

## Standlake Primary School - SEN Information Report – 2023/24

This report sets out information about the way in which Standlake School meets the provision for children with special education needs and disabilities (SEND). They are updated annually.

### About our School

At Standlake C of E Primary School, we recognise that all children have a right to a broad, balanced, relevant, and differentiated curriculum. We aim to create a happy, educationally exciting, and positive environment in which all pupils can develop to their full potential. We recognise that children are individuals and that each one has needs special to him or her. The school provides for children with a wide range of special educational needs:

- **Communication and Interaction needs;** this includes children who have speech language and communication difficulties including autistic spectrum conditions.
- **Cognition and Learning needs;** this includes children who have learning difficulties and specific learning difficulties such as;  
*Dyspraxia* - sensory processing difficulties children have when they struggle to plan and organise their movements.  
*Dyscalculia* - difficulty learning or comprehending arithmetic, performing mathematical calculations, and learning facts in mathematics.  
*Dyslexia* - affects a child’s ability to read, spell, write and speak.
- **Social, Emotional and Mental Health needs;** this includes children who may have behaviour difficulties relating to emotional conditions such as anxiety or depression.
- **Sensory and/or Physical needs;** this includes children who have visual or hearing needs, or a physical disability that affects their learning.

Currently (September 2023) we have 18 children on the school’s SEND Register from Reception – Year 6. Children who are on the SEND register have been identified as needing additional support. We don’t currently have any children who have an Educational Health Care Plan (EHCP). The school has applied for 2 EHCP but is currently awaiting the outcome of these.

Cognition and learning	Communication and Interaction	Social, Emotional and Mental Health	Hearing Impairment	Visual Impairment	Physical Disability	Total
14	3	1				18

At Standlake Primary we aim to:

- Ensure that our curriculum is responsive to all children whatever their individual need

- Promote positive attitudes and individual confidence, ensuring all children experience success in identifying, assessing, recording, and regularly reviewing pupils' special educational needs.
- Encourage parents/guardians to be involved in planning and supporting at all stages of their child's development.
- Make effective use of support services.

As a school with a strong Christian ethos, we acknowledge and celebrate the fact that each child is unique and is a valued part of our school community.

## The Local Offer

The Local Offer should set out the type of provision the Local Authority expects schools to be made from within their own resources. It includes information about provision available for children and young people with SEN and/or Disabilities across Education, Social Care, and Health.

The Oxfordshire County Council Local Offer for Children with SEN and disabilities can be found at:

<https://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/cms/taxonomy/term/278>

## Information and Points of Contact

**Who should I contact to discuss the concerns or needs of my child?**

Standlake School is committed to working in partnership with parents and will listen to any concerns parents may wish to raise. Please contact the school to arrange a meeting.

- **Class Teacher** – is the first point of contact. They monitor the progress of each child and liaise with key staff about interventions needed.
- **SENCo** – Stacey Conroy
- **Headteacher** – Andrew Denham
- **SEN Governor** – Karen Armeanu



The Special Educational Needs Coordinator (SENCo) is a qualified teacher and has achieved the National Award for SENCos qualification. She works closely with the Headteacher to oversee the provision and monitoring of children's learning and progress throughout the school and to support the families of those children with Special Educational Needs (SEN). The SENCo can be contacted by contacting the school office:

Tel: 01865 300454

Email: [office.3127@standlake.oxon.sch.uk](mailto:office.3127@standlake.oxon.sch.uk)

The SEN Policy can be found on the school's website.

## Assessing, Planning, and Review for Progress

### How do we identify and give extra help to children with SEN?

The School uses the Oxfordshire County Council's guidance 'Identifying and supporting Special Educational Needs in Oxfordshire schools and settings'.

The guidance sets out:

- How we identify if a child or young person has a special educational need
- How we assess children and plan for their special educational needs, and how we adapt our teaching
- Ways in which we can adapt our school environment to meet each child's needs
- How we review progress and agree on outcomes will involve you and your child in this process
- The school identifies the needs of SEN pupils on a provision map. This identifies all support given within school and is reviewed regularly and changes made as needed, so that the needs of children are met, and resources are deployed as effectively as possible.

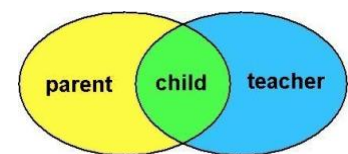


### How do we work with parents and children/young people?

The partnership between school and home is important to us at Standlake School. We will always contact parents if we have a concern that a child or young person may have a Special Educational Need (SEN). We work closely with children with SEN and their families to agree on outcomes and to plan how we will all work together towards these and then to review progress.

This communication happens in a variety of ways:

- Each child has a Pupil Profile which outlines their strengths, what they need help with, and any support, strategies, and interventions used to support the child's learning. These Pupil Profiles are compiled in conjunction with parents.
- Review meetings are held between the parents and class teacher at the end of terms 2,4 and 6 to review the Pupil Profile. We will discuss the child's progress, attainment, and any other issues.
- Parents are always able to speak to the class teacher regarding any concerns.
- An annual report to parents/carers is written by the class teacher which details the achievements, strengths, and areas of development in the different curriculum areas.



- The school will seek external support/advice for children continuing to experience significant difficulty – this may involve an application for an Education Health and Care Plan Assessment.
- School staff may informally discuss progress with parents/carers as needed.
- Children with EHC Plans have an annual review, where the child's progress is discussed, and new targets are set. Written reports are provided and sent out in advance. Children are invited to contribute to this review.
- The targets of children with EHC Plans are reviewed termly.
- Appointments can be made to see the SENCo by phone or email to the school office.

### How does the school know how well my child is doing?



- Class teachers attend a pupil progress meeting each term, with the Headteacher, to discuss the progress of each pupil. The rates of progress are monitored and those pupils not making the expected rate of progress are identified. Strategies will be put in place for the identified pupils to reach their expected outcomes.
- Ongoing teacher assessment strategies are used to determine progress and attainment.
- Regular review meetings are held with the class teacher and the SENCo to track progress toward the outcomes and evaluate interventions.
- Governors are provided with attainment and progress information. They act as 'critical friends' and challenge staff to use their best endeavours to raise standards further.

## Curriculum and Teaching Methods

### What is the curriculum and how is it taught?

- The National Curriculum is an entitlement for all children.
- Class teachers are responsible for the learning of all children in their class and they ensure all children receive Quality First Teaching.
- Teachers are skilled at adapting and differentiating the curriculum to take account of individual pupil needs.
- Teachers are able to take into account different learning styles and use them to ensure they meet the needs of all the children in their class.
- First-hand experiences through visits are explored when topics are planned.
- Grouping arrangements are organised carefully to maximise learning opportunities for all.
- Additional adults may be used to support groups, but independence is encouraged.
- Children may be identified as benefitting from intervention programmes. Progress within these programmes is carefully monitored.
- A range of intervention programmes in the areas of literacy, numeracy, language, social, emotional, and motor skills are available to support individuals and groups and there are staff trained to deliver them. The use of

intervention programmes complements the Quality First Teaching that all children receive.

- The effectiveness of the intervention programmes is monitored by assessing their impact. The intervention a child completes is kept under review to ensure it is helping the child in their learning.
- Advice from educational agencies such as Special Education Needs Support Service, Educational Psychologists, Speech, Language and Communication Service, Behaviour Support and health agencies such as Speech and Language Therapy, Occupational Therapy and CAMHS may be sought.

## **Access to Learning and the Curriculum**

***Are there any special features or strategies to help children learn?***



- Children are involved in their own learning and are able to feed into the topic.
- Children are aware of their targets and next steps. They receive feedback on progress towards targets through discussions with teachers and diagnostic marking. Self-evaluation is also encouraged.
- Daily phonics lessons, using 'Read Write Inc programme' across Nursery, Reception and Key Stage 1.
- Reading, Writing and Numeracy targeted interventions.
- Fine and Gross motor skills interventions such as Dough Disco and Write from the Start.
- Language and vocabulary development interventions such as Talk Boost and Language for thinking.
- Lessons are differentiated to meet the needs of all learners.
- Learning walls in classrooms support the learning.
- ICT is used to support learning.
- Some classes/identified pupils may be allocated support staff and have access to guided group work.
- External agencies can provide advice and may offer individual or group tuition depending on a pupil's individual need.
- All classes have a visual timetable on display which details the daily planned activities. Some pupils have their own visual timetable.
- The school's physical environment is accessible to all learners, including those with disabilities.
- Reasonable adjustments are made to help pupils to learn. For example, some pupils may use special equipment such as pencils grips, sound amplification systems, wobble cushions and sloped writing desks.
- Children may be identified as benefitting from social skills groups or support from our ELSA (Emotional Literacy Support Assistant).

## **Tests and Assessments - Access Arrangements**

***What arrangements are available for pupils to access tests and assessments?***

- Some pupils for statutory tests (Year 2 and 6) access them in a smaller environment and support for reading tests or writing for pupils may be requested, as appropriate and to comply with test guidelines.
- School adheres to current access arrangements for Key Stage 1 and 2 statutory tests.
- Class teachers will inform parents/carers whether their child qualifies for additional support or time to access tests.
- Booster and target groups are run throughout the school year.

## **Social and Emotional Support**

### **How does the school help my child to feel comfortable and safe and manage social situations?**

All children have the opportunity to share their views through their school council representatives and we encourage all children to talk to their class teacher if they have a problem. The SENCo works closely with our ELSA who supports children with emotional and behavioural difficulties to enable them to feel safe and supported in the school environment. Bullying is not tolerated, and procedures followed can be found in our Behaviour Policy. Below are some of the ways we help to build on your child's social and emotional skills:

- All classes follow a structured PSHE (Personal, Social, Health and Economic education) scheme called Jigsaw. Teachers identify children who would benefit from small/group interventions to develop their social and emotional skills (SEAL groups).
- Groups to develop social skills and/or enhance self-esteem.
- Lunchtime and after-school clubs e.g. sports activities and games.
- Additional support for children who are struggling at playtime.
- Home/School liaison.
- Visual timetables/symbols.
- Anti Bullying Policy and procedures – focus on vulnerable groups.
- E-safety and cyberbullying is addressed at an age-appropriate level.
- Transition preparation



## **Accessibility to Premises and Facilities**

### **What facilities are in the school to assist children with disabilities move around the building and take part in lessons?**

- The building and playground are accessible to wheelchair users.
- Disabled toilet.
- Semi-open plan building with classrooms off a central resource area.
- Awareness of sensory issues.

- Reasonable adjustments are made by staff to ensure children with disabilities can access all lessons.
- Trips will be planned taking into account the needs of children with disabilities.
- Transition preparation.

## **Working with others**

### ***What expertise can we offer?***

The school works with a number of services including:

- Educational Psychology Service
- Learning Support Service
- Sensory Impairment Service
- Behaviour Support Service
- Speech Language and Communication Needs Service
- Speech and Language Service
- SENSS C&I Team
- Special Educational Needs (SEN) Team
- Occupational Therapy
- School Nurse
- Child and Adolescent Mental Health Service (CAMHS)
- Children's Services
- English as an Additional Language Service
- Voluntary services
- The SENCo liaises with class teachers, the leadership team, the Family Support Worker, and parents to prioritise referrals to these services.
- Referrals to services may also come about following pupil review meetings.
- Staff (usually the SENCo or class teacher) discusses the referral to a service with parents/carers.
- Parents' views will be sought, and they may be invited or can request to meet with the service.
- Reports and recommendations are shared with parents and expected outcomes and strategies to meet those outcomes are planned.

## Interventions and Impact

The following are specific interventions in place from September 2023:

### Cognition and Learning:

Wave:	Support:
1	<b>QFT:</b> Differentiated I can outcomes where appropriate, visual aids, modelling, visual timetables, plenaries, TA class support, access to a range of ICT, group work, positive reinforcement, topic word mats, sound and alphabet mats, coloured overlays/rulers, handwriting pens, pencil grips, concrete maths resources(Numicon, dienes, Base ten etc)
2	Maths/Literacy booster groups, Plus 1/Power of 2, Small Assessments with Sandwells/Sandford, Fresh Start, RWI Fast Track, TA support, daily reading with an adult, small group phonic booster, PIXL interventions, ARCH reading,
3	1:1 Phonic support, Toe by Toe, scribe, access arrangements, Talking postcards, Educational Psychologist

### Communication and Interaction:

Wave:	Support:
1	<b>QFT:</b> Flexible teaching arrangements, increased visual aids, visual timetables, seating position, chunking of information and instructions, use of a fiddle toy, wobble cushions
2	Class support from TA, Colourful Semantics, Language for thinking, Early Years/KS1 Talk boost intervention, Now/Next boards, Nuffield Early Language Intervention
3	Speech and Language support from SaLT, TA delivering SaLT targeted activities, input from Communications and Interaction Team, social stories, Lego Therapy, Educational Psychologist.

### Social Emotional Mental Health (SEMH)

Wave:	Support:
1	<b>QFT:</b> School behaviour policy, Forest School whole class and class reward systems, class rules/expectations, JIGSAW, Star Awards, visual timetables, positive reinforcement, regular communication with parents, fiddle toy, wobble cushion, zones of regulation, pastoral care, E-Safety – addressed at an age-appropriate level, Positive Behaviour Policy
2	Group reward systems, support for unstructured time, social stories or comic strips
3	Individual behaviour plan or pastoral support plan, Support from the Communication and Interaction Team, 6 stages of Crisis, CAMHS referral, transition support, Lego Therapy, ELSA Support, Educational Psychologist.

### Sensory and/or Physical:

Fine motor skills  
 Adaptation of resources or tasks as needed  
 Writing slopes  
 Pencil Grips  
 Use of Laptops  
 Write from the Start  
 Additional seats / wobble cushions  
 Occupational Therapy Support



## Monitoring intervention impact:

We regularly review our SEND provision by:

- Monitoring by the SENCo, Deputy head and Headteacher
- Capturing Pupil voice via questionnaires
- Reviewing the impact of interventions via assessments
- Tracking progress via provision maps
- Holding 3 yearly pupil reviews

## Attendance of SEND Pupils

2019 - 2020	2020-2021	2021 -22	2022 – 23
96.7%	94%	93.5%	91.7%

## Attainment of SEND Pupils for 2022 – 2023

	Below ARE	ARE	Above ARE (GD)
Reading	86%	14%	0%
Writing	86%	14%	0%
Maths	91%	9%	0%

## Transition – joining and moving on

***How will the school help my child settle with confidence and manage change as they move between schools and year groups?***

### Early Years Transition

- SENCo and class teacher attend transition meetings for pupils with SEN making the transition from preschool to Nursery or Reception.
- Parents are invited to a pre-admission meeting.
- Children can attend extra settling-in sessions if required.

### Moving on at Year 6

- Key staff and representatives from the secondary school visit to speak to the Year 6 pupils transferring to their school.
- The SENCo and the Year 6 teacher liaise over the transfer procedure.
- All pupils in Year 6 are invited to a familiarisation day at their secondary school. Children are prepared for the visit and given information in advance as necessary.
- Additional visits to the secondary school may be arranged for individuals or groups as needed.
- Transition arrangements are planned at Year 6 Education, Health and Care Plan reviews. Secondary schools are invited to attend.
- SENCO attends Year 6 to Year 7 SEN transfer meeting.
- Use of social stories/transition books/comic strips
- A planned programme of transition, which may include mentoring to help prepare children.

- Class teacher/ SENCo meets with key staff from the new school.
- One-page profiles/communication passports for identified pupils are written for pupils to share with secondary schools.
- Information transferred in advance of move.

### **Moving Schools**

If your child is moving to another school, we will:

- Contact the school SENCo and ensure he/she knows about any special arrangements or support that need to be made for your child.
- Make sure that all records about your child are passed on as soon as possible.
- Make a transition book/social story for them if we feel it will help to prepare a one-page profile for the new school.

If your child joins us from another school, we will:

- Contact the school SENCo to find out any special arrangements or support that needs to be made for your child.
- Meet with parents to discuss any concerns and plan any support.

### **Moving Classes**

- A handover meeting will take place between the present and the new teacher.
- Transition visits to new classes are planned in the second half of the summer term. Identified pupils have a number of additional visits to the new class.
- Social stories and transition books for children who would benefit.

## **Feedback and complaints procedures**

At Standlake school we welcome feedback from parents. If a parent or guardian is concerned about SEN provision for their child, initial contact should be made with the class teacher. A meeting will then be arranged with the teacher and SENCo.

In the event of a formal complaint regarding SEN provision, parents/guardians are advised to contact the Headteacher. If this does not lead to a satisfactory resolution parents can follow the EPA complaints policy that is available on the school website. Families can also follow the Oxfordshire complaints policy:

<https://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/council/about-your-council/have-your-say-about-council-services/complaints-about-oxfordshire-county-council/complaints-about-schools>

## **Policies**

Links:

- SEN policy [SEN Policy](#)
- Behaviour policy [Behaviour Policy](#)
- Anti-bullying policy [Anti-bullying](#)

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