

SEN Information Report

The governing bodies of maintained schools and maintained nursery schools and the proprietors of academy schools **must** publish information on their websites about the implementation of the governing body's or the proprietor's policy for pupils with Special Educational Needs (SEN). The information published should be updated annually and any changes to the information occurring during the year should be updated soon as possible. This SEN Information Report has been compiled using the information required as set out in the Special Educational Needs and Disability Regulations 2014.

Broad Areas of SEND

The Special Educational Needs and Disability Code of Practice: 0 to 25 years (Statutory guidance for organisations who work with and support children and young people with special educational needs and disabilities), effective September 2014, details four broad areas of need as follows:

1. Communication and interaction
2. Cognition and learning
3. Social, emotional and mental health difficulties
4. Sensory and/or physical needs

For further explanation, please see Appendix A at the end of this information report.

General School Details:	
School Name:	Wade Deacon High School
School website address:	www.wadedeacon.co.uk
Type of school:	Academy
Description of school:	Mainstream 11-16 mixed secondary school
Does our school have resource base? Yes or No If Yes please provide a brief description.	No
Number on roll:	1559 (July 2016)
% of children at the school with SEND:	9%
Date of last Ofsted:	March 2011
Awards that the school holds:	National Teaching School Status, Leading Edge Status, International School Award, Artsmark Gold, Healthy School, Sportsmark, FA Charter, Gifted and Talented Lead School, Cultural Diversity Quality

	Standard, Investors in Community Engagement, Princes Teaching Institute Mark for History 2012, Investors in People Gold, Investor in Careers, Times Education Secondary School of the Year 2012.		
Accessibility information about the school:	In April 2013 the school was fully refurbished and rebuilt. The school meets all relevant accessibility requirements as required under DDA.		
Expertise and training of school based staff about SEN. (CPD details)	<p>Kathryn Hall: National Award for SEN Coordination; Post Graduate Diploma in Deaf Education; Post Graduate Certificate in Advanced Educational Practice (SEN); British Sign Language Level One; Elklan Level Two.</p> <p>Ian Critchley: National Award for SEN Coordination</p> <p>Kirsty Webster: Post Graduate Certificate in Specific Learning Difficulties (Dyslexia). AMBDA. Elklan Level Three.</p> <p>Linda Kirk: British Sign Language Level Two.</p> <p>Shirley Lucass: Elklan Level Two.</p> <p>Lindsey Cebelieu: Elklan Level Three.</p>		
Documentation available:	Are the following documents available on the schools website?	SEN policy	Yes
	If yes please insert the link to the documents page.	Safeguarding Policy	Yes
		Behaviour Policy	Yes
		Equality & Diversity	Yes
		Pupil Premium Information	Yes
		Complaints procedure	Yes
Range of Provision and inclusion information:			
How we identify special educational learning needs as a school and how we seek the views, opinions and voice of pupils and their parents in planning to meet them.	<p>Identification:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prior information from primary schools/transition information. • Baseline assessment at start of year 7. • Staff and/or parent concerns (at every round of Progress to Success). <p>Involvement in Planning:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Initial conversations take place to ensure pupil and parent voice is addressed. • Interventions and strategies are agreed, reviewed and amended on a regular basis. • If your child appears not to be making the same level of progress as other pupils their age we will undertake assessment in school and use other professionals in identifying possible barriers to their learning. Parents and carers will be involved at all stages. • SEN Support Plans are created and shared with 		

	pupils and parents. Feedback is invited and this is then included in the plan, which is then disseminated to all staff.
What extra support we bring in to help us meet SEN: specialist services, external expertise & how we work together. For example health, social care, local authority support services and voluntary sector organisations.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We have two specialist teachers within the department; a Teacher of the Deaf and a SpLD (Dyslexia) teacher. • A team of Teaching Assistants also support individual pupils across the school. • A Specialist SEN Support Tutor. • Behaviour and Alternative Provision Units. • Tutorial room – supports vulnerable pupils in addition to those in need of tutorial time. • A team of Learning Mentors. • Nurture Group. • Close collaborative work with outside agencies.
How we provide access to a supportive environment; ICT facilities/equipment/resources/facilities etc.	SEN Nurture Group (Foundation). Breakout areas. Access to ICT resources, including ipads and laptops. FM systems for hearing impaired pupils. Differentiated resources for visually impaired pupils, including provision of writing slopes when needed. Student services centre for pupil drop-in. Provision of dedicated Achievement Centre.
What strategies/programmes/resources are available to support speech & language and communication including social skills?	A Speech and Language Therapist for identified cases. In-class support from Teaching Assistants. Social skills club for identified vulnerable pupils. Elklan strategies to support pupils with Autistic Spectrum Disorders and Speech and Language difficulties. Lunch clubs and Games clubs.
Strategies to support the development of literacy (reading /writing).	Nurture Group provision for identified year 7 and 8 pupils. Early morning literacy intervention sessions for identified pupils. Targeted reading intervention. Teaching Assistants providing in-class support. Precision teaching sessions (with a main focus of improving spelling levels. Accelerated Reader. Use of specialist resources online for reinforcement of teaching and learning. Whole-school reading and literacy drive. Continued Professional Development training for all staff across the school.
Strategies to support the development of numeracy.	Early morning numeracy intervention sessions for identified pupils. Teaching Assistants providing one-to-one support when appropriate. In-class support provision by Teaching Assistants. Use of specialist resources and targeted online resources for reinforcement of teaching and learning.
How we adapt the curriculum and modify teaching approaches to meet SEN and facilitate access.	Personalised pathways tailored to pupils' needs. Smaller class sizes for SEN groups. SEN Nurture Group for identified pupils in years 7 and 8 (literacy focus). Teaching Assistants providing support in-class and

	<p>withdrawal when appropriate. Provision of tailored SEN Support Plans for identified pupils. Provision of Personal Education Plans. Targeted intervention sessions. Differentiation of resources to suit individual needs. Provision of specialist equipment. Implementation of strategies as suggested by external agencies. Personalised curriculums to meet individual needs.</p>
<p>How we track and assess pupil progress towards the outcomes that we have targeted for pupils (including how we involve pupils and their parents/carers). What we do when provision or interventions need to be extended or increased and how we evaluate their overall effectiveness.</p>	<p>In-class observations. Pupil passport meetings for all SEN pupils. SEN Support Plan and three-yearly reviews. Provision of Pastoral Support Plans when appropriate. Common Assessment Framework meetings. Regular communication and meetings with parents.</p>
<p>Strategies/support to develop independent learning.</p>	<p>Provision of Minimum Expected Grades and Progress to Success for all pupils across the school. Pupil passport meetings led by Keyworkers and Learning Mentors. Regular reviews of in-class support provision. Access to a broad and balanced curriculum for all. Regular reviews of progress. Provision of regular and purposeful feedback to pupils. Personal Social and Health Education sessions for all pupils across the school. Regular Citizenship and Enterprise days for all.</p>
<p>Support /supervision at unstructured times of the day including personal care arrangements.</p>	<p>Mid-day supervisors provide support at all break and lunchtimes. Named teaching staff are also allocated to supervise at all break and lunchtimes. Lunch clubs are held three times a week. A library-pass system for identified pupils to access a quiet area at break and/or lunchtimes. Beads club at the start of the day for vulnerable pupils. After-school homework clubs with Teaching Assistant support.</p>
<p>Extended school provision available; before and after school, holidays etc.</p>	<p>Pupil pledge of extracurricular activities for all new Year 7 pupils. Provision of early morning intervention sessions. Easter school sessions. Please also refer to the full list of whole school extracurricular activities.</p>
<p>How will we support pupils to be included in activities outside the classroom (including school trips) working alongside their peers who do not have SEN?</p>	<p>All pupils are encouraged to engage and participate in extra-curricular activities and school trips. Keyworkers can work with pupils to prepare them for any such activities and if appropriate, TA support may be provided to enable pupil interaction with their peers.</p>
<p>Strategies used to reduce anxiety, prevent bullying, promote emotional wellbeing</p>	<p>Provision of Teaching Assistant support in lessons. SEN Nurture Group. Deployment of Learning Mentors and dedicated Keyworkers. Provision of a variety of clubs for</p>

and develop self-esteem including mentoring.	specifically identified groups of pupils; including Social skills club; Beads club. Use of parent contact books when identified as appropriate to further strengthen communication channels between home and school. Active engagement with outside agencies.
What strategies can be put in place to support behaviour management?	The consistent use of the school's Behaviour for Learning Policy. Behaviour support team. Provision of one-to-one sessions supporting positive behaviour strategies and anger management. Use of whole-school reward systems. Engagement with the VIVO system. Provision of dedicated Keyworkers and Learning Mentors.
How we support pupils in their transition into our school and when they leave us <i>and in preparing for adulthood.</i>	Transition visits are completed with Primary Schools, including follow-up visits from the SENCo. Transition plans are established and activated for individual identified pupils. Keyworkers and Learning Mentors are identified at the earliest opportunity to establish consistency. A two-day transition programme is undertaken for all Year 6 pupils who have been given a place. Meetings with Connexions take place from year 9. Mock interviews for college courses are conducted for identified vulnerable pupils. A hand-over process is engaged in for vulnerable pupils. Regular meetings with parents when necessary. Supported college visits are conducted to ease the transition into a post-16 environment. Work experience placements are tailored to individual pupils.
Access to strategies, resources, programmes, therapists to support occupational therapy/ physiotherapy needs and medical needs.	We have close links with external specialist agencies. Lift passes (and evacu-chairs) for identified pupils to aid movement throughout the school building. Staff training around addressing the specific medical needs of individual pupils.
Extra support for parents and carers and pupils offered by the school/how parents are involved in their child's education.	The provision of Keyworkers and Learning Mentors. Regular meetings with parents/carers. Parent contact book to strengthen school-home communication. Provision of personal tutors and progress leaders to all pupils across the school. Regular pupil evaluations of learning. School council. Parent-engagement sessions. Close links with external agencies. The school also works closely with the Local Authority.
How additional funding for SEN is used within the school with individual pupils.	For the employment of Teaching Assistants to run a programme of Early Morning Intervention sessions targeting literacy and numeracy for identified pupils. Provision of lunch clubs and homework clubs. The provision of in-class support. For the development and delivery of personalised timetables to meet pupils' individual needs. For one-to-one sessions when deemed

	appropriate. For the provision of dedicated rooms to support pupils on temporary and/or reduced timetables due to issues of challenging behaviour and/or vulnerability. For the provision of Keyworkers and Learning Mentors.		
Arrangements for supporting pupils who are looked after by the local authority and have SEN. Including examples of how pupil premium is used within the school.	The provision of specific interventions for literacy and numeracy such as 1-1 tuition or small group. For the provision of additional specialist staff. For providing extracurricular experiential opportunities including educational visits. For accessing specific specialist resources to support intervention programmes. Staff training and development. Extended Schools provision in Easter and Summer.		
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Appendix A

Broad areas of SEND taken from *SEND Code of Practice 0-25 effective September 2014*

Communication and interaction

6.28 Children and young people with speech, language and communication needs (SLCN) have difficulty in communicating with others. This may be because they have difficulty saying what they want to, understanding what is being said to them or they do not understand or use social rules of communication. The profile for every child with SLCN is different and their needs may change over time. They may have difficulty with one, some or all of the different aspects of speech, language or social communication at different times of their lives.

6.29 Children and young people with ASD, including Asperger's Syndrome and Autism, are likely to have particular difficulties with social interaction. They may also experience difficulties with language, communication and imagination, which can impact on how they relate to others.

Cognition and Learning

6.30 Support for learning difficulties may be required 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), severe learning difficulties (SLD), where children are likely to need support in all areas of the curriculum and associated difficulties with mobility and communication, through to profound and multiple learning difficulties (PMLD), where children are likely to have severe and complex learning difficulties as well as a physical disability or sensory impairment.

6.31 Specific learning difficulties (SpLD), affect one or more specific aspects of learning. This encompasses a range of conditions such as dyslexia, dyscalculia and dyspraxia.

Social, emotional and mental health difficulties

6.32 Children and young people may experience a wide range of social and emotional difficulties which manifest themselves in many ways. These may include becoming withdrawn or isolated, as well as displaying challenging, disruptive or disturbing behaviour. These behaviours may reflect underlying mental health difficulties such as anxiety or depression, self-harming, substance misuse, eating disorders or physical symptoms that are medically unexplained. Other children and young people may have disorders such as attention deficit disorder, attention deficit hyperactive disorder or attachment disorder.

Sensory and/or physical needs

6.34 Some children and young people require special educational provision because they have a disability which prevents or hinders them from making use of the educational facilities generally provided. These difficulties can be age related and may fluctuate over time. Many children and young people with vision impairment (VI), hearing impairment (HI) or a multi-sensory impairment (MSI) will require specialist support and/or equipment to access their learning, or habilitation support. Children and young people with an MSI have a combination of vision and hearing difficulties. Information on how to provide services for deafblind children and young people is available through the Social Care for Deafblind Children and Adults guidance published by the Department of Health (see the References section under Chapter 6 for a link).

6.35 Some children and young people with a physical disability (PD) require additional ongoing support and equipment to access all the opportunities available to their peers.