support can Woodlands Park access and when would this happen?

Teachers at Woodlands Park work with a range of other professionals to support children with SEND. These include Educational Psychologists, Communication Interaction Team and Speech and Language therapists.

We also aim to work in partnership with our colleagues in the health service including the school nurse, CAMHS and the Child Development Centre.

Where can I find information about the Local Authority's Local offer for children and young people with SEN and their families?

The Local Authority's Local Offer can be found at www.devon.gov.uk/send. This contains a directory of services available to parents and children and provides information regarding SEND support in Devon.

For any other information about our school and the opportunities we offer please refer to our website www.woodlandspark.devon.sch.uk or contact the school office on Tel: 01752 690046.

How does Woodlands Park involve parents and children in their SEND support?

At Woodlands Park we operate an open door policy and value our strong relationships with parents and carers. We recognise the importance of working together to secure the best possible outcomes for all children. We also have regular parents meetings with class teachers, where parents can share and review targets, progress and support arrangements.

Children are actively encouraged to understand their targets and celebrate their success in achieving them.

If I am not happy with the provision at Woodlands Park, how can I share my concerns or make a complaint?

We very much hope that you will be happy with the provision for SEN at Woodlands Park Primary. However, if you are not, there are several ways to resolve this:

1. Talk to the Class Teacher.
2. Talk to the SENCO.
3. Talk to the Head Teacher.

Additionally, Devon Parent Partnership (DPP) offers impartial advice and support to Parents. www.devonias.org.uk

If you feel you need to make a complaint, our complaints procedure can be found on the schools' website. www.woodlandspark.devon.sch.uk

If you are still dissatisfied with the response, contact the local authority, Devon County Council under the SEN department. www.devon.gov.uk/send