

SEND Information Report

Introduction:

Springfield Primary is an inclusive school. It is our philosophy that the special needs provision should include all pupils who have barriers to learning, whatever they are. All pupils who have Special Educational Needs or Disabilities will benefit from a variety of different levels and different styles of support.

In addition, the school believes that all pupils should benefit from the principles stated in the school aims.

In particular Springfield Primary School believes that all pupils:

- Have individual educational needs.
- Share the right to a broad and balanced curriculum.
- Have the right to have their Special Educational Needs or Disabilities (SEND) appropriately assessed.
- Will have individual targets set to meet their educational needs
- Have the right, either directly or through their parents, to express a preference in relation to their educational needs and provision.

Springfield Primary School is a fully inclusive school, which ensures that all pupils achieve their potential personally, socially, emotionally and academically in all areas of the curriculum (regardless of their gender, ethnicity, social background, religion, sexual identity, physical ability or educational needs). This document is intended to give you information regarding the ways in which we ensure we support all of our pupils, including those with SEND, in order that they can realise their full potential. It may not list every skill, resource and technique we employ in order to achieve this as these are continually developed and used to modify our provision to meet the changing requirements for individual pupils. Children are identified as having SEND when their progress has slowed or stopped and the interventions, resources etc. put in place do not enable improvement.

Universal Offer – What Springfield Primary School provides for all children:

This is what the school offers to all children including those who may have difficulties in learning or difficulties with behaviour or physical/medical needs. As a parent/carer or young person you can expect that:

- We encourage you to familiarise yourself with our policies and approaches to learning.
- We welcome you and your child to our school we invite you to discuss your child's needs before they start school.
- The teachers and support staff who teach your child have had professional development and training so that they know about how children learn including those children who have difficulty in learning.
- Our school provides a variety of teaching and learning programmes to meet the individual learning needs of each child.
- We accurately assess the level at which your child is learning, this informs what and how we teach. Our teachers differentiate (plan tasks for children at different stages of learning in the same class) so that your child is given work to do at an appropriate level.
- We use a range of resources, strategies and teaching methods to take account of any barriers to learning, this may include offsite educational visits.
- We will keep you informed about how your child is progressing at least twice yearly and through a written annual report detailing progress. Additionally we will invite you in to school if we feel new issues present themselves. If you or your child has any concerns we encourage you to make an appointment. As we feel that a partnership between school and home is essential in supporting you and your child.
- The school will put in place a range of short term, small group or individual programmes (interventions) that may help your child to 'catch up'.

- School will inform you if your child needs a more intensive or individualised level of intervention in order to make progress in their learning. The school's Special Educational Needs Coordinator (SENCo) may talk to you about this.
- We will also signpost you to support, advice and any extracurricular activities that may be available.

Additional SEND Support Offer – What Springfield Primary School provides for those children not making expected progress:

The department for Education provides us with funding to support children with SEND. The amount of funding means that most children's need for support and interventions can be met without the need for an Educational Health Care Plan.

If your child has a special need or disability we will:

- Talk to you about your child's difficulties in learning or disability so we can understand their needs.
- Make an assessment of your child's learning so we know which skills they need to learn next.
- The SENCo will support and advise teachers so that your child can learn in the best way.
- Have a range of programmes to help children who need extra support to read, write, learn maths or manage their behaviour.
- Check on progress at least once a term and invited you to a meeting to discuss that progress.
- Work with and seek advice from an educational psychologist, advisory teacher, speech and language therapist or health colleague to support your child's progress.
- Tell you how to get in touch with Parent Partnership Services who can offer advice and support.
- Talk to you if we think we need to consider asking the local authority to make a Statutory Assessment of your child's needs because more advice/resources are needed to help your child to make progress.

Educational Health Care Plans:

The school may seek an Educational Health Care Plan (EHCP) in order to provide additional support for children with severe and complex needs.

- Children who have severe levels of physical, learning, communication or emotional/ behavioural difficulty, that are lifelong and complex, may need an EHCP. If the LA agrees to begin the process; an EHCP takes at least 24 weeks to complete. Your child will continue to be supported from the school's SEND resource while the EHCP is completed.
- The EHCP will specify what sort of provision your child will need in order to access the curriculum and make progress.
- Staff in the school will access additional professional development in order to ensure that they have the skills to teach your child.
- Many children who need an EHCP will be educated in a mainstream school but your child may benefit from a special school placement or focused provision placement.

The options will be discussed with you as the EHCP is developed.

- The school will keep you informed about the progress your child is making through assessment and termly review and the Annual Review of the EHCP.

Focused Provision:

Springfield Primary School provides a Focused Provision as part of Sandwell LA's Local offer. The provision caters for eight pupils with Complex Communication Disorders (CCD) and these pupils are spread across the mainstream school as part of the usual pupil allocation. These places are allocated by the SEN department of Sandwell LA and require an Educational Health Care Plan to be in place before a placement can be offered at Springfield. The school's ethos of inclusion continues in the teaching of Focused Provision

pupils and there is an expectation that these pupils spend the majority of their time within the mainstream classes. We have small rooms where some of the pupils are withdrawn to for short periods of time. In addition we have a small sensory room and access to specialist equipment and resources. We pride ourselves on the inclusion of these pupils and visitors have commented that these pupils are difficult to pinpoint when viewing the school.

Additional activities which are available for pupils with SEND:

Springfield Primary School is a fully inclusive school, which ensures that all pupils achieve their potential. We believe that additional experiences, provided by offsite educational visits, enhances the learning and social experience of the child. We endeavour to ensure that all children regardless of their SEN need are able to participate, this includes residential visits.

Further Information

You may already be a parent of a child at our school or even a prospective parent, which ever, we strongly encourage you to come in and see us. We are a warm and welcoming school that always seeks the best for all our children regardless of their abilities or disabilities.

Here is a link to the Sandwell LA Local Offer:

<http://www.sandwell.gov.uk/send>