

Beecroft Primary School – Special Educational Needs Information Report 2024

1. What type of SEND do we provide for?

At Beecroft Primary School we are committed to giving all our children every opportunity to achieve the highest of standards. The school seeks to enable all children to achieve high standards of work, behaviour and attitudes to others. Due to this belief and a strategic and proactive approach to learning and tailored intervention for our pupils with SEND; they consistently achieve high standards outperforming expectations. Beecroft currently supports children who have a range of special educational needs and disabilities.

2. How do we identify and assess pupils with SEND?

Following discussion with parents, in identifying a child as needing SEND support, the class teacher, working with the SENDCO, carries out a clear analysis of the pupil's needs. This draws on the teacher's assessment and experience of the pupil, their previous progress and attainment, as well as information from our core approach to pupil progress, attainment, and behaviour. It also draws on the individual's development in comparison to their peers, national data, the views and knowledge of parents, the pupil's own views and, if relevant, advice from external support services.

Where it is decided to provide a pupil with SEND support, parents are fully involved. The teacher and the SENDCO agree in consultation with the parent and the pupil the adjustments, and additional support to be put in place, as well as the expected impact on progress, development, or behaviour, along with a clear date for at least a termly review.

All teachers and support staff who work with the pupil are made aware of their needs, the outcomes sought, the support provided and any teaching strategies or approaches that are required. This is recorded on the school's information system and the pupil's Individual Learning Plan.

3. Who is our SENDCO and how can she be contacted?

If you have any concerns about your child, please make an appointment to see our SENDCO, Miss Brown. Please ring the school office on 0113 2618820.

4. What is our approach to teaching pupils with SEND?

Targeted classroom teaching –

Our teachers have the highest possible expectations for your child and all pupils in their class.

- Teaching is based on building on what your child already knows, can do, and can understand.
- A range of different methods of teaching are in place so that your child is fully involved in learning in class.
- Specific strategies, which may be suggested by the SENDCO, are in place to support your child to learn.

- Your child's teacher 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 help them make the best possible progress.

Specific small group work/targeted groups -

- Planned by a teacher and taught by either a teacher or a teaching assistant who has had training to run these groups.
- Your child will engage in group sessions with specific targets to help them to make more progress.

Specialist groups run by outside agencies e.g., speech and language therapy or occupational therapy groups -

- The school may suggest that your child needs some agreed individual support in school. They will tell you how the support will be used and what strategies will be put in place. This type of support is available for children with specific barriers to learning that cannot be overcome through class teaching and small group work.

Specified individual support –

This is usually provided when an Education, Health and Care Plan (EHCP) is in place. This means your child will have been identified by the class teacher and SENDCO as needing a particularly high level of individual or small group teaching. Usually, your child will also need specialist support in school from a professional outside the school.

5. How do we adapt the curriculum and the learning environment?

Pupils with special educational needs are integrated fully into the life of Beecroft and teachers differentiate work within the classroom so that all children can experience success within the curriculum. Class teachers plan lessons according to the specific needs of all groups of children in their class and will ensure that your child's needs are met. We provide a learning environment to enable pupils to have every opportunity to communicate, understand and participate in the life of the school. This will include visual prompts, visual timetables, objects of reference, photographs, symbols, and words. Staff use Makaton sign language and PECS; technology is also used to support learning where appropriate.

6. How do we enable pupils with SEND to engage in activities with other pupils who do not have SEND?

Beecroft is an inclusive school. All curriculum subjects and activities offered to pupils are available to pupils with SEND, including clubs and trips. Where necessary, additional resources are made available to ensure the safe and successful participation of pupils with SEND. Opportunities are provided for all pupils to be successful at Beecroft; pupils with SEND represent the school on the School Council, at open days and in inter-school sporting competitions.

7. How do we consult parents of pupils with SEND and involve them in their child's learning?

We offer an open-door policy where you are welcome any time to make an appointment to meet with either your child's class teacher or the SENDCO to discuss how your child is getting on. We can also offer advice and practical ways that you can help your child at home. We believe that your child's education should be a partnership between parents and teachers, therefore we aim to keep communication channels open and communicate regularly, especially if your child has complex needs. If your child is on the SEND register then parents are involved at each stage of the assess, plan, do and review process and will be fully involved in discussing and planning your child's Individual Learning Plan (ILP) which will have clear SMART targets. This is discussed at least on a termly basis and parents are given a copy of the plan.

8. How do we consult pupils with SEND and involve them in their education?

The pupil is involved (as is age-appropriate) at every stage of the assess, plan, do and review process. The child is able to discuss any aspect of their provision, informally on a regular basis with their class teacher, and by contributing to their reviews.

There is also a school council at Beecroft which contributes ideas and suggestions for school improvement.

9. How do we assess and review pupil's progress towards their outcomes?

The school uses a variety of assessment processes as appropriate to the different key stages within the school. These are documented in our assessment policy. We review progress daily in lessons which informs our planning. ILP targets are reviewed at least termly with pupils and parents, and there is an annual report to parents on the child's progress.

The ILP targets are usually as a result of school and parental agreement on the areas that the child needs work on in terms of their academic progress and also in relation to personal development and the social and emotional aspects of their learning.

10. How do we support pupils preparing for adulthood?

Pupils throughout school are encouraged to be as independent as possible using the skills that they have. This will include aspects of personal care, personal organisation, learning to work independently and in moving around the school independently.

11. How do we help children transfer to the next phase of their education?

We recognise that 'moving on' can be difficult for a child with SEND and take steps to ensure that any transition is as smooth as possible. If your child is moving to another school:

- We will contact the school SENDCO and ensure they know about any special arrangements or support that needs to be made for your child.
- We will make sure that all records about your child are passed on as soon as possible.

Where a child has an EHC Plan, a preference for their education setting should be made during the annual review process the year prior to the transition to secondary school. This enables the local authority to consult and request placements at the preferred school.

12. How do we support pupils with SEND to improve their emotional and social development?

We are an inclusive school; we welcome and celebrate diversity. All staff believe that children having high self-esteem is crucial to a child's well-being. Our school views relationships and emotional well-being as vital to learning. The class teacher has overall responsibility for the pastoral, medical and social care of every child in their class; there are good ratios of staff to pupils in our school so that the children can feel valued and have their needs met.

To contribute to our whole-school approach to mental health we employ a trained counsellor from Place2Be. This enables us to provide mental health support in school through one-to-one support and group counselling.

Our play therapist also works individually with pupils where this is deemed appropriate.

13. What expertise and training do our staff have to support pupils with SEND?

Children in school will get support that is specific to their individual needs. This may be all provided by the class teacher or may involve -

- Other staff in the school including the SENDCO.
- Staff who will visit the school from the Sensory Service, STARS or the SEND and Inclusion team.
- Staff who visit from outside agencies such as the Speech and Language Therapy Service.

The school has a training plan for all staff to improve the teaching and learning of children including those with SEND. This includes whole school training on SEND issues-

- Individual teachers and support staff attend training courses run by outside agencies that are relevant to the needs of specific children in their class.
- All school staff have received Making Sense of Autism training.
- The SENDCO has also completed Tier 2 and Tier 3 Autism Education Trust training.
- All our teaching assistants have had training in delivering reading and spelling / phonics programmes.

14. How will we secure specialist expertise?

Beecroft has a policy of continuous professional development of all staff, including teachers and teaching assistants, developing expertise, and utilising the skills and knowledge of our workforce. This includes training about special educational needs. Staff receive training 'in house' and from outside agencies where appropriate to meet the needs of pupils with SEND in the school. Some specialist expertise is provided through commissioned and local authority services i.e., therapy and outreach services.

15. How will we secure equipment and facilities to support pupils with SEND?

A pupil's need for equipment and facilities is individually assessed. Funding for the purchase of equipment may be provided by the school or for specialist equipment requested from the appropriate agencies.

16. How do we involve other organisations in meeting the needs of pupils with SEND needs and supporting their families?

Our school is supported by external agencies and outreach services to meet the pupils' needs. Some of these services attend reviews and visit pupils in school to monitor their progress/needs and to share information with the school. These meetings either take place in school or virtually.

17. How do we evaluate the effectiveness of our SEND provision?

The school evaluates its own effectiveness, and this is monitored through a variety of processes. The Headteacher reports on all aspects of the school to governors, and we have an identified governor responsible for SEND provision. The SENDCO meets with the SEND governor to keep them up to date about the needs of and provision for pupils in school. The school also buys external monitoring to provide governors with an independent view of the school.

18. How do we handle complaints from parents with SEND about provision made at the school?

There is an opportunity for all parents to raise concerns about their child's provision and/or progress at any time through contact with the class teacher or the Headteacher. Every effort is always made by our school to work with parents to address any concerns, however if the issue cannot be resolved then parents should follow the complaints procedure which is on the school's website. We would hope that through early intervention any complaints could be resolved without the need for this stage.

19. Who can pupils and parents contact if they have concerns?

Pupils may raise a concern with their own teacher or one of the named teachers on our school TELL system (posters are displayed around our school). Parents may wish to address the class teacher or take their concern directly to the Headteacher.

20. What support services are available to parents?

The school provides some training for parents in preparing pupils for school, in reading and parenting skills and guidance is provided related to esafety. We are also available to listen to parents' concerns and needs, providing a sign posting service and making referrals if required to support parents to access external services.

21. Where can the local authority's local offer be found?

The authority's local offer is found on their web page <https://www.leeds.gov.uk/schools-and-education/support-for-pupils-with-send>