

## SEN Information Report for Hillside Primary School 2020-2021

Part of the Norfolk Local Offer for Learners with SEN

### Introduction

Welcome to our SEN information report which is part of the Norfolk Local Offer for learners with Special Educational Needs (SEN). All governing bodies of maintained schools and maintained nursery schools and the proprietors of academy schools have a legal duty to publish information on their web site about the implementation of the governing body's or proprietor's policy for pupils with SEN. The information published must be updated annually.

At Hillside Primary we are committed to working together with members of our school community.

This local offer has been produced with the co-operation of pupils, carers, governors and members of staff, and follows NCC SEN Support Guidance (2018). Hillside Primary School welcomes feedback and if you would like future involvement in the review process please do contact us. The people to contact are:

*Rev S Upton SEN Governor*

*Mr N Johnson SENCO*

*Mr S Minter Head teacher*

### Our approach to teaching learners with SEN

At Hillside Primary school we support and value the abilities of all our pupils. It is our duty to provide equal opportunities for every person in our care and a safe and fully equipped learning environment which caters to the needs of every child as an individual. We are committed to inclusion within the school curriculum and participation in all aspects of school life.

Hillside Primary adopts a 'whole school approach' to special educational needs. All staff work to ensure inclusion of all pupils. The school is committed to ensuring that pupils with special educational needs can fulfil their potential and achieve optimal educational outcomes.

At Hillside Primary we offer a creative learning environment. Through this we aim to meet the needs of all members of our school community.

The progress of all pupils is closely monitored and staff continually assesses children to ensure that learning is taking place.

### At Hillside Primary School we value: Learning for All

At different times in their school career, a child may have a special educational need. Here at Hillside Primary we believe in quality first teaching. Any pupils who are found to be falling significantly outside of the range of expected academic achievement will be closely monitored, progress will be scrutinised, and discussions about learning levels will take place between class teachers and the leadership team to plan strategies to support the learner.

Learners can fall behind in school for lots of different reasons. They may have been absent from school, they may have attended lots of different schools and not had consistent opportunity to learn. They may not speak English very well or at all, they may be worried about different things that distract them from learning.

Other barriers to learning may include specific literacy and maths difficulties, working memory difficulties, physical developmental problems or ongoing medical conditions.

At Hillside we are committed to ensuring that all learners have access to learning opportunities and for those who are at risk of not learning we will intervene. This does not mean that all vulnerable learners have SEN. Only those with a learning difficulty that requires special educational provision will be identified as having SEN.

Our SEN profile for 2020-2021 shows that we have 13% (27) of children identified as having SEN in school. The percentage figures for the two SEN categories of EHCP or SEN Support Plan are 4% (9) and 8% (18) respectively.

### **How we identify children with additional needs at Hillside School**

Class teachers, support staff, parents/carers and the learners themselves will be the first to notice a difficulty with learning. At Hillside Primary we involve the learner, their parents/carer and the class teacher in the assessment of needs. The SEND Team and Special Educational Needs Co-ordinator will also support with the identification of barriers to learning.

We use a range of assessment tools and work closely with our neighbouring schools to share resources and information. For some learners we may want to seek advice from specialist teams. In our school and neighbouring schools, we have access to various specialist services.

If the child is looked after by the local authority they will have a Care Plan including Personal Education Plan (PEP) and Health plan. We will co-ordinate these plans with the SEN/Student Support Plan and will involve parents and carers as well as foster carers and social workers in discussions.

Where a child is looked after by a Local Authority, we will work closely with the other relevant professionals involved in the child's or young person's life as a consequence of being looked after. We work closely with the Local Authority in ensuring the very best support of the child in our care.

Hillside Primary has a long established working relationship with the Child and Educational Psychology Practice. <http://www.cepp.co.uk/who-we-are.html>CEPP

We also have access to the services universally provided by Norfolk County Council, which are described on the Local Offer web site available here <https://www.norfolk.gov.uk/children-and-families/send-local-offer>

### **Referral for Education Health & Care Plan**

If a child has lifelong or very significant difficulties they may undergo a Statutory Assessment Process which can be requested by a Health Authority, Local Authority, School or Parent. This will only occur when the supporting agencies believe that the school has taken every step possible to support of the child but is unable to provide the level of support needed.

We also employ ten Learning Support Assistants who deliver the interventions in the school as directed by class teachers & SEND Team and who also support pupils within the classroom.

## **How we support Learners with SEN at Hillside Primary**

Every teacher is required to adapt the curriculum to ensure access to learning for all children in their class. Our teachers will use various strategies to adapt access to the curriculum which might include using:

- Individual visual timetables
- iPads, lap tops or other electronic devices for recording work
- Coloured overlays and exercise books with coloured paper and writing frames.

**Literacy and maths interventions based on pupil needs:** This could be literacy or phonic programmes, or maths interventions such as Numicon.

Any children identified with specific speech and language difficulties are referred to the NHS Speech and Language support service, and a Speech and Language Therapist will visit to assess and potentially carry out intervention with the child and will provide school with strategies for support.

## **Pastoral mentoring**

Each learner who is identified as having SEN is entitled to support that is 'Additional to or different from', a normal curriculum.

The type of support offered is dependent on individual learning needs, and is intended to enable access to learning and to overcome the barriers to learning that have been identified. This support is described on the SSP and pupil intervention record, which describes the interventions and actions, that we undertake at Hillside Primary to support learners with SEN across the year groups.

We update and modify the pupil intervention record regularly throughout the school year. Our intervention changes every year as our learners and their needs change.

At Hillside Primary we work closely with our neighbouring schools and share SEN information and expertise so that we can learn from each other. We are also keen to promote consistent practice across all the schools in our neighbourhood to ensure equality of opportunity. Our pupil intervention record is shared with Governors to ensure that we monitor the impact of these interventions have on learning across the school.

## **Funding for SEN**

Hillside Primary receives funding directly from the Local Authority to support the needs of learners with SEN.

The amount of mainstream school SEN funding we received for 2020-2021 is £62,000

The local neighbourhood of schools are committed to working together to improve the learning for all and we are able to share resources, training and moderate provision for learners with SEN.

If you would like further information on SEN working within the neighbourhood schools, please contact Mr Minter Head Teacher.

[head@hillside.norfolk.sch.uk](mailto:head@hillside.norfolk.sch.uk)

### **How do we find out if this support is effective?**

Once a pupil has been identified as possibly having SEN they will be closely monitored by staff in order to gauge their level of learning and possible difficulties. We follow the 'assess, plan, do, review' model and involve parents and carers.

Pupils who are monitored will have any in school interventions logged onto the pupil intervention records as part of the schools tracking system. Action plan/targets agreed and drawn up and recorded on the school SEN Support Plan (SSP) detailing provision and how it will be coordinated. The plans and findings are recorded in the pupil's school profile and parents are informed and consulted at every stage.

Pupil progress meetings are used to monitor and assess the progress being made by the child. The frequency of these meetings is dependent on the individual child's needs and progress being made.

Children. Parents, teachers and support staff will be directly involved in the reviewing process. The progress of all learners is collated by the whole school and monitored by teachers, the SEND Team and the Full Governing Body. Our school data is also monitored by the Local Authority and Ofsted.

### **Other Opportunities for learning**

All learners should have the same opportunity to access extra-curricular activities. At Hillside Primary we offer a range of additional clubs and activities. These can be found on our school web page or speak directly to the school office staffs that coordinate this offer.

We are committed to making reasonable adjustments to this to ensure participation for all, so please contact our office to discuss specific needs on [office@hillside.norfolk.sch.uk](mailto:office@hillside.norfolk.sch.uk)

### **Preparing for the next step**

Planning for transition is a part of our provision for all learners with SEN. Moving classes will be discussed with you and your child in the summer term. Transition to secondary school will be discussed in Year 6 in good time to ensure time for planning and preparation.

For pupils with EHC plans, planning will begin with a review meeting of their EHC plan, when discussion will take place about transition needs and a plan drawn up for the coming year.

### **Have your say**

Hillside school is a proactive school interested in all our learners. We can shape and develop provision for all our learners ensuring achievement for all. This SEN report declares our annual offer to learners with SEN but to be effective it needs the views of all parents' careers, learners' governors and staff.

## **Complaints**

We urge parents/carers with any concerns regarding the SEN policy or the provision made for their child at Hillside to speak to us as soon as possible. In the first instance, please speak to the class teacher or the SENCO. If parents/carers feel their child's needs are still not being met they should make an appointment to see the Headteacher.

## **Useful links**

<https://www.norfolk.gov.uk/children-and-families/send-local-offer>

[www.norfolkparentpartnership.org.uk](http://www.norfolkparentpartnership.org.uk)

[norfolkfamilyfocus@norfolk.gov.uk](mailto:norfolkfamilyfocus@norfolk.gov.uk)

[www.norfolkcommunityhealthcare.nhs.uk](http://www.norfolkcommunityhealthcare.nhs.uk)

[pathfinder@norfolk.gov.uk](mailto:pathfinder@norfolk.gov.uk)

[www.time-for-me.org.uk](http://www.time-for-me.org.uk)

[www.ormiston.org](http://www.ormiston.org)

[enquiries@nelsonsjourney.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@nelsonsjourney.org.uk)

[www.autism-anglia.org.uk](http://www.autism-anglia.org.uk)

[www.shine-gy.org.uk](http://www.shine-gy.org.uk)

[admin@norfolkcarerssupport.org](mailto:admin@norfolkcarerssupport.org)

[norfolksennetwork@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:norfolksennetwork@hotmail.co.uk) [www.benjaminfoundation.co.uk](http://www.benjaminfoundation.co.uk)

<https://www.norfolk.gov.uk/children-and-families/send-local-offer/education-and-training-0-25/schools/specialist-education/specialist-resource-bases-srbs>

## **SRB Unit**

We have an onsite Specialist Resource Base (SRB) for children with learning & Cognition Difficulties. The Unit is hosted by Hillside Primary School and is a Local Authority resource and as such is part of the Norfolk Local Offer. The Unit is led by Norman Johnson the SRB lead teacher. The children within the SRB are granted placements from the Local Education Authority usually for a two term period. The resource is a small base for 10 KS2 children with learning and cognition difficulties, who all have individual intervention plans but follow a general broad and balanced curriculum offer.

FOR INFORMATION REGARDING THE SRB PROCESS THEN PLEASE CLICK LINK BELOW OR CONTACT MR JOHNSON VIA HILLSIDE PRIMARY SCHOOL.

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