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SEND Information Report for Northrepps Primary School 2020

Part of the Norfolk Local offer for Learners with SEN

Please read this in conjunction with our SEND Policy, which can be found on our website.

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Introduction

Welcome to our SEND information report which is part of the Norfolk Local Offer for learners with Special Educational Needs (SEN) and updated annually.

At Northrepps Primary School we are committed to working together with all members of our school community. This information report has involved pupils, parents/carers, governors and members of staff. Please let us know what you think.

Our SEND Governor is **Angie Johnson**

Our SEND Co-ordinator is **Emily Sacre**

Our Head Teacher is **Laura Watts**

If you have any specific questions about the Norfolk Local Offer please have a look at their website:

<https://www.norfolk.gov.uk/children-and-families/send-local-offer>

Alternatively, if you think your child may have a SEN or a barrier to learning please speak to their class teacher or contact Emily Sacre on 01263 579396.

Staff



Mrs Sacre – SENDCo



Mrs Goodings – Pastoral Lead

2019-2020 Summary

Over the last academic year our SEN profile has shown relatively equal levels of need in three areas:-Social, Emotional and Mental Health, Communication and Interaction, and Cognition and Learning. Last year our greatest area of need was



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cognition and learning and our investment focussed on this area, closely followed by social, emotional and mental health. This year we have prioritised social, emotional and mental health, as we feel that social and emotional well-being is vital for our pupils. Staff professional development has included a counselling course and a childhood trauma course. We have increased our capacity for family and parental support to ensure our SEND families have strategies to support their children's learning and well-being at home. Finally we have invested in more resources to support mental health such as picture books to help support pupils and programmes such as "A Volcano in my Tummy".

Throughout the academic year we have also been reviewing our approach towards interventions for cognition and learning. Staff have been working hard to meet more of the needs of our SEND pupils through reasonable adjustments and support in class rather than through different interventions, which can interrupt pupils' access to the curriculum by taking them out of the class on a regular basis. This year we have made changes to our timetable enabling pupils to spend more time on, and to dig deeper into, their learning and we want to ensure that our SEND children get equally as much time to explore their learning in the classroom.

Sadly, in March we all had to face the unprecedented challenges brought about by COVID-19. At Northrepps Primary School, we continued to prioritise the social and emotional well-being of our pupils, especially those with SEND who found the disruption to their lives particularly challenging. We had to quickly find ways to support our pupils at home, through online platforms, home learning packages and regular contact. For our SEND pupils we ensured regular contact with class teachers, adjustments to ensure our pupils could access online class meetings or 1:1 meetings if appropriate. We provided social stories and emotional support to prepare our pupils for coming back to school and this support will continue throughout next year as we get used to the changes to school life.

Our Approach to teaching Learners with SEN

At Northrepps Primary School we believe in participation for all. We want all adults and children to participate in learning and we celebrate all members of our community. We want to create an inclusive culture in our school and we aim to be responsive to the diversity of children's backgrounds, interests, experience, knowledge and skills.

We value high quality teaching for all learners and actively monitor teaching and learning in the school. For more information on our approach please see our teaching and learning policy on the school website.

Our School Development Plan is about developing learning for all and details our planned continued professional development (CPD) opportunities for all staff. As part of the Cromer Cluster we have access to regular network meetings to share resources and access additional support for our school.



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We aim to create a learning environment which is flexible enough to meet the needs of all members of our school community. We monitor the progress of all learners, and staff continually assess pupils to ensure that learning is taking place. Our whole school system for monitoring progress includes regular pupil progress meetings, classroom based assessments and data analysis.

How we identify SEN

At different times in their school career, a child or young person may have a special educational need. The Code of Practice defines SEN as:

“A child or young person has SEN if they have a learning difficulty or disability which calls for special educational provision to be made for them. A child of compulsory school age or a young person has a learning difficulty or disability if they:

- (a) Have significantly greater difficulty in learning than the majority of others of the same age: or
- (b) Have a disability which prevents or hinders them from making use of educational facilities of a kind generally provided for others of the same age in mainstream schools or mainstream post 16 institutions.”

If a learner is identified as having a Special Educational Need, we will provide provision that is ‘additional to or different from’ the normal differentiated curriculum, intended to overcome the barrier to their learning.

Learners can fall behind in schools for lots of reasons. They may have been absent from school, they may have attended lots of different schools and not had a consistent opportunity to learn. They may not speak English very well or at all (although it should be noted that difficulties related solely to English as an additional language are not SEN), they may be worried about different things that distract them from their learning. At Northrepps School we are committed to ensuring that all learners have access to learning opportunities, and, for those that are at risk of not learning, we will intervene. This does not mean that all vulnerable learners have SEN. Only those with a learning difficulty that requires interventions ‘additional to’ or ‘different from’ the high quality teaching, differentiation and curriculum on offer to all pupils will be identified as having SEN.

Our SEN profile for 2020-21 shows that we have 17% of children identified as having SEN, with 0% Education Health Care Plan. Of those who are supported for SEN we have children that are identified as having SEN linked to Communication and Interaction, Cognition and Learning and Social, Emotional and Mental Health.

Assessing SEN at Northrepps School

Class Teachers, support staff, parent/carers and the learner themselves will be the first to notice a difficulty with learning. At Northrepps School we ensure that assessment of educational needs directly involves the learner, their parent/carer and



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of course their Teacher. The Special Educational Needs Co-ordinator will also support with the identification of barriers to learning. We have a range of assessment tools available within the cluster, which we can use to identify a specific need.

For some learners we may want to seek advice from specialist teams. In our school and through the Cromer Cluster we have access to various specialist services that may have to be commissioned from our school budget. We have access to services universally provided by Norfolk County Council, which are described on their local offer website.

<https://www.norfolk.gov.uk/children-and-families/send-local-offer>

The agencies and services used by the school may include:

Special Educational Needs Specialist Advisory Support teacher
Educational Psychologists
Early Help
Access Through Technology (Professional or medical referral only)
CAMHS (Child and Adolescent Mental Health Service)
Attendance Officers
Virtual School for Sensory Support
Speech and Language Therapists
School Nurse
Young Carers

What we do to Support Learners

Every teacher is required to adapt the curriculum to ensure access to learning for all children in their class. The Teacher Standards 2013 detail the expectations on all teachers, and we at Northrepps are proud of our teachers and their development. The Teacher Standards are available on request.

Our Teachers will use various strategies to adapt access to the curriculum; these might include using:

- Differentiated planning
- Visual resources such as visual timetables
- Writing frames
- Resources e.g. Numicon
- PC's, computer tablets, laptops or other alternative recording devices
- Movement breaks
- Talking partners
- Positive behaviour rewards system



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Each learner identified as having SEND is entitled to support that is 'additional to or different from' a normal differentiated curriculum. The type of support is dependent on the individual learning needs, and is intended to enable access to learning and overcome the barrier to learning identified. The support is described on a provision map, which describes the interventions and actions that we undertake at Northrepps School to support learners with SEND across the year groups. We review and rewrite the provision map every term.

We employ 1 full time and 1 part time learning support assistants who deliver the interventions in the provision map, coordinated by our SENDCo. Our pastoral support assistant provides support to our children in the form of 1:1 sessions, Lego groups, etc. An anonymised provision map is also produced which is shared with Governors who are able to ensure that we monitor the impact of these interventions on learning across the school.

How do we Find Out if this Support is Effective?

Monitoring progress is an integral part of teaching and leadership within Northrepps School. Parents/carers, pupils and staff are involved in reviewing the impact of interventions for learners with SEN. We follow the **assess, plan, do, review** model and ensure that parents/carers and children are involved in each step. Before any additional provision is selected to help a child, the SENDCo, teacher, parent/carer and learner agree what that support will look like. A baseline will be recorded, which can be used to compare the impact of the provision.

Children, parents/carers and their teaching and support staff will be involved in reviewing progress. This review can be built in to the intervention itself or can be a formal meeting held regularly, where we can all discuss progress and next steps. If a learner has an Education Health and Care Plan (EHCP) the same review conversations take place, but the EHCP will also be formally reviewed annually.

The SENDCo collates the impact data of interventions, to ensure that we are only using interventions that make a difference. Progress data of all learners is collated by the whole school and monitored by Teachers, Senior Leaders and Governors. We also take part in external moderation, as part of the Cromer Cluster, and within the Federation. This ensures that our judgements stand up to scrutiny. Our school is also monitored by the Local Authority and Ofsted.

Other Opportunities for Learning

All learners should have the same opportunity to access extra-curricular activities. At Northrepps School in 2020-2021 we will be offering a range of additional clubs and activities when possible due to Covid-19 restrictions. These can be found in school newsletters or on the website.

We are committed to making reasonable adjustments to ensure participation for all, so please contact our School's SENDCo to discuss specific requirements.



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Please email the office@northrepps.norfolk.sch.uk for support.

Equality

We believe it is essential to establish a positive climate of acceptance, tolerance and respect in our school – a place where bullying is considered to be unacceptable.

All staff at Northrepps School have regular training on the Equality Act 2010 as part of ongoing essential staff training. This legislation places specific duties on schools, settings and providers including the duty not to discriminate, harass or victimise a child or adult linked to a protected characteristic defined in the Equality Act and to make ‘reasonable adjustments.’

The Equality Act 2010 definition of disability is:

“A person has a disability for the purposes of this Act if (s)he has a physical or mental impairment which has a substantial and long term adverse effect on his ability to carry out normal day-to-day activities.”

This definition of disability in the Equality Act includes children with long term health conditions such as Asthma, Diabetes, Epilepsy and Cancer. Children and young people with such conditions do not necessarily have SEN, but there is a significant overlap between disabled children and young people and those with SEN. Children and young people may therefore be covered by both SEN and disability legislation.

For more information about the Equality Act, the protected characteristics or duties on public bodies, please see the school website for our Equality Policy.

Preparing for the next step

Transition is a part of life for all learners. This can be transition to a new class in school, having a new teacher, or moving on to another school, training provider or moving in to employment. Northrepps School is committed to working in partnership with children, families and other providers to ensure positive transitions occur.

Planning for transition is a part of our provision for all learners with SEND. Moving classes will be discussed with parents/carers and the child well in advance. Transition to secondary schools will be discussed in the summer term of their Year 5, to ensure time for planning and preparation.

Funding for SEND

Northrepps Primary School receives funding directly to the school from the Local Authority to support the needs of the learners with SEN. This is described in the SEN memorandum. The amount of funding we received for 2019-20 is £15, 694.

Schools can also receive funding from the Local Authority which is distributed as ‘Exceptional Needs’ funding for learners who require support that exceeds that



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available to the school. Access to this funding is via an application process and through a termly, professional, panel made up of representatives from NCC.

Have your say

Northrepps Primary School is your community school. We can shape and develop provision for all of our learners ensuring achievement for all. This SEND report declares our annual offer to learners with SEND but to be effective it needs the views of all parents/carers, learners, governors and staff. So please engage with our annual process to 'assess plan, do, and review' provision for SEND.

Useful links

Norfolk Local Offer <https://www.norfolk.gov.uk/children-and-families/send-local-offer>

Norfolk SEND Partnership <https://www.norfolksendpartnershiass.org.uk/>

Department for Education

<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/department-for-education>