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SEND Information Report



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This report details how St Helen's Primary Academy supports children and young people with Special Educational Needs and disabilities (SEND)

2022-2023

This report will be reviewed annually and approved by the management board.

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1. Overview of St Helen's Primary Academy

Academy Overview	Academy Cohort
St Helen's Primary Academy is situated in Monk Bretton, 2 miles from Barnsley town centre. We serve a community with a mixture of local authority houses and privately owned property. We have 217 children on roll and a team of dedicated professionals to help all children strive to meet their aims and goals. At St Helen's Primary Academy we welcome all children and their families to our school and our larger AET family. Our vision is for each and every child to be inspired to choose a remarkable life. Specialist Provisions on site: There is no specialist provision on site.	Overall percentage of SEN - 13.4% Children with EAL - 7 children - 3.2% Children with EHCP - 2 children - 0.9% Children with SEN support - 27 children 12.5% Free school meals – 34% Pupil premium – 35%

St Helen's Primary Academy is a mainstream Primary school and as such we strive to be as inclusive as possible, with meeting the needs of pupils with a Special Educational Need/s and or Disabilities, wherever possible, where families want this to happen.

2. Which SEND needs do we provide for at St Helen's Primary Academy?

St Helen's Primary Academy will meet the needs of children with the following SEND:

- **Speech Language & Communication Need (SLCN)**
- **Cognition and learning (C&L)**
- **Social, Emotional and Mental Health difficulties (SEMH)**
- **Physical need (PD)**

3. What is the SEND information report?

- The SEND Information Report aims to outline how the SEND Policy will be implemented within St Helen's Primary Academy.
- The SEND Information Report will detail the offer for SEND within St Helen's Primary Academy and ways in which **parents, children and young people may access the support required**.

4. Which legislation and guidance inform this report?

This SEND information report is based on the statutory [Special Educational Needs and Disability \(SEND\) Code of Practice](#) and the following legislation:

- [Part 3 of the Children and Families Act 2014](#), which sets out schools' responsibilities for pupils with SEN and disabilities
- [The Special Educational Needs and Disability Regulations 2014](#), which set out schools' responsibilities for education, health and care (EHC) plans, SEN coordinators (SENCOs) and the SEN information report

5. What do we mean by SEND?

SEND refers to a learning difficulty or disability which calls for special educational provision to be made, for example, where a child has:

- a significantly greater difficulty in learning than the majority of others of the same age, or
- a disability which prevents or hinders them from making use of facilities of a kind generally provided for others of the same age in mainstream schools

Special educational provision is additional to, or different from, any provision made generally for other children or young people of the same age by mainstream schools.

There are four key areas of Special Educational Needs outlined in the SEND Code of Practice:

Area of SEN	Definition
Communication and Interaction	Children with Speech, language and communication needs have difficulty in communicating with others such as those with an ASD diagnosis. This could include difficulties with producing or responding to expressive or receptive language. They may have difficulty in uttering speech sounds, difficulties in understanding spoken language and communications from others.
Cognition and Learning	This refers to when children and young people learn at a slower pace than their peers, even with appropriate differentiation. Learning difficulties cover a wide range of needs, including moderate learning difficulties (MLD), specific learning difficulties (SpLD) such as dyslexia and dyspraxia, severe learning difficulties (SLD) and profound and multiple learning difficulties (PMLD). This encompasses a range of conditions such as dyslexia, dyscalculia and dyspraxia.
Social, emotional and mental health difficulties	This may include becoming withdrawn or isolated, as well as displaying challenging, disruptive or disturbing behaviour. These behaviours may reflect underlying mental health difficulties and traumas. It also includes ADHD and attachment disorder.

Sensory and/or physical needs	Some children will require special educational provision because they have a disability which prevents or hinders them from making use of the educational facilities generally provided. These include visual impairment, hearing impairment, multi-sensory impairment and physical impairment, which may require additional equipment to assist with learning.
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6. Identifying pupils with SEN, assessing need, and involving pupils and parents.

Each pupil's current skills and levels of attainment are assessed on entry, which will build on previous settings and Key Stages. Teachers are responsible for ensuring high quality teaching and where appropriate will make regular assessments of progress for all pupils and identify those whose progress is a concern. This may include progress in areas other than academic attainment, for example, social or communication needs.

When deciding whether special educational provision is required, the process starts with identifying areas of need and monitoring desired outcomes, including the expected progress and attainment, and the views and the wishes of the pupil and their parents. We will use this to determine the support that is needed and whether we can provide it by adapting our core offer, or whether something different or additional is needed.

An early discussion will be held with the pupil and their parents when identifying whether they need special educational provision. These conversations will ensure that:

- Everyone develops a good understanding of the pupil's areas of strength and difficulty
- The parents' and pupils' views are considered
- Everyone understands the agreed outcomes sought for the child
- Everyone is clear on what the next steps are

We will formally notify parents when it is decided that a pupil will receive SEND support. Parents and pupils will be consulted on all matters relating to the child's SEND provision. Parents are also encouraged to participate as fully as possible in supporting their child's learning needs and request additional meetings with relevant staff in order to make this possible. **Slow progress and low attainment will not automatically mean a pupil is recorded as having SEN.**

See the roles and responsibilities of people who support children and young people with SEND in our [SEND Policy](#)

7. How will St Helen's Primary Academy monitor and track my child's SEND support?

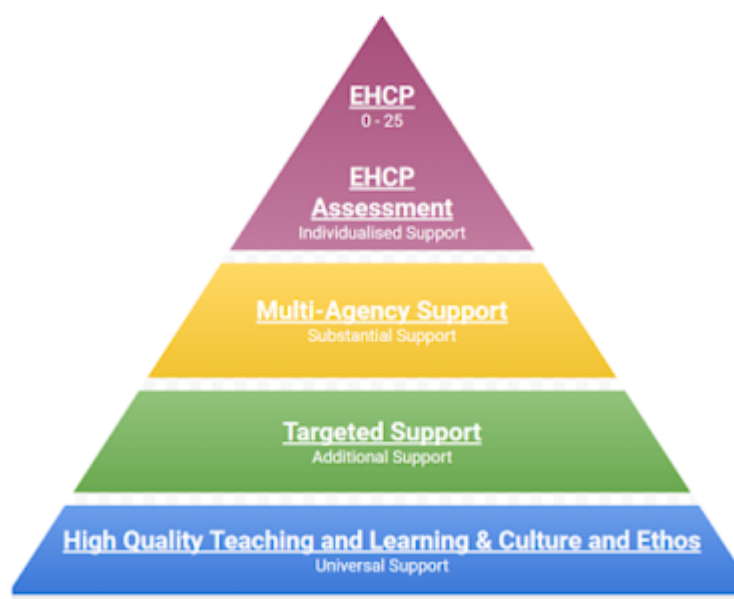
At St Helen's Primary Academy we consider the needs of the whole child and will continue to assess and monitor your child using the graduated approach (see below) and the four-part cycle of **assess, plan, do, review**. The class or subject teacher will work with the SENCO to carry out a clear analysis of the pupil's needs.



St Helen's Primary Academy will monitor and track through:

- Regular teacher's assessment and knowledge of the child
- Previous progress and attainment or behaviour of the child
- Other teachers' assessments, where relevant
- The individual's development in comparison to their peers and national data
- The views and experience of parents/carers and other professionals
- The child's own views and experiences
- Advice from external support services and professional, where appropriate
- The assessment will be reviewed regularly with the child and parents/carers

Figure 1. The graduated Approach



8. What is St Helen's Primary Academy's whole school approach to teaching pupils with SEND?



Delivered By:	Type of support available	Who receives this
Class teacher/Key worker input via good/ outstanding classroom teaching.	- The teacher/key worker will have the highest possible expectations for your child and all pupils in their class. This is referred to in school as "High Quality Teaching". See section 17 for high quality teaching strategies. - All teaching is based upon building on what your child already knows, can do, and can understand. This is achieved through ongoing assessment and focused marking of children's work. - Putting in place different ways of teaching so that your child is fully involved in learning in class. This may involve things like using more practical learning or providing different resources adapted for your child. - Putting in place specific strategies (which may be suggested by the SENDCo or staff from outside agencies) to enable your child to access the learning task. This may include occasional support from a teaching assistant/key worker to help with a particular difficulty.	All children in the school receive this

9. What is St Helen's Primary Academy's targeted approach to teaching pupils with SEND?

Targeted Support Additional Support

Delivered by:	Type of support available	
A collaboration between the SENDCo and class teacher on the basis of high quality evidence concluding that a pupil needs the additional targeted support.	- Your child's teacher/key worker will have carefully checked on your child's progress and will have decided that your child has a gap in their understanding/learning and needs some extra support to 'close the gap' between your child and their peers. - Academic progress is monitored in our academy using Edukey - Parents/Carers will be immediately informed and will be a full partner in planning and reviewing additional support or interventions. The term intervention is used to refer to additional support that a child receives to help move them forward in a particular area of learning. This support is always time limited (it lasts for a certain number of weeks) and will have clear targets to help your child make more progress. - The class teacher will plan with parents/carers, the pupil and the SENDCo to put in place interventions that support your child's learning. - Interventions may include small group work or individual sessions. - We acknowledge that a number of children will have special educational needs (SEN) at some time in their school career. Some of these pupils may require help throughout their time in school, while others may need a little extra support for a short period to help them overcome more temporary needs. - When considering the type of support individual pupils might need, all teachers have been advised to think in terms of two groups of pupils: ➤ "Underachieving and less experienced learners" ➤ "Pupils with a closely defined special educational need or disability" - Pupils identified with special educational needs require a response from the school that goes beyond the necessary differentiation that should typically be available to every child in every classroom. - Particular care will be needed with pupils whose first language is not English. Teachers/key workers will closely follow their progress across the curriculum to ascertain whether any problems arise from uncertain command of English or from special educational needs. It will be necessary to assess their proficiency in English before planning any additional support that might be required. In assessing the SEND of children who speak English as an Additional Language, home language assessment may also be used where deemed appropriate to inform provision.	

	• Children must <u>not</u> be regarded as having learning difficulties solely because their home language is different from that in which they are taught. • Where children's behaviour has been identified as a cause for concern in line with steps taken to support pupils in the school behaviour policy, the school works with the principle that children's behaviour is often the product of other underlying needs, for example social interaction or communication needs. Particular care is taken to address these needs through work with the four school inclusion teams. • Where small group sessions are put in place they will be run by a Teaching Assistant, Learning Support Assistant, teacher or an outside professional (like a Speech and Language Therapist)) using a recognised programme. These small group sessions are often referred to in school as 'interventions' and steps have been taken to ensure that there is a strong 'evidence base' underlying the interventions that we have selected to use. • Learning Support Assistants providing additional support to pupils in school have been provided with additional training in • Every Teacher is a Teacher of SEND • Phonics • Reading Pedagogy • Compassion • Thrive • At this point you will be fully involved in discussions and decisions, and asked to come to a meeting to discuss your child's progress and help plan possible ways forward. • In addition to interventions that take place whether in the classroom, or during the school day, we offer some additional support to students outside of normal school hours	
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10. St Helen's Primary Academy Provision Menu

- Phonics Interventions
- RWI Phonics
- Fresh start
- Reading Interventions
- Maths Interventions
- Speech and Language Interventions
- Homunculi
- Socially Speaking
- Friendship Formula
- Sensory Circuits
- Lego Therapy
- Thrive
 - Social Skills Groups

- Life skills
- Emotional support
- ELSA – Emotional Literacy Support
- Visual timetables
- GEM's - nurture provision

11. Who are the other people providing services to children with SEN in this school?

Multi-Agency Support Substantial Support

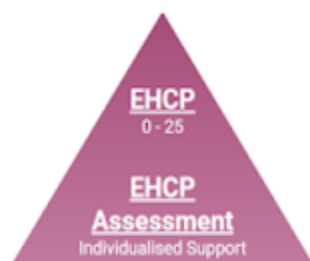
At times specialist professionals may work with your child to understand their needs and make recommendations, these may include:

- Making changes to the way your child is supported in class e.g. some individual support or changing some aspects of teaching to support them better.
- Support to set targets which will include their specific professional expertise.
- Your child's involvement in a group run by school staff under the guidance of the outside professional e.g. Speech and Language Support.
- A group or individual work in school run by an outside professional.

You will always be involved in decisions about how the support will be used and what strategies that will be put in place. You will be provided with the contact details for any agencies or services outside the school who are working or will work with your child. Throughout the year the school will also facilitate 'drop in sessions' which allow parents to meet with the professionals who support the school and to ask questions about the type of support that is provided in school.

Funded by:	Type of service
Directly funded by school	• Positive Regard (Specialist Behaviour Support) • Teaching Assistants • Thrive
Paid for centrally by The Local Authority	• Educational Psychologist • Speech and Language Therapy • Barnsley Social, Communication and Interaction Team • Visual and Hearing Impairment Team • Early Help Team

	• EHC Team
Provided and paid for by Health Service	• School Nurse 0-19 team • Paediatric Diabetes Nurse Specialist • Health Visitor • Occupational Therapy • Community Paediatrics • CAMHS • Paediatricians • Dietician • BSARCS
Voluntary Agencies	• Hey - Hey Mental Health Charity - Play Therapist



12. What happens if my child requires an Education Health and Care Plan (EHCP)?

If, despite all the above support, your child needs further or more specialist input the school, or you, can recommend that the Local Authority makes a statutory assessment for an Education, Health and Care Plan (EHCP). This is a legal process and you can find full details about this in the Local Authority (LA) based Local Offer, Barnsley Local Authority website at

<https://fsd.barnsley.gov.uk/kb5/barnsley/fisd/localoffer.page?localofferchannel=1783>

This will occur where the complexity of need or a lack of clarity around the needs of your child are such that a multi-agency approach to assessing that need, to planning provision and identifying resources, is required.

Steps to Education Health and Care Plans

1. The application for an Education, Health and Care Plan will combine information from a variety of sources including you, your child, teachers, the SENDCO, Social Care and Health professionals. Information will be gathered relating to the current provision provided, action points that have been taken, and the preliminary outcomes of targets set.

2. This information will be shared with the Local Authority at the point at which a request is made for an Education and Health Care Plan. After the school has sent in the request to the Local Authority (with a lot of information about your child, including some from you).
3. A decision will be made by a group of people from education, health and social care about whether or not the child is eligible for an EHC Plan. You have the right to appeal against a decision not to initiate a statutory assessment leading to an EHC Plan.
4. If an EHC Plan is not approved then the school will be asked to continue with the SEN Support in School.
5. If the application is approved by the Local Authority then an EHC Plan will be prepared. It is called an Education Health and Care Plan because it brings together all of the educational health and social care needs that your child may have in one plan.
6. The EHC Plan will state in detail your child's strengths, needs, and the provision that is required to meet the long- and short-term outcomes that are being sought.
7. The school must make its best endeavours to put in place the support identified in the EHC plan.
8. A review of an EHC Plan will be conducted annually in which you, your child, teachers and other agencies (including health and social care professionals) will be invited to attend to discuss and review the progress of your child, set new outcomes and amend the EHCP where necessary.

13. How will we support a child moving between phases and preparing for adulthood with SEND in St Helen's Primary Academy?

We will share information with the school, college, or other setting the pupil is moving to. We will agree with parents and pupils which information will be shared as part of this.

St Helen's Primary Academy SEND transition arrangements:

- Once your child has been allocated a place in our school by the local authority, if you have not yet visited our site we will invite you and your child to meet and speak with the teachers and adults who will work with your child when they are here.
- If other professionals are involved, we will endeavour to hold a Team Around the Family (TAF) to discuss your child's needs, share strategies used, and ensure provision is put in place before your child starts.

If your child is moving to another school:

- We will talk with your child to identify how they are feeling about the move and discuss with them how to make it as positive an experience as possible.
- We will contact the new school's SENCo and ensure s/he knows about any special arrangements or support that needs to be made for your child.
- Where possible we will support a visit to the new school in advance of the move.

- Where possible we will also support the creation of a social story to support their transition.
- We will make sure that all records about your child are passed on as soon as possible.

When moving classes in school:

- You can meet with the new teacher before the new term begins.
- Information will be passed on to the new class teacher IN ADVANCE and in all cases, a planning meeting will take place with the new teacher. All Provision Maps, IEPs and SEN Support Plans will be shared with the new teacher.
- If your child would be helped by a book to support them to understand 'moving on' then it will be made for them.

14. How are the adults in St Helen's Primary Academy supported to work with children with SEND and what training do they have?

Staff Roles	Training and support
SENDCo	• National SENDCo Award • Thrive Practitioner • ELSA Training • Understanding Children & Young People's Mental Health • RWI Training • Locality Network Group • AET Network Group
Teacher/TA's	• Whole school SEND • Every Teacher is a Teacher of SEND • ASD • Phonics - RWI • Fresh start • Reading Pedagogy • Compassion • Edukey • Homunculi • Thrive • Team Teach
Behavioural support staff	• Emotion Coaching • Thrive • Team Teach

15. What are the contact details of support services for parents of pupils with SEND?

Role	Designated Person	Contact details
SENDCO	Mrs Leanne Jones	ljones@sthelensprimaryacademy.org
Other senior leader with responsibility for SEND	Ms Victoria Gorton - Principle	vgorton@sthelensprimaryacademy.org
SEND Link Governor	Mr C Nicholson	cnicholson@academiesenterprisetrust.org
External agencies: Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services (CAMHS) EHC Team Vision Support Team Barnsley Educational, Child and Community Psychology Service Social Communication and Interaction Support Children's Speech and Language Therapy Children's Therapy Hey Mental Health Charity	Mel Dyson Emma Brooke Holly Wallace Beth Thompson Andrea Eaton Carly Turnball Val Cortese	https://www.barnsley.gov.uk/services/health-and-wellbeing/child-and-adolescent-mental-health-services/ senassessmentandreview@barnsley.gov.uk 01226 773966 https://www.barnsley.gov.uk/services/children-families-and-education/schools-and-learning/education-inclusion-services/vision-support/ https://www.barnsley.gov.uk/services/children-families-and-education/schools-and-learning/barnsley-educational-child-and-community-psychology-service/ https://www.barnsley.gov.uk/services/children-families-and-education/schools-and-learning/education-inclusion-services/social-communication-and-interaction/ swy-tr.barnsleyspeechtherapy@nhs.net 01226 644396 carlyt@tadsbarnsley.co.uk valc@tadsbarnsley.co.uk

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Barnsley 0-19 Public Health Nursing Service		0-19HealthTeam@barnsley.gov.uk 01226 774411 07833237634 ashleighjones@barnsley.gov.uk 07720031344
School Nurse	Lucy Schofield Ashleigh Jones	
Paediatric Diabetes Nurse Specialist	Sam Norris	samanthanorris1@nhs.net 01226 432519/ 07415280361
Positive Regard	Amy Hinchliffe	admin@positiveregardtsa.co.uk
Communication and Interaction	Sarah Morgan	smorgan@meadsteadprimaryacademy.org
Local SEND Information Advice and Support Service (SENDIASS)	Barnsley SENDIASS	SENDIASS@barnsley.gov.uk 01226 787234

16. Links to other St Helen's Primary Academy policies.

Links to Academy's policies and procedures with relevance to SEND can be found on the statutory information page on the school website:

<https://sites.google.com/a/tinet.org/st-helens-primary-academy/statutory-information>

These include teaching and learning, behaviour, accessibility plan, and supporting pupils with medical conditions.

You can find out more about services provided by Barnsley Local Authority, including their 'local offer' by going to their website page:

<https://fsd.barnsley.gov.uk/kb5/barnsley/fisd/localoffer.page?localofferchannel=1783>

17. High Quality Teaching Checklist

Whole Class	Independent / Group Work
Access to teacher and any resources used has been planned for, e.g. a number line or grid or text visible to all or made accessible in other ways, background noise avoided where possible, light source in front of teacher not behind	Tasks clearly explained or modelled – checks for understanding, tasks cards or boards as reminders, time available and expected outcomes made clear

Purposeful seating arrangements to support learning or language difficulties	Children's different needs for explanation are recognised: children can choose to start if they feel they understand or wait for further explanation if they do not
Rules and routines for the lesson taught and displayed and referred to regularly; specific praise for the children keeping the rules	Work mats available on tables (alphabet arc/number line/HFWs)
All children clear about objectives of lesson	A distraction-free area has been set up for children who need it to work in / privacy boards available
All children clear about structure of lesson and day, e.g. visual timetables are on display	Children have been taught strategies which mean they can continue to work without direct teacher help if they get stuck; prompts to remind them are on display
New or difficult vocabulary clarified, written up, displayed, revisited	Tasks link back to earlier (or later) objectives where these are appropriate for child and group.
Using different coloured texts on boards for alternate lines/key words	Tasks simplified or extended, e.g. short, concrete text used by one group or long, abstract text by another, numbers to 100 by one group or to 20 by another
Thinking time – up to 10 seconds may need to be allowed. Teacher checks for understanding of instructions, e.g. by asking a child to explain them in their own words	Tasks made more open or more closed according to children's needs
Support in place for children who cannot 'hold things in their heads' – sticky notes, jottings, individual whiteboards	Arrangements (buddying, adult support, taping) made where necessary to ensure that children can access written text and instructions
Questions pitched so as to challenge children at all levels, e.g. define paragraph (for higher attaining), define sentence (for lower attaining)	Alternatives to paper and pencil tasks used where appropriate; Effective use of ICT as an access strategy, e.g. speech or sign supported software, on-screen word banks, predictive word processing
Individuals targeted for particular questions, e.g. one child to add 24 to 52, a less able child to then add 25 to 52	Scaffolding (e.g. problem solving grids or writing frames or clue cards) provided where needed

Use made of alternatives to questions to invite a response, e.g. making suggestions from which the children can choose, speculating, making a personal contribution from own experience	Variety of pupil groupings used so that children are able to draw on each other's strengths and skills; Children taught to work together in groups
Questions used to ensure the rest of the class are listening, e.g. 'Does anyone have a question for Gupta?' 'Who thinks the same as Jo?' 'Who thinks differently?'	Effective use of additional adult support, e.g. learning objectives clear, independence rather than dependence promoted, peer interaction encouraged. Emphasis on progression (DISS best practice)
Children clear about the timescale for the question, e.g. 'This is one for a quick response.' 'This is one which needs several minutes to think about.' 'This is one I want you to work at for ten minutes.'	Individual's learning objectives, e.g. positional language, number facts, punctuation, prediction are picked up on
Time and support given before responses are required, e.g. personal thinking time, partner talk, persisting with progressively more scaffolding until child can answer correctly	Selection of equipment available in class for those pupils with motor difficulties e.g. triangular and chunky writing implements, easy hold rulers, training scissors, pencil grips – assortment, writing slopes – possibly shared between classes.
Contribution of all children valued – secure and supportive learning environment where there is the safety to have a go, to make a mistake	Left handed equipment e.g. scissors, appropriate seating arrangements including sit and move cushions
Children help and support each other with ideas; they give one another space in which to think and respond to questions	Selection of equipment available in class for those pupils with motor difficulties e.g. triangular and chunky writing implements, easy hold rulers, training scissors, pencil grips – assortment, writing slopes – possibly shared between classes.
Contributions reflected back by teacher in expanded form or expanded on by other children	Left handed equipment e.g. scissors, appropriate seating arrangements
Multi-sensory teaching approaches (visual, verbal, kinaesthetic)	Selection of equipment available in class for those pupils with motor difficulties e.g. triangular and chunky writing implements, easy hold rulers, training scissors, pencil grips – assortment, writing slopes – possibly shared between classes.

Time out (talking in pairs or other groups) used to maintain attention, link to children's own language and experience	Left handed equipment e.g. scissors, appropriate seating arrangements including sit and move cushions
Buddying used for seating and paired or partner work, e.g. more settled child paired with a child who finds concentration difficult, more able with less able	Selection of equipment available in class for those pupils with motor difficulties e.g. triangular and chunky writing implements, easy hold rulers, training scissors, pencil grips – assortment, writing slopes – possibly shared between classes.
Interactive strategies used, e.g. children having cards to hold up or own whiteboards or coming to the front to take a role	Left handed equipment e.g. scissors, appropriate seating arrangements
Visual and tangible aids used, e.g. story sacks, real objects, signs and symbols, photographs, pegs on a coat hanger, variety of number lines, counting sticks, computer animations	An expectation that pupils will accept responsibility for their own learning and work independently.
Strategies which children need to use (e.g. for problem solving or text composition) made very explicit	Regular use of encouragement and authentic praise
Abstract concepts made concrete, e.g. word problems in mathematics turned into pictures or acted out or modelled with resources	As a result of all of the above we expect our all pupils to; ✓ Show high levels of engagement with their learning ✓ Take ownerships and responsibility over their learning ✓ Be motivated and enjoy their learning ✓ Develop a growth mind-set and rise to challenges ✓ Become increasingly independent and resilient learners ✓ Make good or outstanding progress
Children who need it being pre-prepared or pre-tutored where this would help them to access the lesson	
Additional adults, if present, are actively involved throughout in supporting or assessing learning	
Unobtrusive system to signal when help is needed	

