

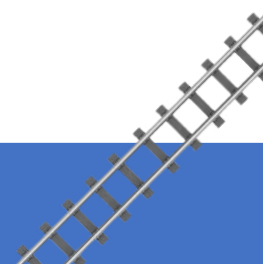


Special Educational Needs & Disabilities (SEND)

SEN Information Report

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Welcome to the Mallard Academy!

Cedar Road,
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Ages 3 – 11

Our pictures of children are chosen regardless of whether they have SEND or not. This is our inclusive approach.

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Welcome

The Mallard Academy is a primary school for 3 to 11 year olds.

In this booklet, you'll discover all you need to know about SEND at our inclusive school.

If you have any questions or comments, get in touch.



What is SEND?

A child has SEND if they have a **learning difficulty** or **disability** that we need to make special provision for.

Some key terms explained:

- **Learning Difficulty:** when a child finds it harder to learn than most children do.
- **Disability (that we need to make special provision for):** something that hinders a child from using our school facilities.
- **Special provision:** is support that is extra or different to what is typically provided.

What are our Values?

Every child with SEND can thrive. We do everything we can to make sure that happens.

That means we:

- provide lessons that meet the needs of every child;
- make reasonable adjustments to lessons and the school environment;
- provide staff training to expand our SEND expertise.

What is our vision for children who have SEND?

We work hard, in partnership with pupils and families, to ensure that every learner:



What are the types of SEND?



The four categories of SEND

Schools follow the guidelines from the government's SEND Code of Practice, where SEND is broken up into four categories:

1. Cognition and Learning (C&L), including:

- Learning difficulties;
- Dyslexia & dyscalculia;
- Focus, attention or memory difficulties.

2. Communication and Interaction (C&I), including:

- Autism;
- Social communication difficulties (other than autism);
- Speech & language difficulties (e.g. receptive language difficulties, selective mutism, tongue tie).

3. Social, Emotional Mental Health (SEMH), including

- ADHD;
- Anxiety;
- Dysregulated behaviour.

4. Physical / Sensory needs, including:

- Physical needs (e.g. cerebral palsy, dyspraxia);
- Deafness or hearing difficulty;
- Blind or visually impaired.

Some children have more than one type of SEND.

We welcome children with all of the above types of SEND who have applied for a place via our normal admission process for mainstream schools.

If a child has complex needs, we consider admissions on a case by case basis (through an Education Health and Care plan consultation). For more information on this, please contact our SENDCo.

Identification of SEND



How do we decide if a child has SEND?

We will assess the child. This might be an assessment of reading, writing or maths. It could also be assessing a child's social skills or behaviour.

Some parents give us extra information to help us make decisions. For example, this could be an eye clinic report about sight loss, or an autism diagnosis letter.

Sometimes our assessment might be quick. Sometimes SEND only becomes clear when we assess a child over a longer period.

When we assess, we always look out for:

- A child making less progress than their class mates;
- A child making less progress than they did before;
- A child not closing the gap between them and their peers (despite any extra help we have been giving).

Sometimes, we ask outside experts to assess children and give us advice.

Is it always SEND?

Slow progress does not always mean a child has SEND. When we are assessing whether a child has SEND we also consider, for example:

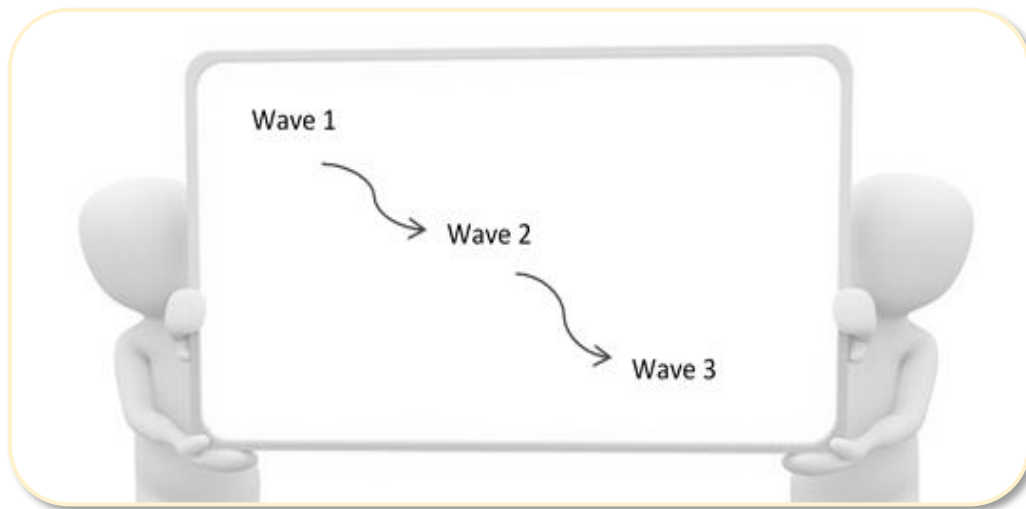
- Attendance
- Issues in that child's life (e.g. bereavement)
- Issues in school (e.g. friendships)

Often teachers address progress issues via adjustments to what is already on offer, without needing SEND provision.

A child does not have SEND just because English is not their first language (although they could have SEND as well).

Also, a child doesn't have SEND just because they were born in summer term (and so have had less time in school than their September born class mates).

How do we meet children's needs?



Overview

Child's SEND are varied. Not all SEND children need the same level of support. Where need is higher, we usually take more actions. Where need is lower, we might only need two or three adjustments.

We match the level of support to the child's level of need. This matching is called our graduated response.

The levels of support are often called **waves** of support. Schools have three waves of support:

- **Wave 1:** Support and opportunities that every child gets.
- **Wave 2:** Support and opportunities for children who need a little extra help.
- **Wave 3:** SEND support for children to meet their very individual needs.

Teachers and support staff all work at all levels of support.

Wave 1

This is quality teaching lead by the class teacher. It includes:

- ✓ Teachers who are ambitious for all their children.
- ✓ Well planned lessons that are differentiated (i.e. adjusted) to engage all children.
- ✓ Resources that help all children succeed (e.g. writing frames, number lines).
- ✓ Opportunities for children to practice and use their learning in different situations.
- ✓ Teachers assessing children to help them know when to move on and what to teach next.
- ✓ Behaviour and reward systems that motivate children.

Wave 2

This is for children who need extra support to catch up with their peers. It is often small group work, either in the classroom or elsewhere in school. For example:

- ✓ Booster classes for English or maths.
- ✓ Short term intervention programmes.
- ✓ Extra teaching assistant support in lessons.
- ✓ Extra phonics sessions in a small group.
- ✓ Social skills groups.
- ✓ Thrive support.

Wave 3

This means personalised SEND interventions. For example:

- ✓ Phonics support.
- ✓ Work to help fine motor skills (e.g. doing buttons, hand strength exercises).
- ✓ 1:1 speech therapy work.
- ✓ Social Stories.
- ✓ An individual positive behaviour programme.
- ✓ Physiotherapy work.
- ✓ Tweaks to the child's environment (e.g. a visual timetable, a calming area).
- ✓ Person-centred plans (e.g. Learner Profile, SEN Support Plan, My Plan)

The SENDCo keeps a grid of our Wave 2 and Wave 3 SEND programmes. We call this our Provision Map.

Assess, Plan, Do, Review

All our SEND support fits into a four-part cycle called *Assess, Plan, Do, Review*:

- Assess:** We decide what the child's needs are.
Plan: We set targets and decide how we will support the child.
Do: Everyone follows the plans we've agreed.
Review: We look at how well the plans worked. We agree what to do next.



Each cycle takes one school term and there are **three** cycles per year.

Sometimes this timescale is shorter (e.g. we are working on an important safety target or because the child is very young and is changing quickly).

Targets for Children with SEND



SMART Targets

We set targets for children with SEND so that staff, parents and children know what we are all working towards. These targets are part of a child's Individual Education Plan (IEP) or SEND Support Plan.

We sometimes call these **SMART** targets. SMART targets are:

- ✓ **Specific:** We say exactly what the next small step will be for the child.
- ✓ **Measurable:** We say how we will tell if the child is meeting the target.
- ✓ **Achievable:** We will be ambitious for the child, but it still needs to be achievable.
- ✓ **Relevant:** We link it to the child's difficulties or what they need to achieve next.
- ✓ **Time bound:** Targets are normally set to for one term (10-14 weeks).

How are Targets Specific?

Specific targets say what the child **will be able to do**. We avoid words that are vague. Instead, we use action words to write targets (read, write, take turns etc).

Vague Words (We avoid these)	Specific Action Words (We use these)	Examples
Improve	Add	Jo will add numbers up to 6 using apparatus (e.g. cubes).
Continue	Read	Jo will read all Phase 4 tricky words.
Develop	Say	Jo will say sentences that include where or when something happened (e.g. "In the water, the shark hunted her lunch"; "The woodcutter ate his lunch when the sun was high").
Behave	Use	Jo will use calming strategies (e.g. blu-tac, weighted dog, time out) when he is anxious in class.

The role of Parents

Teamwork with Parents and Families*

Parents are a vital to the success of children with SEND:

- Parental knowledge helps us to get a shared view of a child's SEND.
- Parents tell us what strategies work well at home (often good ideas from home can help the child in school).
- Parents attend termly SEND Reviews so we can review their child's progress as a team.
- Parents use ideas from school to help the child at home.
- Parents share useful information with us to help us meet the child's SEND (e.g. clinic reports).



When we think a child may have SEND, we discuss this with parents. This is so that we can:

- Find out more about the parent's views;
- Chat about what the next steps might be (this might include setting targets);
- Agree some long term goals (we might refer to these goals as outcomes). Excellent teamwork between us and parents is vital to the child's success.

* In this booklet We use the word "parents" to mean anyone who has parental responsibility.

Co-Production

The word *co-production* means parents being a key part of planning SEND support and what's provided for SEND.

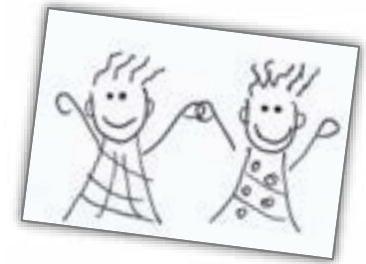
Co-production is really important to us. Parents help by coming to SEND reviews and giving their input or by keeping us up to date on their child's life.

Just as importantly, parents help us to improve our SEND support through our yearly parent survey, giving views on our latest SEND documents (parents of SEND children helped us to produce this document) and giving ideas for our next parent workshops.



Support for Parents

Mrs Edwards is our Inclusion Lead and Mrs Bramley is our Family Support Worker. If you have concerns about a child's wellbeing, please contact either of us via the main office.



We are friendly faces and a listening ear for parents. We can also put you in touch with lots of services that help families.

SENDIAS

SENDIAS is a service that provides independent advice and support for parents.

The service is free. They offer a range of help:

- Info on local groups and services
- Info on SEND laws
- Help to prepare for meetings
- Help to solve disagreements



When children get older (over 16), SENDIAS can also help them with all these issues.

How can parents access SENDIAS? Parents get in touch themselves.

- Tel: 01302 736 920
- Email: sendias@doncaster.gov.uk
- Web: www.doncaster.gov.uk/services/schools/sendias
- Facebook: www.facebook.com/DoncasterSENDIAS

Parents don't need anyone to refer them to SENDIAS. They can just get in touch.

The Local Offer

The Local Offer is a website that is written for parents and families. It is a guide to all schools and services in our local area. It is not possible to outline all the information here, but it includes:

- Schools
- Leisure activities
- Holiday activities
- Support services
- Health services (e.g. contact details for the speech and language therapy team)



Our staff, SENDIAS and the Local Offer can all help parents through the SEND maze.

The role of Children



The role of children is to do their very best, aspire high so that they fly to success.

It is also important that adults listen to the views of children with SEND. The child's input can help us unlock extra progress. Collecting child views may include:

- Asking or observing the child.
- The child completing a survey.
- The child self-assessing their behaviour targets.
- The child coming to their SEND review meeting.
- An annual survey of SEND children.

How we collect child views depends on the child's age and maturity.

Can a child with SEND join in day trips, residential trips, breakfast, after school and holiday clubs?

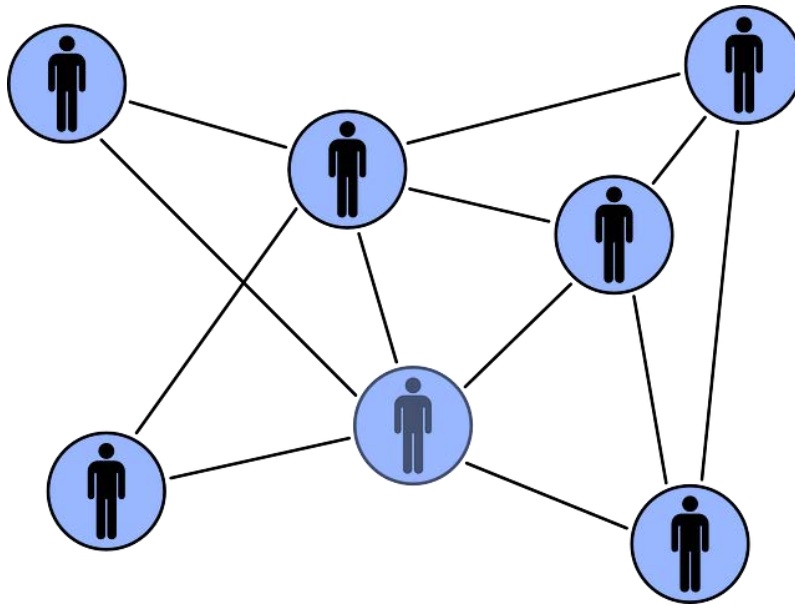
Yes – we make adjustments so that children who have SEND can join in all of school life.

Staff may need to talk to parents to plan adjustments. Or, if a parent is worried that their child might need adjustments to be successful, they can chat to the class teacher or SENDCo to discuss this.

It is very rare that we have to make the hard decision for a child to not attend – in the very small number of occasions this is due to safety, wellbeing or both.



Our Team: Who's Who?



Our SENDCo is Mrs Edwards

As SENDCo, my role is best explained via my seven promises:

1	I will oversee all of the SEND work at our school.
2	I will work with our leadership team and SEND Governor to plan improvements to our SEND work.
3	I will work in partnership - that includes listening to the concerns of staff and parents.
4	I will ensure staff and parents have the right information, guidance and training on SEND.
5	I will offer time, practical support and solutions to SEND issues.
6	I will work with nurseries, child minders, parents and other schools to help successful transfer into and out of our academy.
7	I will engage external SEND support services for children who have more severe needs.

Our Head of School is Mr Richardson and our Executive Principal is Mrs Sumner

- They lead and manage the whole school, including managing the SENDCo.
- They check on the quality of education, including our SEND provision.

More about our Team

What is the role of class teachers for SEND?



- Be responsible for the development for *every* child they teach.
- Work closely with support staff to plan and review support.
- Adjust lessons to make them accessible for every child.
- Use assessments to help plan accessible lessons.
- Follow advice from any support services.
- Review each child's progress and plan the next steps.

Every teacher is a teacher of SEND.

What do support staff (e.g. teaching assistants) do for SEND children?



- Support staff, including teaching assistants, are a key part of our team who:
- Provide a wide range of SEND support.
 - Lead SEND sessions outside the class.
 - Support children in classroom.

To help us do our best for all, all staff can ask for any child's SEND plans.

Our governors' role is to:

- Monitor SEND in our school, including our legal duties.
- Have an overview of long term plans for improving our SEND provision.
- Meet with the SENDCO at least twice a year and make sure our governors are kept up to date on SEND issues.

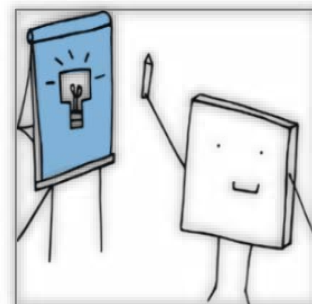
Staff and governors can be contacted via the main office.

How do we develop our SEND Expertise?

Our team have lots of SEND expertise. However, it is important we keep refreshing and developing our skills.

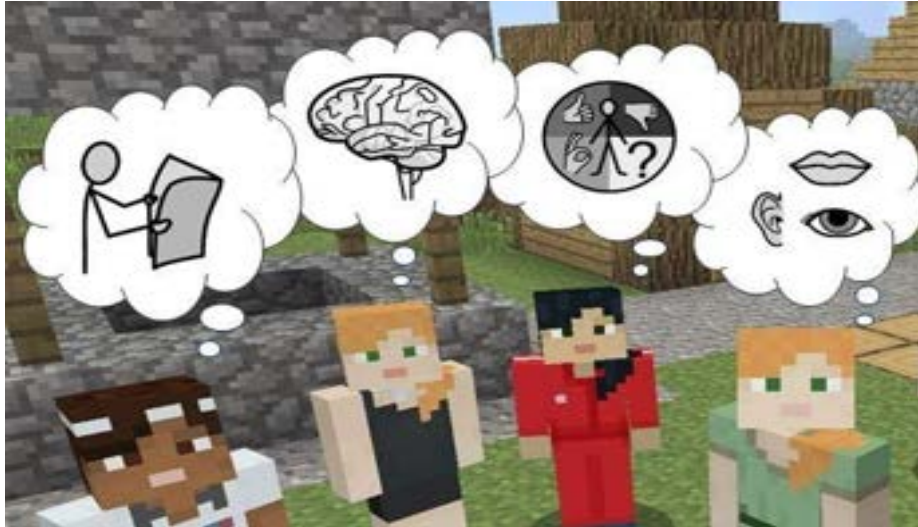
To train and develop our team, we use:

- Staff meeting and INSET day training
- Staff supporting each other
- Online courses and webinars
 - e.g. MindEd: www.minded.org.uk
- Online information
 - e.g. NASEN's *What Works*.



SEND Training is often led by the SENDCO, as our in house expert. We also use external trainers so that our staff can benefit from the best specialist expertise.

What training have our staff had?



Training in the last three years

We always want to learn more about SEND. Sometimes this is individuals attending a course to train on a specific strategy (e.g. Music Interaction). Sometimes it is whole staff training. If you'd like to know more about any of our training, please contact the SENDCo.

Recently, staff have been trained on:

Learning

- ✓ Adaptive teaching
- ✓ Read Write Inc phonics
- ✓ Precision teaching
- ✓ Times Tables Rock stars
- ✓ Colourful Semantics
- ✓ Rosenshine's Principles.

Social Skills and Language

- ✓ Speech Assessment
- ✓ Speech and language interventions
- ✓ Autism
- ✓ Lego therapy
- ✓ Social stories
- ✓ Comic strip conversations

Wellbeing and Behaviour

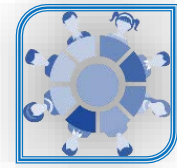
- ✓ Adverse Childhood Experiences
- ✓ Positive Regard
- ✓ Zones of Regulation
- ✓ Thrive

Other

- ✓ First Aid
- ✓ Asthma
- ✓ Diabetes
- ✓ Epilepsy
- ✓ Hearing Impairment

Can we access specialist help?

Some children have needs that are very specific or complex. We work with support services to meet such needs.



We sometimes describe the support services as “external agencies.”

For many children with SEND, school meets all their needs without needing to call on support services. This is because our staff have training and skills to adapt classrooms and lessons to meet the needs of most children.

If we think extra advice from one of the SEND support services is needed, then we will discuss this with the child’s parent first. The parent makes the final decision.

Support Service	
Autism Team (also known as ASCETS) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 0753 645 5292 das@doncastercarers.org.uk 	Children’s Epilepsy Nurse <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 07917 232 005 Cantley Health Centre, Goodison Blvd, Cantley, Doncaster DN4 6ED
Attendance & Pupil Welfare Service <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 01302 736 504 welfare.service@doncaster.gov.uk 	Child Mental Health Service (CAMHS) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 0300 021 1219 The Crystal Building, Weston Road Site, Balby, Doncaster. DN4 8QN
Behaviour Outreach Support Service (BOSS) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 01302 736 295 lisa.green@doncaster.gov.uk 	Continence Service <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 0300 021 1566 rdash.children-community-continence-service@nhs.net
Educational Psychology Service (EPS) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 01302 737 291 educationpsychology@doncaster.gov.uk 	Health Visitors <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 0300 021 8997 (via the ‘Single Point of Contact’) www.facebook.com/doncasterhealthvisitors RDASH, Children’s Care Group, Honeysuckle Lodge, Tickhill Road, Balby, Doncaster DN4 8QN
SEN Service <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 01302 737 210 / 737 211 sen@doncaster.gov.uk SEN Team, Civic Office, Doncaster. DN1 3BU 	Occupational Therapy <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 01302 642 633 Children’s Therapy, Doncaster Royal Infirmary, Armthorpe Road, Doncaster. DN2 5LT
Service for Children with HI (SCHI) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 01302 734 838 hiteam@doncaster.gov.uk 	Physiotherapy <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 01302 642 633 dbth.paediatricsadmin@nhs.net Children’s Therapy, Doncaster Royal Infirmary, Armthorpe Road, Doncaster. DN2 5LT
Service for Children with VI (SCVI) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 01302 734 838 localoffer@doncaster.gov.uk (please state FAO Amanda Bayley-Sunter in email subject) 	School Nursing Team (AKA Zone 5-19) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 0300 021 8997 rdash.doncasterchildrenscaregroup@nhs.net
Virtual School <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 01302 737 880 Jane.cresswell@doncaster.gov.uk https://www.doncaster.gov.uk/services/schools/about-the-virtual-school-and-the-virtual-school-head 	Speech and Language Therapy Service <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 01302 642 633 Child Development Centre, Doncaster Royal Infirmary, Armthorpe Road, Doncaster, DN2 5LT

When Children with SEND Join or Leave Us



Our children will be ready with a warm welcome for your child.

Joining Us

- We talk to the child's parent and any current nursery, school or childcare setting to find out about the child's needs.
- We provide a transition booklet.
- The child visits school and gets to meet the adults in their new class.
- The child can have extra visits if needed.
- The child's new class teacher, working in a team with the SENDCo, will organise this. It applies to children joining our Foundation Stage, but also children joining older classes (Y1 to Y6).

Leaving Us

- We link with the next school to share SEND information. This is normally a secondary school, but we also do this if a child moves before the end of Y6 (for example, because of a house move or a move to a special school).
- Transfer to secondary school is normally led by the secondary school. You can find more about how they approach this in their SEND Information Report.
- However, we often support children having extra visits or talk to children about any worries relating to the move to a new school. We also invite the SENDCo of child's chosen secondary school to our Y6 summer SEND reviews.

Transition between Year Groups

- Teachers pass on SEND information to the new teacher and the child gets to visit their new class before the end of the summer term.
- If needed, extra visits to the new class or transition booklets are provided to help children with SEND have a smooth transition to their new teacher and their new class.

Our Buildings and Equipment



Our School Building

Our school is the perfect place to begin your child's learning journey.

Inside, we have classrooms for all the relevant ages. Wide corridors have nooks and crannies where even more magical learning happens.

All of our building is on the ground floor. Whilst the interior does contain some steps, there is level access to all parts of school (either internally or via the external doors). Inside, we have accessible toilets for those who need it, as well as music, cooking and art rooms.

Outside, we have plenty of space for developing play, fitness and friendships. Secure fences and an intercom on our main entrance help to keep children safe.

Foundation Stage has a great outside area which is purpose built to inspire children to find hundreds of amazing ways to play, learn and make new friends.

Extra Equipment for SEND

Some students need extra items to help them be successful at school. Most of these are not expensive and we buy them from our SEND budget.

From time to time, equipment costs much more than this (e.g. hoists, hearing aid loops). If so, we might ask for outside funding from the local council's SEND Team.

We do not ask parents to pay for essential SEND items from their own money.



Your Questions Answered

1. Does a child need a diagnosis in order to have SEND?

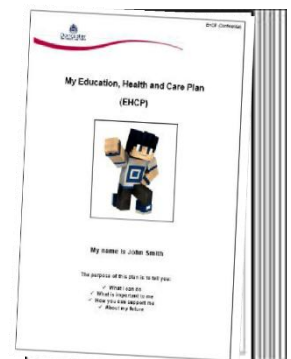
No. Some children do have a diagnosis (e.g. autism, ADHD), but we can address a child's SEND even if they don't have a diagnosis.

We know that families often want diagnosis so that they can be sure what is going on for their child. But, it's also important that we help the child as soon as we can – so we don't need to wait for a diagnosis to make adjustments for a child.

2. What is an EHCP?

EHCP is short for *Education, Health and Care Plan*. This is like a contract between a local council, school and parents.

Most children's SEND can be met without an EHCP - we use our SEND funding to do this. A small number of children with more complex SEND have an EHCP (about 2% of all children). Some of these children are in special schools and some are in mainstream schools.



More information on EHCPs can be found on the Local Offer website or parents and staff can chat to our friendly SENDCo to discover more.



3. Are emotional difficulties always SEND?

No. Some children have time when they are withdrawn or sad (e.g. because of a death of a family member or loved pet).

If a child is distressed this is often short term. We have a range of emotional support we can offer, depending on a child's difficulties.

Some experiences can lead to longer term emotional issues. If so, it might be that the difficulties do get assessed a SEND.

Your Questions Answered (continued)

4. What support is available for social and emotional needs?

We are proud to be a caring, nurturing and supportive school. We believe that children need to feel happy, secure and safe in order to meet their potential. Every child is treated as an individual.

We use the Thrive programme to support our children with SEMH. Children are initially assessed by a Thrive trained colleague and their teacher. This is then used to set targets and strategies to support the child's specific needs. This is shared with parents so that the strategies can also be used at home.

If a child is exhibiting challenging behaviour we try to find the causes and then adapt so we can to alleviate the behaviour.

If needed, we work with parents to identify needs of the family as a whole. This may involve forming a team around the child (TAC). This means we can look at the bigger picture for the child and get even better progress. It can also help us to agree referrals to get extra support for both child and their family.

We also have:

- Class circle time.
- School assemblies about emotions and feelings.
- Posters tell children who they can talk to if worried (our safeguarding team).
- Clear systems for managing behaviour.
- Staff who offer pastoral support.

5. Why don't school include a child with autism or ADHD as a sensory need on the paperwork or SEND register?

Every school has to follow the government's SEND handbook. This is called the SEND Code of Practice. It tells us what categories of SEND we are allowed to use and what each category means.

The government's category "Physical / Sensory Needs" includes three specific sensory needs:



- Visual impairment – Loss of some or all of their sight;
- Hearing impairment – Loss of some or all of their hearing;
- Multisensory impairment – Loss of some or all of both their hearing and sight.

Each of these sensory needs refers to the loss of sight and/or hearing.

Children with ASD or ADHD can also have sensory needs but they have not lost the use of their senses. It's more that they might be over or under-sensitive to sights, smells or sounds etc.

So, while we can't put these needs into the sensory needs category, it doesn't make a difference to the support that the child receives.

SEND & Looked after Children

LAC stands for Looked After Children. Being looked after means that parents are unable to care for a child and the council or court takes on parenting decisions. This can be temporary or permanent. There are a few ways the child's new care might be provided. Two common ways are foster care or children's homes.

NSPCC has a great explanation of LAC: learning.nspcc.org.uk/children-and-families-at-risk/looked-after-children.

Designated Teacher for LAC: Mr Richardson

As well as being Principal, I also oversee support in school for LAC. The full name for my role is "Designated Teacher for Looked After and Previously Looked After Children.

For our pupils who are LAC and have SEND, we:

1. Monitor progress through a termly Personal Education Plan (PEP).
2. As often as we can, schedule PEP meetings at the same time as SEND meetings so that PEPs and SEND plans are joined up.
3. Work well with LAC support services (e.g. social workers, the Virtual School Headteacher).
4. Make sure LAC pupils with SEND can join in extra activities, by making extra arrangements such as:
 - Seeking permission from both a social worker and a pupil's carer to allow them to go on a residential trip
 - Liaising with carers and taxi drivers so that a pupil is collected early and gets to school in time for the day trip leaving at 8.00am.
5. Use Pupil Premium plus money to get the best outcomes for the pupil.
6. Give LAC children equal access to SEND provision that is no less than they would get if they were not LAC.
7. Support staff to understand the effects of loss or separation from birth families.
8. Know that SEND can make it even harder for some LAC children to trust adults, and how we might overcome this.
9. Have big ambitions for our pupils who are LAC and SEND. National data shows that this group of pupils aren't achieving well enough. We'll make sure that no LAC & SEND child is failed by us.

Extra Funding (Pupil Premium Plus)

We get extra money for LAC pupils and those who were LAC but aren't anymore (e.g. pupils who've been adopted after time in foster care). This money is called Pupil Premium Plus. From time to time, you might also hear it being called LAC Pupil Premium.

Being LAC and having SEND does not mean that a pupil is behind in their learning. For example, a LAC pupil who is very able at maths and English but experiences social difficulties that are identified as a SEND.

Other Information

Complaints about SEND

We hope that every child with SEND thrives.

If a parent has concerns or complaints, first of all, please speak to your class teacher, SENDCo or the principal. Our full complaints policy is on our website.

Exclusions

We reduce the risk of exclusions by making adjustments to help everyone fully access life in school. However, you can find out more about exclusions in our **Behaviour Policy**. This is on the policies page of our website: www.themallardacademy.co.uk

Where to find more SEND Information

Visit our website www.themallardacademy.co.uk to read our other policies that link to SEND, including our:

- Accessibility plan: A three year plan to be an even more inclusive school.
- Behaviour policy: Rewards, rules, sanctions and much more.

The government's SEND rulebook is called the Code of Practice. You can find it [here](#).

Status of our SEND Policy

This policy is statutory. That means that the law says schools must have a SEND policy and a SEND information report. **The DfE say that these can be a single document.**

We use a single document so that it is easier to find out about our SEND work. This booklet has all the essential parts of both the SEND Information Report and SEND Policy.

Evaluating our SEND Policy

We have five key ways to check how well our SEND policy is working:

- Monitoring the progress children have made.
- Monitoring how well children with SEND meet their SMART targets.
- Regular reviews of interventions with teachers and support staff.
- Our leadership team visit classrooms to observe and look through books.
- Asking for and listening to the views of parents, families and children.

Our SENDCo and leadership team are in charge of evaluating our SEND policy.

Reviewing this policy

We review this policy every 12 months. If we need to update anything before the end of 12 months, we will. Our SENDCo is in charge of any review. Then, our governors discuss and approve it.

Thank you for reading. We hope you found this guide helpful!