



School Contribution to Doncaster Local Authority Offer 2023-2024

Our school

Shaw Wood is a converted academy (September 2012). Our school is situated on the outskirts of the large ex-mining village of Armthorpe. It has a varied catchment area with a mix of owner occupier, LA and private rented accommodation. The school is a larger than an average Primary school, with two form entry across the school, except in year 4/5 where there are three mixed classes.

Attainment on entry to F1 is normally below age related expectations. A characteristic of note is that a high proportion of pupils begin at Shaw Wood with very low communication and social skills, emphasising the need to recognise the progress and achievements of these pupils from their individual starting points.

How we identify if your child may need additional help and/or has special educational needs (SEND)

At different times in their school life, a child may have a special educational need. The code of practice 2014 defines SEN as follows:

A child or young person has SEN if they have a learning difficulty or disability which calls for special education provision to be made for him or her. A child of compulsory school age or a young person has a learning difficulty or disability if he or she:

- a) Has a significantly greater difficulty in learning than the majority of others the same age, or*
- b) Has a disability which prevents or hinders him or her from making use of facilities of a kind generally provided for others of the same age in mainstream schools or mainstream post 16 institutions.*

Where pupil's progress is significantly slower than that of their peers, or fails to match their previous rate of progress, despite high quality teaching targeted at specific areas of difficulty, it may be that the child has SEND. Information will be gathered, including seeking the views of parents and the pupil, as well as from the teachers and assessments. There can be many reasons for learners 'falling behind'. These may include absences, attending lots of different schools, difficulties with speaking English, or worries that distract from learning. Our school understands that children who experience these barriers to learning are vulnerable. This does not mean that all vulnerable learners have SEND. Only those with a learning difficulty that require special educational provision will be identified as having SEND. School has excellent relationships with pre-school providers and other services such as Early Years Inclusion. Additional transition meetings and sessions are well organized to meet the needs of the child before they start in our nursery.

How we involve parents in meeting the needs of their child and in whole school developments

A child's parents have a wealth of knowledge and information about their child and are therefore an important link in the education of their child. They can provide a valuable source of support for their child's learning at home.

At all stages of the special needs process, the school endeavours to keep parents fully informed and involved. Whenever possible, we do our best to take account of the wishes, feelings, and knowledge of parents at all stages. We encourage parents to make an active contribution to their child's education.

How we will involve your child in the planning and review of their support

Children in Shaw Wood Academy who are capable of forming views are involved and encouraged to express their opinions and receive information about their learning, targets and matters affecting them. This is done through using Child Centred SEN Support Plans. We are aware that their views however should be given due weight according to their age, maturity and capabilities.

How we match the curriculum, teaching and learning approaches if your child has SEND through Quality First Teaching

Teachers use summative and diagnostic assessment to inform the planning/curriculum teaching. All work is differentiated, where appropriate, to enable all children to achieve to their full potential. Children who show difficulties may be given additional resources or taught using a different method to ensure they make progress and are able to understand and embed their learning.

How we will use the Graduated Approach for SEND in order to provide additional support if your child has learning needs

If a learner is identified as having SEN, we will provide support that is 'Additional to' or 'different from' the differentiated approaches and learning arrangements normally provided as part of high quality, personalised teaching' intended to overcome the barrier to their learning. This support is set out in the individual year group provision maps and SEN support plans.

Provision maps are planned and reviewed on an 8 weekly cycle linked to the whole school assessment cycle.

When providing support that is 'additional to' or 'different from' we engage in a 4 stage progress: Assess, Plan, Do and Review. We use the Graduated approach to seek advice and support from agencies and services which allows us to meet the needs of the children.

How we will use the Graduated Approach for SEND in order to provide additional support if your child has learning needs

- Individual SEN support plans with SMART targets
- Class provision mapping
- Use a range of specialised resources to support the child
- Differentiated curriculum
- Practical and challenge based learning- see website for more information
- Seek additional support and work in partnership from LA agencies and services where appropriate (e.g. EP, SALT, GDA, EYIT)

How we will use the Graduated Approach for SEND in order to provide additional support if your child has social and communication needs

- Seek additional support and outreach from ASCETs team and Educational Psychology
- Individual SEN support plans with SMART targets
- Class provision mapping
- Use a range of specialised resources to support the child (e.g. visual timetables and cues)
- Experienced and fully trained part time speech and language TA to work through the specific targets and programmes
- Possibly refer for further medical investigation through GDA team

How we will use the Graduated Approach for SEND in order to provide additional support if your child has physical, sensory and/or medical needs

- Support and outreach from the school nurse team, ASCETs, visual and hearing impairment teams, Special school outreach teams
- Individual SEN support plans with SMART targets
- Class provision mapping
- Use a range of specialised resources to support the child
- School sensory room
- Specialised TA support for physio and occupational therapy
- Possibly refer for further medical investigation through GDA team

How we will use the Graduated Approach for SEND in order to provide help to support your child's emotional health and well being

- Thrive
- Full time pastoral manager
- Full time health and wellbeing mentor
- Individualised support plans- circle of friends, anger management, confidence boosting
- Family support
- Mentoring programmes (Worth Unlimited)
- Support from external agencies CAHMs, EP, BOSS

How we adapt the learning environment and ensure that our school facilities are safe and welcoming to children with SEND

- School accessibility plan up to date and complete
- Classroom audits- sensory audit
- Minimal displays using neutral colours
- Using appropriate furniture/resources where needed

How we promote developing independence

- TA support shared and independence encouraged
- Targets based on achieving independent tasks- rewards
- Differentiated tasks so all children can work independently at their own level
- Investigative tasks to encourage independent learning
- Plan, do, review process
- Practical and challenge based learning- see website for more information

How we measure and review your child's progress against their targets and longer-term outcomes

When providing support that is 'additional to' or 'different from' we engage in a 4 stage process: Assess, Plan, Do and Review.

Assess- this involves taking into consideration all the information from discussions with parents, the child, class teachers and assessments.

Plan- This stage identifies the barriers to learning, intended outcomes, and details what additional support will be provided to help overcome the barriers. Decisions will be recorded on SEN support plans. They will form the basis for termly review meetings, held as part of parent/teachers consultations.

Do- providing the support- extra assistance for learning or learning aids- as set out in the plan.

Review- measuring the impact of support provided, and considering whether changes to that support need to be made. This is recorded on provision map and support plan. This stage then informs the next cycle, if necessary. Parents are informed through termly meetings or consultations. Children are informed of their progress towards targets during the half termly meetings.

The children are also discussed during termly Pupil Progress meetings with the Senior Leadership Team (SLT).

Data is collected for a child on a termly basis. This is analysed by SLT (including the SENCO) to look at progress and impact of intervention and teaching.

How we apply the Graduated Approach for SEND in order to access local authority support services. How we involve other bodies, including health and social care bodies, and voluntary sector organisations, in meeting your child's SEND and supporting you as their family

- The graduated approach aligns the assess, plan, do and review process with the expectations from the SEND Code of Practice for children and young people identified as having SEND.
- SLT monitors quality first teaching and provides support and feedback (including SENCO)
- Time limited interventions and support programmes in place for a limited time, tracked and monitored for impact
- Specialist agencies and services involved with the plan, do review process to ensure consistent and informed approach (SENCO to complete relevant paperwork and consent forms)

How we deploy our resources to meet the needs of children with SEND (including reference to using the Graduated Approach, the SEND Notional (Element 2) and Element 3 Funding)

- All classes have a full time teaching assistant who works across all ability bands
- If a child needs additional intervention and support element 2 funding is provided by the class TA, this is monitored through plan, do review meetings held on an 8-week cycle
- If a child meets the criteria for further assessment for element 3 funding, an additional adult is provided to support with the specialized, differentiated curriculum. This is monitored by the SENCO on an 8-week cycle and supported by specialist agencies and services.

How we include children with SEND in the life of our school

At Shaw Wood Academy we believe all learners are entitled to the same access to extra-curricular activities and are committed to making reasonable adjustments to ensure participation for all

How we ensure that all our staff are trained and supported to meet a wide range of children’s needs

- All staff to complete SEN Code of Practice Educare programme
- SENCO regularly attends update meetings
- Specialist and experienced TAs- speech and language, dyslexia, ASD
- Regular and rigorous classroom monitoring, with a focus on SEN
- Termly training for all staff based on SDP

External support and expertise we can call upon to help us to meet children’s needs

- Educational Psychology
- CAHMs
- School nurse and health visitors
- ASD team
- Visual and hearing impairment team
- Speech and language therapy
- Occupational and physiotherapy
- Behaviour outreach support service
- Early years inclusion team

How we prepare children to join our school

- Home visits
- Regular transition visits into school
- Visits to current day care setting
- Parent meetings

How we prepare children to move on from our school

Transition is part of life for all learners, whether that involves moving to a new class or moving to a new school. We recognise that transition is an important time for all children, but especially so for a children with SEN. Consequently, we closely work with parents, children and staff to ensure these transitions run as smoothly as possible.

Planning for transitions within the schools will take place in the summer term; arrangements for transition to Secondary school for children with SEN will be planned according to individual need.

During Year 6, information- previously agreed with parents- will be shared with the SENCO at their next school. This information will outline needs and support that has proven effective. Where possible, children will visit their new school on several occasions and in some cases, staff from the new school will visit him or her at Shaw Wood or staff will accompany the child on visits to their next school.

How we deploy our resources to meet the needs of children with SEND

- All classes have a teaching assistant to support with day to day interventions and provision mapping
- Learning support assistants are assigned to children with EHC plans
- Additional 1:1 speech and language intervention and therapy with specialist TA (linked to plans and specific need)

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