

# **Gordon Primary School**

## **SEND Information Report**

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Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Chair of Governors

To be reviewed Spring Term 2026

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**This Special Educational Needs Report should be read in conjunction with the SEND Policy**

### **1) Aims of our provision in regard to pupils with special educational needs and/or disabilities**

The aims of our policy and practice in relation to special educational needs and disabilities in this school are:

- To make reasonable adjustments for those with a disability by taking action to increase access to the curriculum, the environment and to printed information for all.
- To ensure that, where possible, 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 providing high quality teaching across the school.
- To use our best endeavours to secure special educational provision for pupils, when required. This provision is “additional to and different from” that which is provided within the school, to better respond to the four broad areas of need:

1. Communication and Interaction
2. Cognition and learning
3. Social, Emotional and Mental Health
4. Physical and Sensory

- To engage parents/carers in a partnership of support around their child which includes the parent/carer and child's views when organising this support.
- To support all staff in meeting pupil needs by providing well-targeted continuing professional development.
- To support pupils with medical conditions to be included, where possible, in all school activities by ensuring consultation with health and social care professionals.
- To work in cooperative 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.

### **2) What are special educational needs and or disabilities (SEND)?**

At our school, we use the definition for SEND from the SEND Code of Practice (2014). This states:

- Special Educational Needs: A child or young person has special educational needs if he or she has a learning need or disability, which calls for special educational provision to be made for them.
- A learning need or disability is a significantly greater need 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
- Disability: Many children and young people who have SEND may have a disability under the Equality Act 2010 – that is ‘...a physical or mental impairment which has a long-term and substantial adverse effect on their ability to carry out normal day-to-day activities’.

### **3) The kinds of special educational needs (SEND) for which provision is made at the school**

- Children and young people with SEND have individual needs and are welcome to apply for a place at our school, in line with the school admissions policy. If a place is available, we will undertake to use our best endeavours, in partnership with parents/carers, to make the provision required to meet the needs of pupils at this school.
- The admission process for children with an EHCP differs slightly and parents/carers have the right to contact the local authority to request a particular school and the local authority must comply with that preference and name the school or college in the EHC plan unless:
  - i) it would be unsuitable for the age, ability, aptitude or SEND of the child or young person, or
  - ii) The attendance of the child or young person there would be incompatible with the efficient

education of others, or the efficient use of resources.

- Before making the decision to name our school in a child's EHCP, the local authority will send the head teacher a copy of the EHCP and then consider the school's response to the consultation carefully before a final decision on placement is made.
- Parents/carers of a child with an EHCP also have the right to seek a place at a special school if they consider that their child's needs can be better met in a specialist provision.

#### **4) How does our school know if children need extra help?**

We know when a pupil needs extra support if:

- Concerns are raised by teachers, learning support assistants, parents/carers, external agencies, the pupil's previous school or the pupil themselves
- Observation of the pupil indicates that they may have additional needs.
- Whole school tracking of attainment outcomes indicates a lower-than-expected rate of progress

All or some of the above may apply and are carefully considered through systems set out in the school policies including SEN and Assessment Policies.

#### **5) What should a parent do if they think their child may have special educational needs?**

- If parents/carers have concerns relating to their child's needs, please initially discuss these with your child's teacher. This may then result in a referral to the school SENDCo, Mrs Kambo who can be contacted on (020) 84782977
- Parents/carers may also contact the SENDCo, or the Headteacher directly if they feel this is more appropriate.
- We value the opportunity to work closely with parents/carers whose views and aspirations for their child will be central to the support that is provided.

#### **6) How will the school support a child with SEND?**

All pupils will be provided with high quality teaching that is differentiated to meet the needs of all learners. The quality of classroom teaching provided to pupils with SEND is monitored through a number of processes that include:

1. Classroom observation by the Leadership team, the SENDCo, external verifiers (Ofsted)
2. Ongoing assessment of progress made by pupils with SEND
3. Work sampling and scrutiny of planning to ensure effective matching of work to pupil need
4. Meetings with the SEND team and all adults who work with the children to provide advice and guidance on meeting the needs of pupils with SEND
5. Pupil and parent feedback on the quality and effectiveness of interventions provided
6. Attendance and behaviour records.

- Pupils with a disability will be provided with reasonable adjustments to increase their access to the curriculum.
- All pupils with SEND have individual targets. Parents/carers are informed of these via the reporting system and at events such as Parents/Carers' meetings.
- Pupils' attainment is tracked using the whole school tracking system and those not making the expected levels of progress are identified quickly. These pupils are then discussed in termly progress meetings that are undertaken between the teacher and a member of the Upper Leadership team and if appropriate, the pupil themselves.
- Additional action to increase the rate of progress will be then identified. This will include a review of the impact of the support being provided to the child, and if required, provision will be adapted to further support the success of the pupil.
- Where it is determined that special educational provision is required to support progress, this will be discussed with the parents/carers.

- Action relating to SEND support will follow an **Assess, Plan, Do and Review** model which is

**i) Assess:** Data on the pupil held by the school will be collated by the class teacher and SENDCo in order to make an accurate assessment of the pupil's needs. Parents/carers will be invited to this early discussion to support the identification of action to improve outcomes.

**ii) Plan:** If review of the action taken indicates that "additional to and different from" support will be required, then the views of all involved, including the parents/carers and the pupil will be obtained and appropriate evidence-based interventions identified, recorded and implemented by the class/subject teacher with advice from the SENDCo.

**iii) Do:** SEND support will be recorded on a plan that will identify a clear set of expected outcomes. This will include relevant academic and developmental targets that take into account parents/carers' aspirations for their child. Parents/carers and the pupil will also be consulted on the action they can take to support progress towards the outcomes. This will be recorded and a date made for review.

**iv) Review:** Progress towards these outcomes will be tracked and reviewed termly with the parents/carers and the pupil.

If further support is needed, the school will seek advice from relevant outside professionals to best meet the specific needs of a pupil. This will only be undertaken after parent permission has been obtained and may include referral to:

1. Local Authority Support Services – including Educational Psychologist or SEaTSS (Special Education and Training Support Service)
2. Specialists such as outreach support services (for example Speech and Language Therapist)
3. Social Care Services – as discussed with parents/carers
4. Health partners such as the School Nurse and the Emotional Wellbeing and Mental Health Service (EWMHS - previously CAMHS)

N.B. For a very small percentage of pupils, whose needs are significant and complex and the SEND Support required to meet their needs cannot reasonably be provided from within the school's own resources, a request will be made to the local authority to conduct an assessment of education, health and care needs. This may result in an Education, Health and Care (EHC) plan being issued.

## **7) How will pupils be involved in decisions regarding provision for their needs?**

This school uses pupil-centred profiles. These are completed by the pupils themselves and identify their abilities and strengths, their personal aims and the action they require to be taken by the school to reduce barriers to learning and social success. Each term, information will be reviewed and the pupil's views gained on the effectiveness of the action taken so far to meet their needs.

Pupils, where possible, will be involved at all stages of the process through pupil voice interviews, a transparency about their needs and targets and an involvement in evaluation of any resources and provision they receive or need.

## **8) How will the curriculum be matched to each child's needs?**

- Teachers plan based on children's needs, differentiating tasks to ensure progress for every pupil in the classroom.
- When a pupil has been identified as having special educational needs, the curriculum and the learning environment will be further adapted by the class teacher to reduce barriers to learning and enable them to access the curriculum more easily.
- These adaptations may include strategies suggested by the Special Educational Needs Coordinator (SENDCo), and/or external specialists.
- In addition, if it is considered appropriate, pupils may be provided with specialised equipment or resources such as ICT and/or additional adult support. All actions taken by the school will be recorded and shared with parents/carers.

### **9) How will parents/carers know how well their child is doing?**

Attainment towards the identified outcomes will be shared with parents/carers regularly through progress meetings, as well as through the school reporting system and Parents/carers' Evenings.

- The child's home-school communication book is a useful tool for communicating between school and home.
- Parents/carers are encouraged to arrange an appointment to discuss their child's progress with the class/subject teacher, the SENDCo or a member of the leadership team at any time when they feel concerned or have information they feel they would like to share that could impact on their child's success. Please contact the school office who will arrange this appointment for you. The contact number is (020) 8478 2977

### **10) How will parents/carers be helped to support their child's learning?**

- Please look at the school website. It can be found at <https://www.gordonpri.uk/> and includes a link to our local offer.
- The class/subject teacher or the SENDCo may also suggest additional ways of supporting your child's learning.
- The school organises a number of parent workshops during the year. These are advertised in the school newsletter and on *Parenthub*. These workshops aim to provide useful opportunities for parents/carers to learn more about how to support your child's learning.
- If you have additional support that you would like to have access to or school events you could contribute to in order to further support your child's learning (for example, supporting on a school visit), please contact the SENDCo.

### **11) How will the school evaluate the effectiveness of the SEND provision made for pupils?**

The effectiveness of SEND provision will be measured using both qualitative and quantitative data. Qualitative data will gather the views of parents/carers and pupils on how successful the provision has been in enabling the child to attain their outcomes. Quantitative data will examine both progress and attainment levels compared to those achieved nationally. This data will be shared termly with governors and may be scrutinised by external moderators such as Ofsted.

### **12) What support will there be for children's overall well-being?**

The school offers a wide variety of pastoral support for pupils. This includes:

- An evaluated Personal, Social, Health and Economic (PSHE) curriculum that aims to provide pupils with the knowledge, understanding and skills they need to enhance their emotional and social knowledge and well-being. Please visit our website to see the topics that are included within this area of the curriculum
- Pupil and Parent views on the child's emotional wellbeing are sought through a variety of means which includes one-to-one pupil conferences and pupil questionnaires
- Targeted interventions to support pupils' well-being
- Alternative small group opportunities within the school where the child's social interaction skills are developed

The school has gained *Healthy School* status, which evidences the work undertaken within the school to supports pupils' well-being and mental health. We also have trained ELSAs who support mental health and well-being. The school has also achieved the *Rights Respecting Level 2 Award* (Silver).

### **13) Pupils with medical needs**

- Pupils with medical needs will be provided with a detailed individual Health Care Plan, compiled in partnership with the school nurse or health visitor and parents/carers and, if appropriate, the pupil themselves.
- Staff who volunteer to administer and supervise medications, will complete training overseen by a

relevant health care professional such as a school nurse or health visitor.

- All medicine administration procedures adhere to the Department of Education (DfE) guidelines included within Supporting Pupils at School with Medical Conditions (DfE) 2014 and identified in the Pupils with Medical Conditions policy.

#### **14) What specialist services are available at the school?**

The school has access to a range of specialist support that are identified in section 6) above.

#### **15) What training do the staff supporting children and young people with SEND undertake?**

Specific training is provided to the relevant staff, which is related to a need of a child in their class or across the school. The SENDCo will liaise with an external agency or provider to arrange the delivery of the training that will have the most impact across the school and for the child.

The SENDCO holds qualified teacher status and has obtained the Nationally Accredited Award for Special Educational Needs Coordination. They regularly attend the SENDCo forums and SEND panel to ensure they are updated on all new national and local changes for support to pupils with SEND and any opportunities for further development for staff.

The school has access to training and support for staff from a borough Educational Psychologist, Speech and Language Therapist and SEND specialist teachers to further develop their support for the children in the school.

Risk assessments are carried out and procedures are put in place so that all children can participate in all school activities, where possible.

#### **16) How will my child be included in activities outside the classroom, including school trips?**

Risk assessments are carried out and procedures are put in place to enable all children to participate in all school activities, where possible.

#### **17) How accessible is the school environment?**

The following adaptations have been made to the school environment:

- Disabled parking spot marked and located in school car park.
- The new building is fitted with a lift.
- The new building has two toilets adapted to ensure accessibility for visitors with a disability.

#### **18) How will the school prepare/support my child when starting at our school?**

A number of strategies are in place to enable effective pupils' transition. These include on entry:

- A planned induction programme to support pupils transitioning to our school
- An invitation to Parent/carers to a meeting, which will provide a range of information to support them in enabling their child to settle into the school routine.
- A meeting with the SENDCo for parents/carers of pupils who are known to have SEND to allow concerns to be raised and provision to be put in place to support the child's needs.
- Records from previous school and any outside agencies that have supported the child being requested and appropriate actions taken.

#### **19) Transition to the next school, preparation for adulthood and independent**

- The transition programme in place for pupils provides a number of opportunities for pupils and parents to meet staff in the new school. These opportunities are further enhanced for pupils with SEND and identified on the website.
- The annual review in Y5 for pupils with an EHCP begins the process where parents are supported to make decisions regarding secondary school choice.

- Parents/carers will be encouraged to consider options for the next phase of education and the school will involve outside agencies, as appropriate, to ensure information provided is comprehensive but accessible.
- Accompanied visits to other schools or provisions may be arranged as appropriate.
- For pupils transferring to local schools, the SENDCos of both schools meet to discuss the needs of pupils with SEND, in order to ensure a smooth transition.

#### **After school:**

- Parents may like to use the website of the National Careers Service
- [www.nationalcareersservice.direct.gov.uk](http://www.nationalcareersservice.direct.gov.uk) offers information and professional advice about education, training and work to people of all ages or examine options identified in the local offer published by the local authority [www.redbridge.gov.uk/localoffer](http://www.redbridge.gov.uk/localoffer) which sets out details of SEN provision - including the full range of post-16 options – and support available to children and young people with SEN and disabilities to help them prepare for adulthood, including getting a job.
- Where a student has an EHCP, all reviews of that Plan from Year 9 at the latest, and onwards, will include a focus on preparing for adulthood, including employment, independent living and participation in society.

### **20) How are the school's resources allocated and matched to children's special educational needs and/or disabilities?**

The school receives funding, calculated by the National Funding formula, to respond to the needs of pupils with SEND from a number of sources that include:

- The Notional SEND budget. This is a fund devolved to schools to support them to meet the needs of pupil with SEND
- Interim Funding or Early Years Funding for a child with high needs to provide support until a request for statutory assessment can be made.
- A proportion of the funds allocated per pupil to the school to provide for their education called the Age-Weighted Pupil Unit.

For those pupils with the most complex needs, the school may be allocated additional educational needs funding from the Local Authority's High Needs SEND Funding allocation. This funding is then used to provide the staff, equipment and facilities to support pupils with special educational needs and disabilities through support that might include:

- Learning Support Assistant time in class and through interventions either 1:1 or in a small group to support the child's attainment and progress
- Specific resources linked to the child's need that provide greater access to the curriculum (for example, visual aids, use of ICT equipment, physical aids etc.)
- Advice and resources from outreach services or professionals that are provided to pupils, parents and staff to support child's attainment and progress
- Development of specific environments in school such as individual work stations, areas or the sensory room.
- Access to health professional support (responding to mental and physical health issues, speech, language and communication needs, motor control and mobility needs)
- Development of specialised support in school – the school has two ELSAs who have attended ELSA training (responding to mental health and wellbeing) and members of staff who with Mental Health training

If parents/carers wish to discuss the options available for their child, they are welcome to make an appointment to see the class/subject teacher, SENDCo or a member of the Leadership Team. Please contact the school office on (020) 8478 2977 to arrange this.

### **21) How are decisions made about how much support each child will receive?**

- Planning for support of pupils with SEND but without an EHCP, is undertaken by members of the

leadership team and the SENDCO, advising the class teacher/subject teacher and learning support assistants. Parents/carers are involved in this through discussions and meetings. Deployment of funds is overseen by the Governing Body

- For pupils with an EHCP, this decision will be reached in agreement with parents/carers when the EHC Plan is being produced or at an annual review of an EHC Plan. The Local Authority then administers and delegates the High Needs Funding which resources the EHC Plan.

## **22) How will I be involved in discussions about and planning for my child's education?**

This will be through discussions with the parents/carers, class teacher, SENDCO or a member of the leadership team and could include meetings with external agencies.

When there are circumstances where parents or carers are living at different addresses to the child, we ask that parents/carers notify the school as soon as possible. This information can be provided to the school office or a member of the SEND team (contact details are on the school website). We will then endeavour to provide information about the child's education and support to all of the people with parental responsibility for the child.

## **23) Who can I contact for further information or if I have any concerns?**

If you wish to discuss your child's special educational needs or are unhappy about any issues regarding the school's response to meeting these needs, please contact the following:

- Your child's class teacher,
- The SENDCO,
- The Headteacher,
- For complaints, please see the school Complaints Policy on the school website

## **24) Support services for parents/carers of pupils with SEND include:**

- The Redbridge Information and Advice Support Service (RIASS) offers impartial advice and support to parents/carers of all children and young people with SEND.
- Parents/carers who are unhappy with the Local Authority or school responses to their child's SEND, may wish to contact the Local Authority SEND Mediation Service. Parents/carers may also seek mediation from the regional mediation services.
- Parents/carers can also appeal to the Government's SEND tribunal, if you disagree with the Local Authority's decisions about your child's special educational needs. You can also appeal to the tribunal if the school or council has discriminated against your child if they have a disability. Information on this process is available here: <https://www.gov.uk/courts-tribunals/first-tier-tribunal-special-educational-needs-and-disability>

## **25) Information on where the Local Authority's Local Offer can be found**

<https://find.redbridge.gov.uk/kb5/redbridge/fsd/localoffer.page?localofferchannel=0>

### **References**

- Schedule 1 of the Special Educational Needs and Disability Regulations 2014.
- The SEND Code of Practice (January 2015) The Code of Practice provides statutory guidance on duties, policies and procedures relating to Part 3 of the Children and Families Act 2014 and associated regulations
- Supporting pupils at school with medical conditions Sept 2014.
- Glossary (A glossary of SEND terms is included in the appendices of the SEND Code of Practice)