



Cheadle Primary School SEND Information Report

At Cheadle Primary School, we are constantly looking at how we can improve the provision for our pupils. We are committed to offering an inclusive education which provides all children with the opportunities to achieve their potential; personally, socially, emotionally and academically in all areas of the curriculum. For this to be achieved, quality teaching is essential and we actively monitor teaching and learning in the school. However for some children, further additional support may be needed to help them achieve. This support may be sought from within school or through the involvement of outside agencies.

The information contained in this report will be regularly reviewed and updated. It takes into account the 0-25 SEND Code of Practice 2015, The Equality Act 2010 and the Children and Families Act 2014.

What are special educational needs?

A child or young person has special educational needs if he or she has a learning difficulty or disability which calls for special educational provision to be made for him or her. A learning difficulty or disability is a significantly greater difficulty in learning than the majority of others of the same age.

Special educational provision means educational or training provision that is additional to, or different from, that made generally for others of the same age in a mainstream setting in England. Health care provision or social care provision which educates or trains a child or young person is to be treated as special educational provision.

What different kinds of special educational needs are identified by the staff at Cheadle Primary School?

Communication and Interaction – Children and young people with speech, language and communication needs (SLCN) who may experience difficulty when communicating with others. These children may experience difficulties saying what they want; difficulties understanding what is being said to them; difficulties understanding or using social rules of communication.

ASD – Asperger's Syndrome, Autism, etc.

Cognition and Learning – Support for children who are experiencing some difficulties with their learning and who may require additional support or intervention. Learning difficulties cover a wide range of needs, including moderate learning difficulties (MLD), severe learning difficulties (SLD), where children are likely to need support in all curriculum areas and specific learning difficulties (SpLD).

MLD – Moderate Learning Difficulties: learning at a slower pace than their peers, even with appropriate differentiation.

SLD – Severe Learning Difficulties: support needed in all areas of the curriculum

PMLD – Profound and Multiple Learning Difficulties: severe and complex learning difficulties as well as a physical disability or sensory impairment.

SpLD – Specific Learning Difficulties: Dyslexia, Dyscalculia, Dyspraxia.

Social, Emotional and Mental Health – Children and young people may experience a wide range of social and emotional difficulties which manifest in many ways. These may include becoming withdrawn or isolated as well as displaying challenging, disruptive or disturbing behaviour, e.g. anxiety, depression, self-harming, substance misuse, eating disorders, ADD, ADHD, Attachment Disorder.

Sensory and Physical Needs – Some children and young people require special educational provision because they have a disability which prevents or hinders them from making use of educational facilities generally provided. Specialist support and/or equipment will be required to support access to learning.

VI – Visual Impairment

HI – Hearing Impairment

MSI – Multi-Sensory Impairment

PD – Physical Disability

How do we at Cheadle Primary School know if a child needs extra help?

We know when pupils need help if:

- Concerns are raised by parents/carers, teachers, or the pupil's previous school
- Tracking of attainment outcomes indicate a lack of progress or slow progress
- Pupil observation indicates that they have additional needs in one of the four areas mentioned above
- There is a change in behaviour
- A pupil asks for help more frequently
- There is an external referral from an Healthcare Professional

Our aim at Cheadle Primary School is to identify those needs as early as possible. Every child is assessed on entry and closely monitored through their journey with us. We are committed to updating the training of our staff so they are equipped and knowledgeable in a wide array of areas.

What should I do if I think my child has a special educational need?

A child may be identified as having a long term difficulty which requires continuing support or a short term difficulty requiring a specific intervention. Our school has an 'open door' policy and if you are concerned about your child please:

☒ talk to your child's teacher

☒ talk to the SENCo, Mrs Satongar (appointments can be made via the School Office – (01538 714890)

☒ talk to the Head Teacher

All parents will be listened to. Your views and aspirations for your child are central to the assessment and provision which is offered by our school.

How will Cheadle Primary School support my child?

At Cheadle Primary we believe that every child is unique and we carefully tailor all support and interventions to each child's needs. As concerns are raised and discussed with parents, individuals will be monitored for a short period of time and supported in the classroom by their class teacher.

- All pupils will be provided with high quality teaching that is differentiated to meet the needs of all learners.
- The quality of teaching and pupil progress is monitored through processes including: classroom observations, discussions during Progress Meetings, ongoing assessment of progress, work sampling, scrutiny of planning, meetings with SENCo, and pupil and parent feedback.
- Pupils with a disability will be provided with 'reasonable adjustments' in order to increase their access to the taught curriculum.

- All pupils have individual curriculum targets set in line with national outcomes to ensure ambition. These are discussed with parents at events such as Parents Evening. These targets are tracked using the whole school tracking system.
- Pupils who are failing to make expected levels of progress are identified very quickly and are discussed in termly meetings that are undertaken between the class/subject teacher and a member of the Senior Leadership Team.
- Where it is decided that action is required to support increased rates of progress, this will follow an assess, plan, do and review model
- Additional action to increase the rate of progress will be then identified and recorded that will include a review of the impact of the differentiated teaching being provided to the child, and if required, provision to the teacher of additional strategies to further support the success of the pupil.
- SEN support will be recorded on a Classroom Support Plan (CSP) that will identify a clear set of expected outcomes, which will include SMART targets. These targets will be shared with parents and the children and be regularly monitored by the class teacher and SENCo. Half termly meetings will be held with parents to discuss these targets and the progress made towards them. Parents are paramount to the success of their child's education and we encourage all parents to attend these valuable meetings and share their thoughts, worries and concerns in a supportive environment.
- If progress rates are still judged to be inadequate despite the delivery of high quality interventions, advice will be sought from external agencies regarding strategies to best meet the specific needs of a pupil.
- For a very small percentage of children, whose needs are significant and complex, and the provision required to meet their needs cannot reasonably be provided within our school resources, a request will be made to the Local Authority to conduct an assessment of their Education, health and care needs. This may result in an Education, Health Care plan. (EHC)

How will the curriculum be matched to my child's needs?

All achievements are good achievements and here at Cheadle Primary School, we provide children with a rich, balanced curriculum accessible to the individual.

Teachers plan lessons and activities according to the current levels of attainment within their class. Differentiation is very important as it means that children can access the learning at their own level. When a child has been identified as having special needs, their work will be further differentiated by the class teacher to remove barriers to learning, enabling them to access the curriculum more easily and be successful.

All interventions are matched closely to each child's level of need. A trained Teaching Assistant will usually teach interventions and, with the class teacher, will closely monitor progress and outcomes, which will support the next steps in learning.

Appropriate specialist equipment may be used if necessary in consultation with outside agencies.

Reasonable adjustments will be made for children who have complex needs. Our teachers also think carefully about the organisation of their classroom, ensuring that all sensory needs are effectively catered for.

How do we involve parents?

At Cheadle Primary School we strongly believe that children are the most successful when school and parents work together.

- Parents are encouraged to contact their child's class teacher regarding any concerns/queries they may have
- Communication through their child's school planner or a home/school communication book
- Make an appointment with the SENCo by ringing the school office - (01538 714890)
- Half termly meetings to discuss their child's CSP targets
- Attendance at parents evenings, parents workshops and open days
- Through your child's report

How will the staff at Cheadle Primary help me to support my child?

- An initial discussion with your child's class teacher will suggest further ways in which you can support your child's learning.
- Mrs Satongar, the SENCo, can meet with you to further discuss how to support your child.
- Mrs Lawton, our Family Support Worker is also based at the school and accessible for children and parents who may need further targeted support. Appointments can be made via the school office – 01538 714890
- If external agencies are involved, they may suggest further strategies and resources to help your child.
- We organise a number of parent workshops during the year with the aim of providing parents with more information about the curriculum and suggestions regarding ways to help your child.
- Your child's progress will be closely monitored to ensure that any intervention or extra support given is being effective.

Which other agencies may be supporting my child?

Cheadle Primary School works closely with a number of agencies to ensure the best possible provision for your child. These include:

- Special Educational Needs and Inclusion Service (SENIS)
- Behaviour Support Service
- Dyslexia Centres
- Autism Outreach Team
- Hearing Impairment team
- Visual Impairment team
- Autism and Sensory Support in Staffordshire (ASSIST) Post 16
- Educational Psychologist Service
- Educational Welfare Officers
- Social Services
- School Nurse
- CAMHS (Child & Adolescent Mental Health Service)
- Younger Minds

If a referral is made, with parental consent, an initial meeting will be arranged. This will offer a multi-agency approach to support your child's progress.

What do Cheadle Primary school offer children with (SEMH) social, emotional and mental health difficulties?

At Cheadle Primary School we are committed to providing the highest quality of education to all learners. We recognise however that some children will experience social, emotional or mental health difficulties that may impact upon their ability to learn. Unfortunately, mental health difficulties experienced by children are on the rise across the United Kingdom and the wider world.

Here at Cheadle Primary School we have employed a full-time family support worker and developed a bespoke environment for all children to utilise in times of need, affectionately known as the Treehouse. It is fully equipped with sensory dens and lighting to create a positive and calm atmosphere for the children.



What support is provided in the 'Treehouse'?

Miss Lawton has received training in a variety of areas and can provide support in the following ways.

- Aromatherapy, relaxation and massage
- Movement therapy and colour therapy
- Sensory circuits
- Yoga and Pilates
- Guided dance
- Anger management
- Anxiety
- Confidence
- Split families and divorce
- Illness within families/ bereavement
- Self-harm

Referrals can be made by parents and school staff. The therapy offered is on a 1:1 or small group basis depending on the child and need. Parental consent is required and you will be fully informed of your child's progress at all times. If you feel that your child is suffering from any social, emotional or mental health need, or would like any more information on what is available, please contact our SENCo, Mrs Satongar or our family support work, Miss Lawton via the school office on 01785 714890.

What if my child has a medical need?

For all medical needs, we endeavour to follow the Local Authority policy, the DfE guidelines included within "Supporting pupils at school with medical conditions" (DfE 2014) and our own school policy.

- If a child has a medical need then a detailed Health Care Plan is compiled in consultation with parents/carers and if appropriate, the children themselves. The school nurse can be consulted if necessary. These are discussed with all staff involved with the child and are reviewed annually or earlier if necessary. Teachers have copies of Care Plans and these should be referred to when necessary.
- Where necessary, and in agreement with parents/carers, prescribed medicines may be administered in school where a signed parental agreement form has been completed and agreed in consultation with the head teacher.
- Regular training in the administration of certain medicine is given to all staff as necessary.

What training has been available for staff supporting children with SEND?

Cheadle Primary School is committed to providing staff with meaningful, up-to-date training to reflect the needs of the children in our school at a specific time.

In the last three years school staff have received a range of training at three levels; awareness, enhanced and specialist.

Awareness training has been provided to all staff on:

- How to support pupils with dyslexic tendencies
- How to support pupils on the autistic spectrum
- How to support pupils with behavioural difficulties
- How to support pupils with speech, language and communication difficulties
- How to support pupils with medical issues such as diabetes, asthma and epilepsy
- How to support children with hearing impairments
- How to support pupils who may need lifting
- Bespoke training in how to support individual needs within school

Enhanced training has been provided to Higher Level Teaching Assistants (HLTA) on:

- Talking Partners
- Better Reading Partners
- Fisher Family Trust Reading Support
- Sentence Smashers
- Every Child Counts

Training is constantly reviewed and revisited to ensure our staff are fully equipped to support your child's learning and reduce barriers.

Dyslexia Friendly Status

Cheadle Primary School is a Dyslexia Friendly school. This means that we offer:

- Understanding of dyslexic difficulties
- Understanding of dyslexic strengths
- Specialist training for staff
- A whole school approach through quality first teaching
- Inclusive practice
- Support for all children with difficulties

Information about how we specifically identify and support children with dyslexia or dyslexic tendencies can be found in our school's Dyslexia Friendly Policy and "The Cheadle Primary School Dyslexia Friendly Handbook".

How will my child be included in activities outside the classroom including school trips?

Activities and school trips are available to all.

- Risk assessments are carried out and procedures are put in place to enable all children to participate. This is completed in consultation with parents/carers, school and outside agencies, where necessary.
- If a health and safety risk assessment suggests that an intensive level of 1:1 support is required then a parent/carer may also be asked to accompany their child during the activity in addition to the usual school staff.

How accessible is the school environment?

Our Accessibility Plan is regularly reviewed and is available on our school website.

Measures are in place to enable access for all children and parents, which include:

- ramps to school entrances
- disabled toilet in both buildings for children and visitors, hoist systems and full size changing beds
- clear signs around school and a regularly updated fire evacuation system in place.
- lifts in both buildings to change level
- the outside area is accessible from anywhere in the buildings without the need to use a lift

We are happy to discuss any individual access requirements.

How will my child be prepared and supported through transition periods?

At Cheadle Primary School we understand what a stressful time moving schools can be for everyone involved. Therefore many strategies are in place to enable the child's transition to be as smooth as possible.

These include:

On entry into the Foundation Stage:

- Parents/Carers/Children are invited into school for a preliminary visit to look around the school.
- Parents/Carers are invited to a meeting at the school so that they can meet the Foundation stage team, know what to expect and share any concerns.
- A planned programme of visits during the summer term is devised
- 'Stay and play' sessions for all parents and children who are starting school in the September.
- Home visits from Foundation staff
- Nursery visits from Foundation staff.
- Assessment data is transferred from all nurseries to our Foundation Stage team.
- Multi agency meetings to support the transition of children with additional needs.

Mid-Year Transition from another setting

- All parents/carers and children are offered a tour of the school and a discussion with the Head teacher.
- Wherever possible, a planned programme of transition and pre-visits are arranged between the past school, current school and parents/carers. However, if this is not an option, all information is collected from the previous school and telephone conversations held between relevant members of staff if necessary.

Moving into a new class:

- Children have the opportunity to meet their new class teacher and peers in the next classroom environment during 'transition' days in the summer term.
- Individual transition opportunities are available for children who may need more support/longer periods of transition/specialised transition etc. Your child's class teacher will talk to you about this if it is necessary.
- Transition meetings between the parent, current teacher and the next teacher in the Summer term to ensure a smooth handover of information regarding your child.

Transition to high school:

As our children go on to a number of different high schools, the Year 6 class teachers and the SENCo work closely with the teachers/SENcos of all the surrounding high schools to ensure that transitions go as smoothly as possible.

Currently our transition arrangements here at Cheadle Primary School are:

- All information is transferred to the child's next school including current academic levels, personal information, procedures, CSP's & care plans.
- A representative from the high schools comes in to discuss children, groupings, friendships and any other issues and to talk to children about high school, including any worries or anticipations.
- Parents of children with SEN, have the option to meet with the SENCO at the high schools to discuss any issues during their open evenings or through liaising with us.
- A transition photo book is made with children who have high level needs.
- All children have an opportunity to spend time at the high schools and a teacher from our school accompanies them. However, if your child has a specific need (either educational or pastoral) then extra visits are often arranged.
- If your child has an EHC, then a transition review is held in the autumn term prior to the transition to the next school. At this meeting, transition arrangements are discussed, the school is specified and any additional information is discussed.

How are the school's resources allocated and matched to children's special educational needs?

The school receives funding to respond to the needs of pupils with SEND from a number of sources: A proportion of the funds allocated per pupil to the school provide for their education (the Age Weighted Pupil Unit); The Notional SEN budget; The Pupil Premium funding for pupils whose meet certain criteria. In addition, for those pupils with the most complex needs, the school may be allocated Additional Educational Needs (AEN) funding. This funding is then used to provide the facilities to support pupils with special educational needs and disabilities through:

- In-class support from teaching assistants.
- Small group support from teaching assistants e.g. nurture groups, English and Maths support.
- Bought in support from external agencies
- Provision of specialist resources e.g. assessment tools
- Training relating to SEND for all staff

How is the decision made about how much support my child will receive?

This decision is made for each individual, as all children's needs may be different. We look at:

- the progress your child is making
- the type of difficulties your child is experiencing
- participation and accessibility to learning
- multi agency advice and guidance

For pupils with SEND but without a Education Health Care Plan, the decision regarding the support required will be taken jointly between the class teacher, SENCo and Senior Management Team. These are reviewed regularly, with decisions being based upon tracking of pupil progress and as a result of assessments made, including those by outside agencies if appropriate.

For pupils with a Statement of Educational Needs or an Education Health Care Plan, this decision will be reached when the plan is being produced or through the annual review.

How will I be involved in discussions about planning for my child's education?

This will take place through:

- Discussions with the class teacher.
- During discussions with the SENDCo or other professionals.
- During parental consultations.

Who can I contact for further information or if I have any concerns?

If you wish to discuss your child's educational needs or have a comment, query or complaint then please feel free to contact your:

- Child's class teacher
- Head teacher - Mrs Breeze
- SENDCo - Mrs Satongar
- SEND Governor – Mrs Burke
- Parent Partnership Service – 01785 356921; spps@staffordshire.gov.uk
- <http://www.staffordshire.gov.uk/education/welfareservice?SpecialEducationalNeeds/spps/home.aspx>
- Parent in the Know newsletters -
<http://www.staffordshire.gov.uk/education/welfareservice/SpecialEducationalNeeds/spps/newsletter/newsletters.aspx>
- Appointments with school staff can be made through the office:
Telephone: 01538 714890
Office email: admin@chedale-primary.staffs.sch.uk

What are the aims of the SEND policy at Cheadle Primary School?

- To make reasonable adjustments for those with a disability by ensuring increased access to the curriculum, the environment and to printed information for all.
- To ensure that children and young people with SEND engage in the activities of the school alongside pupils who do not have SEND.
- To reduce barriers to progress by embedding the principles in the National Curriculum Inclusion statement.
- To use our best endeavours to secure special educational provision for pupils for whom this is required, that is 'additional to and different from' that provided within the differentiated curriculum to better respond to the four areas of need:
 - Communication and Interaction
 - Cognition and Learning
 - Social, Mental and Emotional Health
 - Sensory/Physical.
- To request, monitor and respond to the views of parents/carers and pupils in order to evidence high levels of confidence and partnership.
- To ensure a high level of staff expertise to meet pupil need, through well-targeted continuing professional development.
- To support pupils with medical conditions full inclusion in all school activities by ensuring consultation with health and social care professionals
- To work in cooperation and productive partnership with the Local Authority and other outside agencies, to ensure there is a multi-professional approach to meeting the needs of all vulnerable learners.

The Local Authority's Local Offer can be found at:

<http://helpyourself.staffordshirecares.info/kb5/staffordshire/directory/localoffer.page?directorychannel=5>

We hope that you find this useful and please do not hesitate to contact the school if you have any further questions.