

# **SEND Information for Pegswood Primary School**

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### **Pegswood Primary School's Vision for children and young people with Special Educational Needs and Disability (SEND)**

We want all our children including those with Special Educational Needs or Disability (SEND) to enjoy school, to be enthusiastic and to work hard, in order to achieve their full potential. Therefore we give all our children the widest and best educational opportunities possible, by striving to provide inspirational, challenging and creative learning opportunities.

We endeavour to ensure that all pupils, regardless of their specific needs, make the best possible progress in our school.

TYPE OF SCHOOL:		Primary School (3 to 11 years)	
ACCESSIBILITY:	Wheelchair access	Pegswood Primary school has ramps to its Nursery and KS1 parts of the school. KS2 are less accessible due to steps up into building. Temporary ramps are put into place when the need arises.	
	Visual enhancements	Railings have been painted bright colours to aid visual accessibility.	
	Safety	Doors have had high locks added to them in the EYFS/KS1 section of the building to ensure the building is secure. External gates are locked during the school day.	
CORE OFFER:	<b>Are you currently able to deliver your core offer consistently over all areas of your school? Yes</b> We are an inclusive Mainstream school. We offer good 'quality first' teaching. Timely, relevant and successful interventions are implemented when teachers and parents agree additional support is required. This is closely monitored by the SENDCos. We work closely with all our families. We use Early Help Assessments (EHAs) to support children and families with SEND or that are experiencing difficulties in an area of their lives.		
POLICIES:	Are the school policies available on the website for:	SEND	Yes
		SAFEGUARDING	Yes
		BEHAVIOUR	Yes
		EQUALITY & DIVERSITY	Yes
	Are you aware/familiar with the requirements of the Disability Discrimination Act 1995 and the Equality Act 2010?		Yes
RANGE OF PROVISION:	Please indicate what your school has to offer (over and above your core offer) in each of the following areas:		
	<b>Areas of strength</b> Experienced, qualified staffing in a range of areas. We have TAs with training and experience in delivering support for : <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Rapid writing interventions</li><li>• Rapid phonics interventions</li><li>• Rapid maths / dyscalculia interventions</li><li>• Rainbows</li><li>• Paediatric First Aid</li><li>• Bug Club Phonics</li><li>• Teachers and TAs trained to deliver Talk Boost and Early Talk Boost</li><li>• TAs trained in delivering Nurture group/Social skills support</li><li>• 1 TA with extensive experience in delivering speech and language support – other TAs advised as and when needed</li></ul>		

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All staff have had training in an overview of the Thrive approach</li> <li>• Staff have had downs syndrome awareness training</li> <li>• Some staff have had basic Makaton training</li> <li>• EYFS have had additional Makaton training</li> <li>• All staff have had initial ASD training</li> <li>• All staff are aware of zones of regulation strategies</li> <li>• Emotional need training delivered by Educational Psychiatrist</li> </ul>
	<b>Specialist Facilities/Equipment to support SEND:</b> Nurture resources Sloping boards Disabled toilet and shower facilities
	<b>Input from Therapists/Advisory Teachers/other specialist support services</b> Pegswood Primary School work closely with all outside agencies including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Children's services and CST</li> <li>• Northumberland Education Inclusive Support services (NEIS) who provide support in the following areas: literacy, communication and language, behaviour, social and emotional, social communication/ASD)</li> <li>• SALT (Speech and Language Team)</li> <li>• Health Visitors</li> <li>• Action for children providing support with parent support workers, workshops, advice etc</li> <li>• Primary Mental health (PMH)</li> <li>• CYPS (Children's and young peoples services)</li> <li>• GPs (who can also access OT's and Physio's)</li> <li>• Portage</li> <li>• Primary Support Bases</li> <li>• EOTAS (Education other than school, Educational Welfare and attendance)</li> </ul> We also have close links with special schools in our area including Collingwood, Cleaswell Hill, Ashdale and the Local Authority Inclusion Team.
	<b>Breakfast and After School support</b> Pegswood Primary signposts to a breakfast club and after school club run from our site. It can be accessed by all children including those with SEND.
<b>INCLUSION:</b>	<b>How do you promote inclusion within the school? Including day and residential trips?</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All children have access to good 'Quality First' teaching, where all teachers and TAs have the highest possible expectations for all children in their class.</li> <li>• Each lesson and activity is differentiated to ensure all children are included in all lessons. This means teaching is based on building on what individual children already know, can do and can understand.</li> <li>• All children access differentiated activities and learning opportunities across the curriculum. In some cases adaption will be made like putting into place different ways of teaching so that all children are fully involved in the learning in their class. This may involve things like using a more practical approach to learning or providing different resources adapted for the child's needs</li> <li>• If good quality first teaching, with clear differentiation, is not meeting the needs of individual children then intervention plans are written. Intervention plans clearly identify what individual children's needs are and smart objectives relating to these needs are set out.</li> <li>• Intervention plans incorporate putting in place specific strategies (which may be suggested by the SENDCO, ordinarily available provision or staff from outside agencies) to enable your child to access the learning task.</li> <li>• All children have access to all activities and all trips, adaptations may be made with certain activities and lessons where appropriate. If safety is an issue then risk assessments are written and implemented.</li> </ul>
	<b>What proportion of children currently at the school have an SEND?</b> Approx 16%
<b>PARENT SUPPORT INVOLVEMENT/ LIAISON:</b>	<b>How do you involve/support the parents of children/YP with an SEND regarding and meeting their needs. How do you communicate their progress and areas of difficulty?</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Open door policy – good regular communication with parents. Parents can contact the school, their child's teacher, either SENDCO or the Headteacher whenever they have a concern or something they need to share</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Home visits are offered to all children prior to joining the nursery, to share any concerns parents may have and ensure we have the correct provision and support in place</li> <li>• Nursery open afternoons, where parents and carers can visit the Nursery with their children.</li> <li>• Open Days for all parents and carers to visit their child's class, talk to their child's teacher and view their child's work</li> <li>• Taster Day for all children moving into the next year group.</li> <li>• Parents Evenings (two formal meeting each year)</li> <li>• Intervention plans for children are shared with parents at relevant times. Parents/carers sign and comment on this support. Parents are invited to share the review of these interventions.</li> <li>• Formal written end of year report</li> <li>• EYFS have shared learning journals and use school 360 online learning journal which enables us to share learning that takes place in school and at home</li> <li>• Homework and Reading Diaries are used to keep dialogue going between school and home.</li> <li>• All school, class teachers and parents use class dojo as a means of daily communication.</li> <li>• Regular Early Help Assessment (EHA) meetings for those families with EHA</li> <li>• SEND review meetings at least termly.</li> <li>• Agency meetings where appropriate.</li> <li>• Weekly newsletters that inform parents about all events and activities that the children are involved in.</li> <li>• The school's website is a good source of information and has relevant information parents may need. There is an SEND section on the website that has SEND information.</li> </ul>
	<p><b>How will school prepare children with SEND to join their next setting/college/stage of education or life?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Nursery staff offer home visits prior to children joining the Nursery so parents can share concern and provision can be put into place to meet individual needs before they start our Nursery.</li> <li>• Transition visits of all Nursery children to the Reception class</li> <li>• Opportunities for children with SEND to spend time with their new Teacher and other staff who will be working with them the term before they move classes.</li> <li>• Opportunities to make a 'My New Class' (photo book) that identifies who the key people are, where they will be working and key routines.</li> <li>• We have carefully planned and structured transition programmes between us and secondary schools. This will include a visit in Year 6 and the opportunity for parents to arrange extra visits. A sharing meeting where staff chat about the needs of individual children. We work closely with the SEND team at the Local Authority to collaborate ideas between schools and professionals.</li> </ul>
<p><b>OTHER INFORMATION:</b></p>	<p><b>What else do you think parents carers would like to know about your school?</b></p> <p>If a parent is concerned about their child accessing the school, how they (are going to) access the curriculum, their behaviour, their mobility or the progress they are making then make contact with the child's teacher or either of our SENDCos (Mrs Smith or Mrs Vallons) as soon as possible.</p> <p>We currently use the following intervention programmes at Pegswood Primary School:  All classes have a visual timetable.  Small group/1 to 1 intervention with a teaching assistant, following targets on intervention plans for both Literacy, Numeracy, PSHE/SEMH and physical interventions.  Nurture group sessions  Rainbows groups for individuals and groups of children who have experienced significant loss.  Bug Club Phonics  Speech and language groups following plans from Speech and Language therapists.</p>

	Use of basic Makaton in EYFS. KS1 & KS2 - Go Noodle
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