

Thrupp Primary School values the contribution that every child can make and welcomes the diversity of culture, religion and intellectual style. The school seeks to raise the achievement, remove barriers to learning and increase physical and curricular access for all. All children with SEND are valued, respected and equal members of the school. As such, provision for children with SEND is a matter for the school as a whole.

Your child's Class Teacher is your first point of contact for concerns; if you still have concerns you can contact the Head Teacher or the SENCo. We pride ourselves on building positive relationships with parents, we are open and honest with parents and hope they are able to do the same with us.

What is SEND?

SEND or Special Educational Needs and Disability is when children may need additional or different provision to enable them to achieve their potential.

The four broad areas of need which we provide for are:

- Communication and interaction
- Cognition and Learning
- Social, emotional and mental health difficulties

Sensory and/or physical needs

What does SEND support look like here?

Support may be in class during lessons, or withdrawn from class in small groups or 1:1, additional or different resources or strategies may be used to support their learning. Advice and support may be sought from outside agencies. These may be:

- GP
- School nurse
- Clinical Psychologist
- Paediatrician
- Speech and language Therapist
- Occupational Therapist
- Physiotherapist
- Educational Psychologist
- Advisory Teaching Service
- Children and Young People's Service (CYPS)
- Social Services

The 'Gloucestershire Local Offer' is available at: <http://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/schoolsnet/article/116672/The-Local-Offer>

Identification, assessment and support

Assessments by your child's class teacher will quickly identify if your child is having difficulty in an area of learning. Each child's progress is closely tracked. Lessons will be adapted by the teacher to meet your child's needs. All our staff receive on-going

training to support children with additional needs.

Our SENCo will discuss with the class teacher and appropriate additional targeted intervention or support will be put in place to help your child to make better progress. This could be in the form of extra small group work or 1:1 support and may involve using specialist published materials or equipment.

If, despite all the extra support, your child is still struggling to meet their expected targets, it is likely your child has Special Educational Needs. At this point your child will be given an individual My Plan. This will ensure your child is monitored closely and receives appropriate on-going additional support. This is sometimes escalated to a My Plan + assessment.

A tiny minority of children will have complex Special Educational Needs which may need significantly higher level of support. If this happens our SENCo, in consultation with parents and other professionals, may request the Local Authority undertake a full assessment of the child's needs. If the Local Authority are in agreement they will draw up an Educational Health and Care Plan (EHCP) for the child. This will ensure additional support for your child and will be reviewed annually.

Transitions

We recognise that transitions can be difficult for a child with SEND and take steps to ensure that any transition is as smooth as possible. We work closely with other schools and pre-schools to ensure a careful transition plan is arranged for when your child moves schools. Parents are always involved in this process

We have excellent relationships with our local secondary schools and transition for children with an EHCP starts in Year 5.

Other useful documents

Our SEN Policy and SEN Information Report have useful links to a number of policies that relate to our local offer and can be found on the school website.

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Further information

Head Teachers –Mrs Donna Mylechreest

SENCo – Mrs Tina Harris

Our school SEND Governor – Mrs Andrea Jordan

Link to school website -

<http://www.thruppschool.co.uk/welcome/>

Information for parents in Gloucestershire -

<http://www.glosfamiliesdirectory.org.uk>

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'Doing our best to be our best'