

Moorside Primary School and Nursery
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Link to Local Offer:

<https://www.northyorks.gov.uk/children-and-families/send-local-offer>

<https://www.moorsideschools.org.uk/send-2/>

In the Code of Practice for SEND a child is defined as having Special Educational Needs (SEN) if they have a learning difficulty which calls for special educational provision to be made or if he or she finds it much harder to learn than children of the same age.

A learning difficulty means that the child either:

- a) has significantly greater difficulty in learning than the majority of children of the same age
- b) has a disability, which either prevents or hinders the child from making use of the educational facilities which are provided for children of the same age in a mainstream school

Special educational provision means educational provision, which is additional to, or different from, the provision made generally for children of the same age in a mainstream school.

Moorside Primary School and Nursery - Vision and Aims

A culture of success and achievement for all

All children are supported to access the curriculum, gain knowledge and skills for life and become positive, caring individuals.

Some children may need extra support to achieve their goal so we ensure that appropriate scaffolding (providing support for a learner in order to help them to complete a task or acquire a skill) / provision is in place to enable this to happen. All success is celebrated - no matter how small - so that the children build confidence and resilience to face challenges in their learning.

An aspirational and inspirational curriculum

At Moorside, we have high expectations of all our children.

We aim to inspire our children through clear purposes for learning, with varied opportunities to apply their skills across the curriculum. We challenge children to achieve and ensure that we adapt the support and scaffolding available to enable them to succeed.

Strong relationships between the school, families, pupils and our community

Children are more likely to succeed when school and home work in partnership. We aim to build strong, trusting relationships with parents and children. Our school is a friendly, inviting environment and we welcome parents to share in their children's learning.

Mrs Price, the school PSA, is a key link between home and school for all parents and has a wealth of knowledge and skills to support and advise when needed.

A whole school inclusive and nurturing ethos

We are a Nurturing School and we understand that children learn best when they feel safe, secured and cared for.

We take a holistic view of learning and value all areas of learning from The Arts and Forest School to Numeracy and Literacy.

High expectations for all stakeholders, surrounding our children with the best educators and specialists

Leadership of SEND is robust and supportive for staff and children. As a team, teachers are reflective and open to development opportunities, collaboration and whole- school projects to continually drive further improvement. We seek support from specialists and act upon advice to ensure that our provision is adapted and appropriate to meet the needs of all learners.

Teaching staff work closely to ensure consistency in progression and teaching strategies and assessment across all key stages at Moorside Primary School and Nursery.

What Kinds of Special Educational Needs do we provide for?

- ✓ All children are welcomed into our school. We provide an inclusive education for all pupils with a wide range of needs.
- ✓ If a parent of a pupil with an EHCP requests a place at our school, we will work closely with the child, parents and the previous school to understand the child's individual needs and implement strategies to meet the child's needs as set out in the EHCP.

Who is the Special Educational Needs Co-ordinator and how can I contact them?

- ✓ Our SENDCo is Miss Ryder
- ✓ She can be contacted at school by phone: **01765 604208**
or email: admin@moorside-pri.n-yorks.sch.uk

If you have concerns about your child's progress / behaviour, in the first instance, we encourage parents to speak to your child's Class Teacher (CT). The CT will listen to your concerns and explain any strategies we are using in school to support your child. The CT may also suggest activities you could do at home to help.

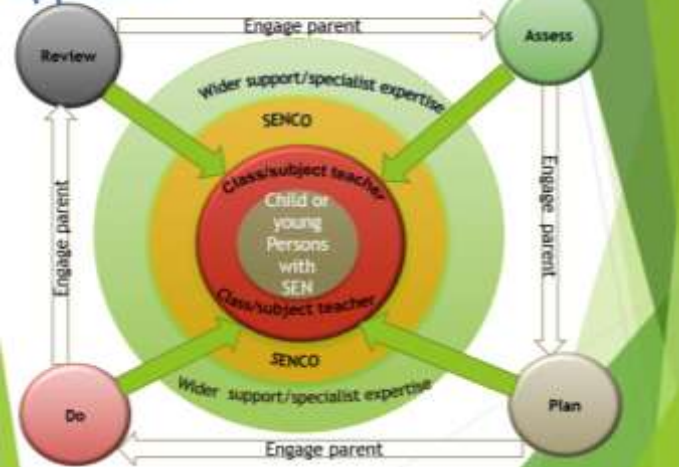
If, after additional strategies have been put in place, the CT feels there is a continuing cause for concern then he/she will meet with the SENDCo to discuss strategies in place and their impact. The CT will then arrange a meeting with you to explain the additional / different strategies that are being put in place to support your child.

Alternatively, you can approach the SENDCo directly through the school office using the contact details above.

How do we identify children and young people with SEN and assess their needs?

- ✓ Special Educational Needs (SEN) is a **legal** term. It describes the **needs** of a child who has a difficulty or disability which makes **learning harder** for them than for other **children their age**.

The reform vision: A whole school approach



✓ As specified in the Code of Practice 2015 we follow the 'Assess, Plan, Do, Review' cycle for children who are not making the progress we would expect.

✓ Through careful observations, detailed assessment and an analysis of progress, staff will identify when a child requires additional support. This may take the form of booster groups / differentiated interventions or it may be that the child requires additional or different provision which is recorded in an Individual Provision Map (IPM).

- ✓ The IPM will be written alongside parents and children.
- ✓ The IPM will follow the Assess, Plan, Do, review cycle and will outline provision in place and indicate time scales for achievement of targets.
- ✓ For some pupils, where the additional and different provision has not enabled the child to make significant progress, the school (with permission of the parents) may consult with specialists from our SEND Hub, Educational Psychologist or the medical services for a more specialist assessment of a pupil's educational / behavioural needs.
- ✓ For any child who requires high levels of support, in consultation with parents, a referral will be made for statutory assessment in the form of an EHCAR - Education, Health and Care Assessment Referral.
- ✓ The EHCAR is a request for the Local Authority to undertake a formal assessment of the child's needs. This assessment involves a process of gathering information from the relevant people or agencies, including the views, interests and aspirations of the parents and child or young person. This process may result in an EHCP being written.
- ✓ When deciding whether to issue an EHCP the Local Authority will consider whether the needs of the child can reasonably be met from resources normally available to settings.

An EHCP will include:

- the views, interests and aspirations of the children and young people and their parent/carer
- an outline of the child or young person's special educational need
- outcomes covering education, health and social care
- the special educational provision needed to support the child or young person
- the name and type of current education setting
- personal budget information if applicable.

✓ An EHCAR will not always lead to an EHC plan. However, it may help to decide how the education setting can meet the child or young person's needs without an EHCP.

How do we work with parents of children with SEN and how do we involve them in their child's education?

- ✓ At Moorside Primary School and Nursery, we have an open-door policy so parents are always welcome to speak to members of staff about their children.
- ✓ We meet with parents of children with SEND regularly (at least termly) at a time convenient to them to discuss their child's progress towards their targets and what aspirations their child has for the future.
- ✓ We will offer support and guidance to all parents about how best to support their child at our parent information evenings but also at any time when concerns have been raised.
- ✓ The best results happen when parents and school work in partnership together. Therefore, we always seek to involve parents/carers and children at every stage of the APDR process.
- ✓ Our PSA (Mrs Sally Price) is always available to support parents - from completing forms to advising on how best to support their children at home.
- ✓ Parents are also informed of the service provided by SENDIASS

For details, please see the SENDIASS contact information:

<https://sendiassnorthyorkshire.co.uk/contact-us/>

How do we involve young people with SEN in their education?

- ✓ At Moorside, we understand the importance of Pupil Voice, so we involve the children in every step of their learning and listen to their views and opinions.
- ✓ Pupils are involved (at an age appropriate level) in setting and reviewing their targets and goals and choosing their preferred strategies to reach them.
- ✓ Progress - no matter how small - is celebrated with all children at school and their achievements are always recognised.
- ✓ Where a child has an EHCP we always seek the views of the child for their annual review - and invite them to attend

How do we assess and review the progress of pupils with SEN have made towards outcomes and how are they and their parents involved in this?

- ✓ Your child's progress is continually monitored by his/her class teacher in a variety of ways:
 - Daily marking of work indicates to the CT if the children have understood the concepts / skills taught within the lessons.
 - In the Early Years, daily observations are undertaken to build a picture of their learning. This information is collated in a personal Learning Journey which is regularly shared with parents.
 - In the EYFS assessments take a holistic approach and focus on all areas including their physical, social and emotional needs. This information is used to ensure that teaching is personalised and supports their next steps in learning.
 - Children's progress is reviewed formally every term through teacher assessment.
 - Emotional well-being assessments are also undertaken termly using BOXALL and support given to whole classes and individual children who have low scores.
 - AT Moorside we use an assessment tool called Sonar. For children who have gaps in their learning, we use this tool to find the objectives that have not yet been achieved and focus on these in small groups or 1-1 support time. These objectives are also included on their IPM and are tracked termly to monitor progress towards closing the gap.

- At the end of Year 6 all children are required to be formally assessed using Standard Assessment Tests (SATs). This is something the government requires all schools to do and the school results are published nationally.

- ✓ The SENDCo regularly monitors the provision and progress of children with SEND.
- ✓ Children with SEND will have an IPM and this is updated regularly (at least termly)
- ✓ The IPM will be shared with parents termly
- ✓ In order to gain a full picture of the child we encourage parents to share their child's achievements outside of school.
- ✓ Case studies are written where children are not making expected progress to show all of the support in place and closely review where further adaptations could be made.
- ✓ The progress of children with an Education, Health and Care Plan is formally reviewed at an annual review. This is a pupil centred meeting where the child, parents and all of the professionals involved in the child's education are invited to attend.

What arrangements are there for supporting children in moving between phases of education and in preparing for adulthood? How does this help young people prepare for adulthood? Do our outcomes reflect pupils' ambitions, including higher education, employment, independent living and participation in society?

- ✓ When children with SEND move to another school, staff involved with the child liaise closely with members of staff at the new school.
- ✓ We ensure the child and parents have a smooth transition by setting up meetings with staff from the new school and (where possible) arranging pre-visits for the child so that they can be best prepared for their move.
- ✓ Relevant paperwork will be shared ahead of move to ensure that there is time for clarifications to be sought prior to the child's move.
- ✓ For SEND children moving into our school, meetings will take place prior to the move so that staff involved can have a clear picture on how best to support the child in our school.
- ✓ During the IPM reviews, the pupil is given the opportunity to set their own goals and discuss their ambitions for the future. This will be used to inform future outcomes.

Year 6 transition to Year 7

- ✓ Children who have SEND will be offered extra transition dates to their new schools.
- ✓ Teachers and SENDCos liaise closely to ensure a smooth transition.
- ✓ Relevant information is shared between schools.
- ✓ When appropriate, secondary school staff may come into Moorside Primary School to work with children prior to the transition.
- ✓ Occasionally, Moorside Primary School staff will accompany individual children on pre-visits to new schools
- ✓ A book about the new school (including staff, classrooms, safe spaces etc) may be created for the child to use as a reference during the transition process.

How do we adapt the curriculum and the learning environment of children and young people with SEN?

Most children with SEND can be best supported inclusively through Quality First Teaching.

This means:

- ✓ Personalised learning planned and delivered by the class teacher in an ordinary classroom setting.
- ✓ Different ways of teaching are in place so that your child is fully involved in learning in class.
- ✓ Specific strategies (which may be suggested by the SENDCo or outside specialists) are in place to support your child to learn.
- ✓ Your child's teacher will have carefully checked on your child's progress and will have decided that your child has gaps in their understanding/learning and needs some extra support to help them make the best possible progress.

All children in school are entitled to this provision as a part of excellent classroom practice.

If a child has a specific learning difficulty, an intervention which is proven to support children make accelerated progress in that specific area, may be employed. The intervention may take place in a small group or on a 1:1 basis with a trained Teaching Assistant (TA)

This involves:

- ✓ A targeted programme of study designed to close gaps in learning.
- ✓ Time out of class to attend the group for a limited period of time (usually half an hour for three days for six to eight weeks).

For children who require specialist support, outside agencies may be involved to recommend specialist provision.

These services include:

- ✓ Local Authority central services
- ✓ Outside agencies such as the Speech and Language Therapy (SALT) Service.

This would mean:

- ✓ You will be asked to come to a meeting to discuss your child's progress and help plan possible ways forward. As a result of the meeting, you may be asked to give your permission for the school to refer your child to a specialist professional e.g. a Speech and Language Therapist or Educational Psychologist. This will help the school and yourself better understand your child's particular needs and how best to support them.
- ✓ The class teacher would make changes to the way your child is supported in class e.g. some individual support or changing some aspects of teaching to support them better.

At Moorside Primary School and Nursery, we take great pride in the nurturing support that we give to children who are struggling with their Social, Emotional and Mental Health (SEMH). We run nurture groups up to 4 x weekly (as required) for specific children which helps develop their resilience and readiness to learn.

We recognise that children learn best when they are actively engaged so we ensure that all lessons are engaging and we ensure that all classes have access to Forest School sessions throughout the year.

**How are staff trained and given the expertise to support children and young people with SEN?
How is specialist expertise secured?**

- ✓ Staff attend relevant training to ensure they can provide children with SEND a broad learning experience and skilfully deliver specific interventions.
- ✓ SENDCO attends regular networks and liaises with other SENDCOs in area.
- ✓ For staff members working with children with specific needs, additional training will be sought to ensure they can provide the most appropriate support.
- ✓ If, after two terms of support and intervention, we feel that a child is still not making the expected progress, the Inclusion Team will review the support given to ensure school has used all

possible strategies. A referral may then be made for further support from an external specialist agency. The class teacher, supported by the SENDCo, will make this referral. We will always ask for parental permission and parental / pupil views are sought and included on the referral form. If the referral is accepted, a member of staff from the specialist team will then visit school to observe, advise and - when necessary - meet with parents.

✓ The SENDCo works as part of a team in school. The Inclusion team consists of members of staff who have different areas of expertise and this sharing of ideas and experience means that children and staff receive high quality support.

How are children and young people with SEN enabled to engage in activities available with children and young people in the school who do not have SEN?

✓ All children with SEND are enabled to access our curriculum and extra-curricular activities through adaptations to provision and a differentiated curriculum.

✓ All lessons are differentiated to ensure every child has access to the learning opportunities.

✓ Carefully chosen resources are used to scaffold learning so that all children are able to access the learning opportunities.

✓ Where a child requires specialist equipment to access learning, school will ensure the equipment is made available.

✓ Reasonable adjustments will be made to ensure inclusion at all levels of need and for all types of need.

How do we support pupils in improving their emotional and social development, including extra pastoral support arrangements for listening to the views of children and young people with SEN and measures to prevent bullying?

✓ Moorside Primary School and Nursery has a very caring ethos where children are nurtured, supported and encouraged.

✓ We have specialist SEMH TAs in school who are able to deliver Sand Therapy, Drawing and Talking and individual Sensory Programmes.

✓ If teachers are concerned about a child's emotional wellbeing they will always talk to the parent before beginning any intervention / support.

✓ Parents are welcome to discuss any worries about their child's wellbeing at any time. If the behaviours are evident in school we can discuss a package of support or, where the behaviours are more evident at home, we can signpost parents to other avenues of support such as Early Help Team or Healthy Child Team.

✓ We have a clear anti-bullying policy in our school and any reported incidents are taken seriously and followed-up appropriately.

✓ Worry boxes are placed around school for children to use at any time. Class teachers / Pastoral Mentor will then follow-up on these worries.

✓ We seek the children's opinions and views in discussions and reviews.

✓ Through our regular Forest School sessions, we promote social skills such as team work and essential communication skills such as listening and turn-taking.

✓ Taking risks and developing resilience are also skills that are developed during Forest School sessions.

✓ Moorside Primary School and Nursery is a nurturing school - Nurture Groups run 4 afternoons per week and all classrooms are nurturing classrooms.

How do we involve other bodies, including health and social care bodies, local authority support services and voluntary sector organisations, to help children with SEND and support their families?

- ✓ We work with a range of outside agencies when supporting children with specific difficulties (speech and language, educational psychologists etc).
- ✓ Parental permission is always sought before involving anyone from outside of school.
- ✓ If, after two terms of support and intervention, we feel that a child is still not making the expected progress, the Inclusion Team will review the support given to ensure school has used all possible strategies available (see Whole School Provision Maps). A referral may then be made for further support from an external specialist agency. The class teacher, supported by the SENDCo, will make this referral. We will always ask for parental permission and parental / pupil views are sought and included on the referral form. If the referral is accepted, a member of staff from the specialist team will then visit school to observe, advise and - when appropriate - meet with parents.
- ✓ Our PSA (Mrs Price) is always available to meet with parents to discuss any worries. She is able to advise parents which agencies they can contact for support.
- ✓ Where a parent requires support from the Prevention / Healthy Child team, Mrs Price will complete and submit relevant paperwork.
- ✓ Mrs Rowett is the Designated Safeguarding Lead for school and if she felt that a child was suffering harm, she would follow the CP procedures set out in the CP policy.
- ✓ Moorside Primary School has a number of staff who have been trained in supporting children with some Mental Health difficulties. The charity, Compass Phoenix, works closely with school to deliver training and give advice for Children who are suffering from more serious Mental Health conditions.

What are the arrangements for handling complaints from parents of children with SEN about the provision made at the school, including the arrangements for supporting children who are looked after by the authority and have SEN?

- ✓ Designated SEND governor - can be contacted through school
- ✓ Disputes and complaints are endeavoured to be dealt with quickly so that both parties are satisfied with the outcome.
- ✓ We have a clear complaints policy available on the school's website.