



# SEN Information Report

## Milton Special School

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### **1.1 The kinds of SEN that are provided for**

- Our school currently provides additional and/or different provision for a range of needs, including: Social, emotional and mental health difficulties for example, attention deficit hyperactivity disorder (ADHD)
- Communication and interaction, for example, autistic spectrum disorder, Asperger's Syndrome, speech and language difficulties
- Cognition and learning, for example, dyslexia, dyspraxia,
- Sensory and/or physical needs, for example, visual impairments, hearing impairments, processing difficulties, epilepsy

### **1.2 Working with SEN Pupils and assessing their needs**

On admission to Milton School we will assess each pupil's current skills and levels of attainment and use information from previous settings and Key Stages, where appropriate. Class teachers will make regular assessments of progress for all pupils and the SENCO will hold Annual review meetings with families and other relevant professional agencies, as well as gathering the thoughts of the pupil. This will also include monitoring in areas other than attainment, for example, social emotional and mental health needs.

### **1.3 Consulting and involving pupils and parents**

We will work closely with pupils, parents/carers and professionals at Milton School.

These conversations ensure that:

- Everyone develops a good understanding of the pupil's areas of strength and difficulty
- We take into account the parents/carers concerns
- Everyone understands the agreed outcomes sought for the child
- Everyone is clear on any identified next steps.

All pupils in our setting regularly complete and update 'All About Me' document. This provides pupils with the opportunity to voice their own views and opinions about how they feel and what areas of their education they would like more support for (when age appropriate).

The following headings are used when completing an 'All About me'.

#### **Lower school:**

- A picture of me
- Things that make me happy
- Things that make me angry
- When I grow up I want to be
- My friends are

- I like school because
- The best way to help me is...

#### **Upper School:**

- What you should know about me
- A good day at school looks like
- My interest and hobbies
- A challenging day at school is
- When I leave school I want to
- The best way to help me is..

All pupils in Milton School have an EHCP and their targets are tracked termly using our 'Personal Target Tracker' These are shared with parents for upto date progress during reviews.

#### **1.4 Assessing and reviewing pupils' progress towards outcomes**

Through the Annual Review and pupils Individual Learning Plans, we will assess and review our pupils progress towards the Outcomes identified in their EHCP using the Personal Target Tracker that has been updated throughout the year.

Prior to the Annual Review the class teacher will work with the SENCO to carry out a clear analysis of the pupil's current presenting needs. This will include:

- The teacher's assessment and experience of the pupil
- Their previous progress, attainment and behaviour.
- Other assessments, where relevant
- The individual's development in comparison to their peers and national data
- The views and experience of parents/carers
- The pupil's own views
- Advice from external support services e.g Speech and Language

All teachers and support staff who work with the pupil will be made aware of their needs, the outcomes sought, the support provided, and any teaching strategies or approaches that are required. We will regularly review the effectiveness of the support and interventions and their impact on the pupil's progress.

#### **1.5 Supporting pupils moving between phases and preparing for adulthood**

We will share information with the school that the pupil is moving to. We will agree with parents/carers and pupils which information will be shared as part of this.

We share our risk assessment which outlines strategies and de-escalation techniques which have been found to be effective for that individual pupil.

Transition to College/ post 16 provisions is managed by the Upper School Lead. Pupils will visit their College/ Post 16 placement supported by members of the Milton School staff team, for as many visits as necessary.

### **1.6 Our approach to teaching pupils with SEN**

Teachers are responsible and accountable for the progress and development of all the pupils in their class.

Quality first teaching supports all our pupils. The work will be adapted for individual pupils.

Provision maps outline the individual support identified for each pupil. This information is taken from the experienced staff knowledge, the child's EHCP and reports from other professionals e.g. An Educational Psychologist report

We provide the following interventions:

- In class TA targeted support
- Small group and 1:1 work – Around literacy and phonics/numeracy/social skills
- Phonics interventions with specific phonics tutor
- Targeted support in their specific area of need
- Specific identified interventions delivered by a trained member of staff
- Ensure that pupils have access to interventions from external providers, if highlighted in the EHCP or recommended by other professionals
- Targeted EHCP target time throughout the week to work on specific targets
- Increased supervision for some pupils during unstructured time
- A clear behaviour policy implemented consistently by all staff

### **1.7 Adaptations to the curriculum and learning environment**

Our curriculum is targeted at specific needs of pupils. Some pupils are on a more structured national curriculum pathway tailored to the 'working at' age not necessarily age related expectations. Other pupils are on our 'Explorer' and 'Discoverers' route which is learning through experiences.

We make the following adaptations to ensure all pupils' needs are met:

- Adapting our curriculum to ensure all pupils are able to access it, for example, by grouping, 1:1 work, teaching style, content of the lesson, etc.
- Adapting our resources and staffing

- Using recommended aids, such as laptops, coloured overlays, visual timetables, larger font, etc.
- Adapting our teaching and learning, for example, giving longer processing times, pre-teaching of key vocabulary, reading instructions aloud, etc.
- Adapting the presentation of tasks to ensure that the pupils needs do not become a barrier to them accessing the learning

### **1.8 Additional support for learning**

We have a dedicated team of Support Staff and a Pastoral Team to support the complex needs of our pupils.

Teaching assistants will support pupils on a 1:1 basis and in small groups based on current need at the time and as directed by the class teacher.

When we have concerns that a pupil will need additional or external support to meet their special educational needs then a request can be made to the Local Authority /service provider and/or other professional support services or voluntary organisation which may include:

Educational Psychologist  
 Speech and Language Service  
 Visual Impairment team  
 Hearing Impairment team  
 Sensory Service  
 National Autistic Society  
 Social Care  
 CAMHS  
 School Nursing Team  
 Bereavement Support Team  
 Barnardos  
 Rotherham Council Local Offer

This list is not exhaustive. Advice may be sought from one or several service providers.

Throughout this process the local authority has a duty to request the opinions of parents/carers, the school and allied professionals.

## **1.9 Expertise and training of staff**

Our SENCO has 8 years of experience working in a special needs setting. They completed their SENCO qualification in 2019. They also have a specialism in Autism.

We have a team of experienced teaching assistants who are trained to deliver SEN provision.

In the last two academic years, staff have been trained in the following (whether that be whole school training or specific members of staff):

Safeguarding Children Awareness

Visual supports and Structures

Team Teach

Promoting Positive Behaviour

First Aid specialist staff

Read write inc. phonics training

ELSA trained staff

Makaton

Sensory support training

Restorative practice

## **1.10 Securing equipment and facilities**

- The type of support, equipment and facilities needed to support children with SEN is led by the child's individual need. All pupil's have an Education, Health and Care Plan. Their EHCP clearly lays out the type of support needed as a recommendation. They will also receive additional support linked to their needs. This support may take various forms such as:
  - In class support from teaching assistants
  - Small group support
  - Specialist 1:1 support
  - Support from external agencies
  - Provision of specialist resources
  - Children are given additional and adapted support and interventions are put in place to support their learning and the impact of that provision is measured.

## **1.11 Evaluating the effectiveness of SEN provision**

We evaluate the effectiveness of provision for pupils with SEN by:

- Reviewing pupils' individual progress towards their targets each term – using the pupil's 'Personal Progress Trackers' as a starting point

- Regularly reviewing the impact of identified interventions
- Annual and Interim EHCP reviews
- Monitoring by the SENCO

### **1.12 Enabling pupils with SEN to engage in activities available to those in the school who do not have SEN**

All of our extra-curricular activities and school visits are available to all of our pupils, following a review of each pupil's risk assessment and having received parental consent.

All pupils are encouraged to take part in sports day/school plays/special workshops, etc.

We are an inclusive setting and no pupil will ever be excluded from taking part in these activities because of their SEN or disability.

- Our school's accessibility plan is on our website

### **1.13 Support for improving emotional and social development**

We provide support for pupils to improve their emotional and social development in the following ways:

- Pupils with SEN are also encouraged to be part of our friendship groups to promote teamwork/building friendships etc.
- We promote Pupil Voice across the setting
- Personal Development work 1:1 and group work with identified pupils.
- Emotional Wellbeing staff and Pastoral team

We have a zero-tolerance approach to bullying.

### **1.14 Working with other agencies**

As a setting we work closely with external agencies including Health, Social Care, The Local Authority to meet our pupils SEN needs and to support our families.

Any Annual or Termly review meetings include invitations to appropriate professions inviting them to attend and contribute.

We work closely with CAMHS and have termly drop ins for any pupils who may need a little extra advice on. We work closely with the Educational Psychologist service and have built up a positive, professional working relationship with the service.

We also work across boundary with Barnsley, Sheffield and Doncaster Local Authorities.

### **1.15 Complaints about SEN provision**

Complaints about SEN provision in our school should be made to the Head Teacher in the first instance. They will then be investigated using the school's complaints policy.

The parents of pupils with disabilities have the right to make disability discrimination claims to the first-tier SEND tribunal if they believe that our school has discriminated against their children. They can make a claim about alleged discrimination regarding:

- Exclusions
- Provision of education and associated services
- Making reasonable adjustments, including the provision of auxiliary aids and services

### **1.16 Contact details of support services for parents of pupils with SEN**

All support services available across Rotherham are contained in the Local Offer.

### **1.17 Contact details for raising concerns**

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### **1.18 The local authority local offer**

Our local authority's local offer is published here: [Rotherham SEND Local Offer – Here you will find help, advice and information about the services available for your child or young person from birth to 25 years with a Special Educational Need or Disability \(SEND\).](#)