

SEN Report

Brief description of the school

Crookesbroom Primary Academy is part of the Delta Trust Academy chain. We are a one form entry primary academy (3-11) with a 26 place morning nursery. Our current number on roll is 234.

At Crookesbroom Primary Academy, we strive to promote an inclusive, welcoming learning environment where all members of the school community feel safe, valued and respected. We aim to develop independence, individuality and the confidence to take risks through challenging learning opportunities. Access to inspiring and motivating learning experiences ensures that all are able to flourish and achieve their potential. Our school aims to be an integral part of the wider community, which values, enriches and provides diverse opportunities for all. In an ever-changing world, we aim to equip pupils with the skills to succeed and take their place as caring responsible citizens of the future.

How we identify if your child may need additional help and/or has special educational needs (SEN)

Summative assessment takes place half-termly within the classroom for all children in school. The method of this assessment depends upon the child's age and phase of school (Early Years, Key Stage 1 or Key Stage 2). Summative assessment tools can provide specific targets for children to develop. On-going formative assessment is also used to identify specific targets and next steps. The following documents are used to support identification:

- SEN Code of Practice
- National Curriculum
- Special Educational Needs Policy
- Accessibility Plan
- Behaviour Policy
- Equality Policy

How we involve parents and carers in meeting the needs of their child and in whole school developments

Partnership with parents is a fundamental part of our SEN practice. Parents of SEN pupils will be kept informed at each stage of the process:

Parents will be consulted before their child is placed on the Special Educational Needs Register.

Parents of pupils with SEN will be invited to review SEN Support Plans with class teachers at least three times a year.

Within each SEN Support Plan suggestions of how parents can support their child to achieve targets at home will be included. Where appropriate, class teachers will provide parents with necessary resources, e.g. word lists, visual prompts, to enable them to support their child at home.

For some pupils with SEN, parents will be invited to consult with external specialists, e.g. Educational Psychologists, CAMHS in order to discuss and plan additional support for their child.

For some pupils with SEN, parents will be invited to annual review meetings, e.g. pupils with an Education Health and Care Plan, to discuss their child's progress with all professionals involved.

Schemes such as home/school diaries may be used to keep parents involved and informed about their child's progress and targets and also to encourage parental views and advice.

How we will involve your child in the planning and review of their support

Children will participate in all decision-making processes, target setting and contribute to reviewing their SEN Support Plans by making a personal comment on their own progress. The children will also contribute to a One Page Profile to share their successes and difficulties. As a result, children feel confident that they are being listened to and that their views are valued.

Where appropriate, pupils with Statements or Education, Health and Care Plans will be given the opportunity to attend review meetings.

How we match the curriculum, teaching and learning approaches if your child has SEN

The curriculum will be made accessible for all pupils in accordance with the National Curriculum Inclusion Statement, emphasising the importance of providing effective learning opportunities for all pupils and offering three key principles for inclusion:

1. Setting appropriate learning challenges
2. Responding to pupils' diverse needs
3. Overcoming potential barriers to learning and assessment for individuals and groups of pupils

A minority of pupils will need access to specialist equipment and different approaches in order to access the National Curriculum and for these pupils will have individual support plans which will be created by the class teacher, parents, outside agencies and the SENCO outlining the child's specific needs. Individual Support Plans are agreed and reviewed regularly by class teachers, teaching assistants and parents in order to ensure the child's needs are being met.

How we provide additional support if your child has learning needs

On the whole SEN pupils will be taught within classrooms alongside pupils who do not have SEN. However, pupils with SEN will receive additional support either in class or withdrawn in small groups or one-to-one to work on the targets specified on their SEN Support Plans.

The school also provides:

Targeted intervention groups for SEN children

1:1 support if deemed appropriate

Small group work within the class

Small group work and 1:1 support to address emotional needs with the Learning Mentors / Nurtures

School Nurture Group (Jigsaw Club) to support with SEMH needs

Crookesbroom holds termly information sharing sessions for parents of ASCETS team. These dates are available on the school diary.

The SENCO regularly liaises with a range of external specialists in order to support pupils with SEN within school. These include:

1. Educational Psychologist
2. Speech Therapist

3. Occupational Therapist

4. ASCETs Team

5. Outreach Support from local schools with pupil learning centres or Special Schools eg Bentley PLC, Stonehill Special School

Pupils with SEN will be able to access extended school provision alongside pupils who do not have SEN, e.g. breakfast club and after school clubs.

How we provide additional support if your child has social and communication needs

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• Pupils with SEN will be able to access extended school provision alongside pupils who do not have SEN, e.g. breakfast club and after school clubs.

• Referrals to outside agencies are made when it is felt necessary.

• Children have the opportunity to work with the schools Learning Mentors

• Targeted intervention groups for SEN children

• 1:1 support for statemented children

• Small group work within the class

• Small group work to address emotional needs with the Learning Mentors

• 1:1 support for children to address emotional needs with the Learning Mentors/ Nurture Lead

How we provide additional support if your child has physical, sensory and/or medical needs

A minority of pupils may need access to specialist equipment and different approaches to learning, in order to access the National Curriculum. We will consult with specialist agencies to ensure that appropriate equipment and appropriate challenge is in place to allow the children to succeed. If your child has a medical need, we ensure that relevant staff are trained in supporting the needs of the child, and also that all staff are made aware of needs and how to access help and support. Support for the children may include:

- Targeted intervention groups for SEN children
- 1:1 support for statemented children eg physiotherapy exercises
- Small group work within the class (with appropriate modifications to equipment / work sheets/ books etc)
- Small group work to address emotional needs with the Learning Mentor / Nurture Lead
- Intervention and support from specialised agencies eg Occupational therapy/ Motor On

How we provide help to support your child's emotional health and well being

There are several arrangements and interventions in place in order to support the emotional and social development of pupils with SEN. These include:

1. STAR time support with our Learning Mentor to ensure a settled start to the morning.

2. Interventions such as 'Playing for Purpose' and 'Friendship Groups' will be used in order to support pupils with SEN to develop their social skills.
3. For some SEN pupils, a support team of designated adults (Safe Team) is identified for pupils with SEN needs to talk or share their concerns and to support at times of anxiety.
4. Anti-Bullying Policy.
5. 3 members of staff have accessed THRIVE training and work with identified children on a weekly basis
6. Targeted nurture group intervention groups for children struggling with SEMH (Nurture support identified through assessment using Boxhall Assessment and pupil voice.
7. 1:1 support for children in crisis and / or children with EHCP
8. Small group work within the class
9. Small group work to address emotional needs with the Learning Mentor
10. 1:1 support for children to address emotional needs with the Learning Mentor
11. Family group support provided to siblings in school who may be vulnerable at different times due to changes in circumstances eg bereavement
12. 2 members of staff have 'Attachment in Schools' Level 3 training for helping to deal with loss and trauma
13. Solihull Parenting Program runs in school each term to support parents in supporting their children with SEMH needs.

How we promote developing independence

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How we measure and review your child's progress against their targets and longer term outcomes

Summative assessment also takes place half termly within the classroom for all children in school. The method of this assessment depends upon the child's age and phase of school (Early Years, Key Stage 1 or Key Stage 2). Summative assessment tools can provide specific targets for children to develop.

On-going formative assessment is used to inform next steps for children. Marking and feedback allow teachers to identify specific targets.

PIVATs assessments in Reading, Writing, Number and PSED is used to measure small step progress of SEN children.

Boxhall assessment is used to measure SEMH progress

Thrive Approach assessment is used to monitor the progress of the children receiving Thrive support.

RAG meetings are held each half term and interventions/ strategies/ support needs reviewed to ensure good progress for our SEN children

How we adapt the learning environment and ensure that our school facilities are safe and welcoming to children with SEN

- Class teachers will plan lessons according to the specific needs of all groups of children in their class and will ensure that every child's needs are met and that there are no barriers to every pupil achieving.
- Support staff, under the direction of the class teacher, can adapt planning to support the needs of SEN children where necessary.
- Specific resources and strategies will be used to support children with SEN individually and in groups.
- Planning and teaching will be adapted, on a daily basis if needed, to meet children's learning needs.
- Homework will be adjusted as needed to meet children's individual requirements.
- Learning environments support learning.

How we include children with SEND in the life of our school

Crookesbroom Primary Academy is a fully inclusive school and it is something that we are exceptionally proud of. We endeavour, wherever possible, to include SEN pupils in all aspects of our school. Pupils identified with SEN may receive additional support either in class or withdrawn in small groups or one-to-one to work on the targets specified on their SEN Support Plans.

Pupils with SEN have full and complete access to all extended school provision alongside pupils who do not have SEN, including breakfast club, after school clubs, residential visits.

How we ensure that all of our staff are trained and supported to meet a wide range of children's needs

The professional development of all staff involved in meeting the needs of pupils with SEN is on-going and continuous. A wide range of training opportunities have been provided which include:

- Skills sharing and the demonstration of teaching techniques and strategies organised within the school.
- Professional development sessions and one-off sessions on relevant subjects provided by:

1. Staff from other agencies or support services (eg ASCETs Team, CAHMS)
2. Senior Leaders from within school
3. Other courses which are relevant to the work being undertaken can be undertaken or requested by consulting with the SENCO

SEN is on the agenda at our weekly PDM's and up to date and relevant information shared with all staff from Leadership Team and SENCO

Additionally several members of staff have completed accredited training in order to support pupils with SEN within school:

- 10 members of staff have completed Team Teach training in order to support pupils with Behavioural difficulties.
- 3 members of staff are 'Thrive' practitioners
- 2 members of staff have Level 3 'Attachment Awareness' training

External support and expertise we can call upon to help us to meet children's need

Specialist expertise is sought when a child's needs present themselves as above and beyond that of a mainstream classroom teacher's training. Regular contact takes place between the SENCO and numerous external agency support, including:

- LA SEN team
- LA ASCETS team
- LA Visual Impairment and Hearing Impairment team
- Educational Psychologist
- Occupational Therapist
- Physiotherapist
- Speech and Language therapy
- Health teams – School Nurse and Health Visitor
- Hospital teams
- Behavioural support – Bentley PLC/ St Wilfrid's Academy
- CAMHS

How we prepare children to join our school

Transition arrangements are in place to ensure effective transition between each phase of education:

Early Years Transition

Crookesbroom Primary Academy begins transition to our school by inviting all pre-school children to a playgroup 1 afternoon per week, the term before they will begin our Nursery. This allows them to become familiar with the school environment and nursery staff.

Nursery staff attend local pyramid transition meetings with both schools and PVI settings and will also make home visits to the Nursery children prior to their starting date. Entry to Nursery is staggered to help promote a settled start for both children and parents. Personalised transition to mainstream school (including shortened sessions initially) may be necessary for some children, and Crookesbroom endeavours to meet the individual needs of each child to ensure a positive beginning to Nursery.

Annual transition meetings (Whole School) occur whereby the current class teacher will meet to share information regarding pupils with SEN with the child's next class teacher. Information will then be passed on to SEN support staff in order to ensure all professionals involved are aware of SEN pupils' individual needs. Parents of children with SEN are invited to meetings with their child's new class teacher to discuss strategies and techniques that they find effective at home to support their children.

How we admit pupils with a disability

Crookesbroom Primary Academy does not see any disability as a barrier. We will endeavour to do our utmost to support all children, modifying both learning opportunities and the environment to ensure success for all pupils.

Before a child begins their journey at Crookesbroom, we will visit the current setting (school, private nursery or home) to meet the child and their family. We will liaise closely with all stakeholders to ensure that any special requirements can be put in place prior to them beginning Crookesbroom. Transition visits will be arranged between current placement and Crookesbroom, with staff from each establishment visiting the child in both settings to ensure transition is successful.

The Head of Academy, SENCO and/or class teacher will arrange meetings with parents and any professionals involved in the specific care of a child, to ensure that all needs can be met within school. Support plans and EHCP (if provided) will be reviewed and updated as appropriate, and guidance and support will be accessed by school from outreach services and health support as and when required.

How we prepare children to move on from our school

Transition arrangements will be put in place to ensure effective transition between each phase of education:

Moving Schools - If a SEN pupil is moving to another school the SENCO will contact the new school's SENCO and ensure he/she knows about any special arrangements or support that need to be made. All records about SEN pupils will be passed on as soon as possible.

Secondary School Transition Meetings - pupils with SEN will be discussed with appropriate members of secondary school staff, e.g. form tutor and SENCO, to ensure they are aware of individual pupil's needs prior to transition. Records, including SEN Support Plans will be passed on to secondary schools as soon as possible.

Annual Review Meetings - when a pupil with an Education Health and Care Plan is in Year 6, the SENCO from the secondary school will be invited to attend the annual review meeting in order to effectively plan transition and future SEN support. The SENCO from Crookesbroom will also attend the first annual review meeting/ support plan meeting at secondary, if requested by school or parent.

In addition to these arrangements, additional visits are arranged by Crookesbroom staff to ensure that our Y6 pupil's transitions are as effective as they can be. These include: - additional visits to the school at different times (eg lunch time, lesson time, home time), planning a route to and from school with the children and walking the route regularly, accompanying the children around the school and taking photographs of different places, Circle of Friends groups with local schools (for children going out of catchment).

For children with a disability leaving our setting, we will ensure the same procedures for children joining us are followed.

How we deploy our resources to meet the needs of children with SEND

Crookesbroom Primary Academy pride themselves in ensuring that all children's needs are met. Staff and resources are deployed in a number of ways to enable the school to meet the needs of children with SEND. The school has staff trained in the following:

- Support staff trained in Emotional Literacy
- 10 Team Teach trained staff.
- 1 learning mentor who supports individual children and families within school who are trained in the Solihull Parenting Program and Attachment Matters.

Small group interventions also support children with SEND:

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- LA ASD team
- LA Visual Impairment and Hearing Impairment team
- Educational Psychologist
- Occupational Therapist
- Physiotherapist
- Speech and Language therapy
- Health teams – School Nurse and Health Visitor
- Hospital teams
- Behavioural support – Bentley PLC
- CAMHS

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