

SEN Information Report for Sprowston Infant School 2023 -24

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 website about the implementation of the governing body's or the proprietor's policy for pupils with SEN. The information published must be updated annually. The required information is set out in the draft SEN regulations which can be found **here**

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/ld201415/ldselect/ldsecleg/12/1203.htm#a1>

At Sprowston Infant School we are committed to working together with all members of our school community. This local offer has been produced with pupils, parents/carers, governors, and members of staff. We would welcome your feedback and future involvement in the review of our offer, so please do contact us. The best people to contact this year are:

Special Educational Needs Governor: James Day
Special Educational Needs Coordinator (SENCO): Emma Wyatt
Head: Rob Edwards
Teacher in Charge of Autism Base: Emma Wyatt
School Council Link: Angela Storey

If you have specific questions about the Norfolk Local Offer please look at the Frequently Asked Questions on the Norfolk Schools Website. Alternatively, if you think your child may have SEN please speak to their Class Teacher or contact Emma Wyatt our SENCO on 01603 429001.

Our Approach to Teaching Learners with SEN

At Sprowston Infant School we believe in participation for all. We want all adults and children to participate in learning and we celebrate all members of our community. We want to create an inclusive culture in our school and we aim to be more responsive to the diversity of children's backgrounds, interests, experience, knowledge and skills.

We value high quality teaching for all learners and actively monitor teaching and learning in the school. For more information on our approach please contact the school office: office@sprowstoninfant.norfolk.sch.uk.

Our school values continued professional development and provides staff with support for training through the Sprowston Cluster and other providers.

We aim to create a learning environment which is flexible enough to meet the needs of all members of our school community. We monitor progress of all learners, and staff continually assess, ensuring that learning is taking place. Our whole school system for

monitoring progress includes regular pupil progress meetings, and staff engage in coaching and supervision.

At Sprowston Infant School, we value:

Learning for all.

How we identify SEN

At different times in their school career, a child or young person may have a special educational need. The Code of Practice defines SEN as:

“A child or young person has SEN if they have a learning difficulty or disability which calls for special educational provision to be made for them. A child of compulsory school age or a young person has a learning difficulty or disability if they:

- (a) have a significantly greater difficulty in learning than the majority of others of the same age: or**
- (b) (b) have a disability which prevents or hinders them from making use of educational facilities of a kind generally provided for others of the same age in mainstream schools or mainstream post-16 institutions.”**

If a learner is identified as having SEN, we will provide provision that is ‘additional to or different from’ the normal differentiated curriculum, intended to overcome the barrier to their learning.

Learners can have greater difficulty learning and fall behind in school for lots of reasons. They may have been absent from school, they may have attended lots of different schools and not had a consistent opportunity to learn. They may not speak English very well or at all, they may be worried about different things that can distract them from learning. At Sprowston Infant School 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 2023-24 shows that we have 14.8% of children identified as having SEN in the mainstream school (i.e. not counting those children in the ASD Base), and 0 of those have a statement/ Education, Health and Care Plan.

25% of children are identified as having SEN linked to Cognition and Learning

35% linked to Communication and Interaction

10% linked to Physical and Sensory

15% linked to Social, Emotional and Mental health

Assessing SEN at Sprowston Infant School

Class Teachers, support staff, parents/carers and the learner themselves will be the first to notice a difficulty with learning. At Sprowston Infants we ensure that assessment of educational needs, directly involves the learner, their parents/carers and of course their teacher. The Special Educational Needs Co-ordinator (SENCO) will also support with the identification of barriers to learning. We have a range of assessment tools available, including our updated tool kit, which we share with our cluster of schools.

For some learners we may want to seek advice from specialist teams. In our school and cluster we have access to various specialist services. The school subscribes to CEPP Child and Educational Psychology Practice. We have access to services universally provided by Norfolk County Council, which are described on the Local Offer website available www.norfolk.gov.uk/SEND .

What we do to Support Learners with SEN at Sprowston Infant School

Every Teacher is required to adapt the curriculum to ensure access to learning for all children in their class. The Teacher Standards 2012 document details the expectations for all teachers, and we at Sprowston are proud of our teachers and their development. The Teacher Standards are available at <https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/teachers-standards>

Our Teachers will use various strategies to adapt access to the curriculum, this might include using:

- Visual timetables
- Communication Aids
- Specific Resources e.g. Numicon
- Writing frames
- I-pads, lap tops or other alternative recording devices
- Peer support systems
- Positive behaviour rewards system

Each learner identified as having SEN, is entitled to support that is ‘additional to or different from’ a normal differentiated curriculum. The type of support is dependent on the individual learning needs, and is intended to enable access to learning and overcome the barrier to learning identified. This support is described in our MOP (Measuring Outcomes Pack), which, although it does not detail the individual learner names, describes the interventions and actions that we undertake at Sprowston Infant School to support learners with SEN across the year groups. We modify the provision offered regularly, and it changes every year, as our learners and their needs change.

At Sprowston Infant School we share the provision map with our colleagues in the Sprowston Cluster so we can learn from each other, and demonstrate what we offer for learners with SEN. We are also able to promote consistent practice across all the schools in our cluster ensuring equality of opportunity.

Our MOP is shared with Governors who are able to ensure that we monitor the impact of these interventions/ support on learning across the school.

Complex Autism Base

This is a Norfolk County Council provision which Sprowston Infant School is pleased to host. Places are allocated by Norfolk County Council. 18 children with ASD YR to Y2 supported within the Base. Some children will be supported to access the mainstream curriculum as appropriate. This is due to expand in early 2024 to a 26 place provision.

Funding for SEN

Sprowston Infant School receives funding directly to the school from the Local Authority to support the needs of learners with SEN. This is described in an SEN memorandum. The amount of funding we received for 2023 – 24 is £43,846. Schools now have to apply to county for any additional funding. This is done on a case by case basis.

All schools in the Sprowston cluster have signed a governance agreement which helps us work together. We have written our Cluster policy for SEN which is available on our school website www.sprowstoninfant.norfolk.sch.uk

The Sprowston Cluster of schools are committed to working together to improve learning for all, and we are able to share resources, training and moderate provision for learners with SEN. If you would like any further information on SEN in the Sprowston cluster please contact our co-ordinator Emma Wyatt or Liz Clarke on deputyhead@sprowstoninfant.norfolk.sch.uk and senco@sprowstonjunior.norfolk.sch.uk

Funding for Autism Base

Norfolk County Council provides funding for staff and resources to Sprowston Infant School.

How do we Find Out if this Support is Effective?

Monitoring progress is an integral part of teaching and leadership within Sprowston Infant School. Parents/carers, pupils and staff are involved in reviewing the impact of interventions for learners with SEN. We follow the ‘assess, plan, do, review’ model and ensure that parents/carers and children are involved in each step. Before any additional provision is selected to help a child, the SENCO, Teacher, parent/carer and learner, agree what they expect to be different following this intervention. A baseline will also be recorded, which can be used to compare the impact of the provision.

Children, Parents/carers and their Teaching and Support Staff will be directly involved in reviewing progress. This review can be built in to the intervention itself, or it can be a formal meeting held once a term, where we all discuss progress and next steps. If a learner has an Education Health and Care Plan (EHC plan) the same termly review conversations take place, but the EHC plan will also be formally reviewed annually.

The SENCO collates the impact data of interventions, to ensure that we are only using interventions that work. Intervention data is shared with the Sprowston cluster so all SENCOs in our cluster are able to select high quality provision.

Progress data of all learners is collated by the whole school and monitored by Teachers, Senior Leaders and Governors. We are also part of the Sprowston cluster moderation group so can ensure that our judgements stand up to scrutiny. Our school and cluster 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 Sprowston Infant School in 2023-24 we offer a range of additional clubs and activities across the year.

After school club – SOS Club Falcon Road West, NORWICH NR7 8NZ · 07792 900783
http://www.broadland.gov.uk/education_and_learning/320.asp
<https://www.norfolk.gov.uk/children-and-families/send-local-offer>

We are committed to making reasonable adjustments to ensure participation for all, so please contact the school office to make an appointment to discuss with the headteacher or gain the contact number for the external provider.

All staff at Sprowston Infant School have access to the Equality Act 2010. This legislation places specific duties on schools, settings and providers including the duty not to discriminate, harass or victimise a child or adult linked to a protected characteristic defined in the Equality Act and to make ‘reasonable adjustments.’

The Equality Act 2010 definition of disability is:

“A person has a disability for the purposes of this Act if (s)he has a physical or mental impairment which has a substantial and long-term adverse effect on his ability to carry out normal day-to-day activities.”

Section 1(1) Disability Discrimination Act 1995

This definition of disability in the Equality Act includes children with long term health conditions such as asthma, diabetes, epilepsy, and cancer. Children and young people with such conditions do not necessarily have SEN, but there is a significant overlap between disabled children and young people and those with SEN. Children and young people may therefore be covered by both SEN and disability legislation.

For more information about the Equality Act, the protected characteristics or duties on public bodies, please click www.sprowstoninfant.norfolk.sch.uk

Preparing for the next step

Transition is a part of life for all learners. This can be transition to a new class in school, having a new teacher, or moving on to another school, training provider or moving in to employment. Sprowston Infant School is committed to working in partnership with children, families and other providers to ensure positive transitions occur.

Planning for transition is a part of our provision for all learners with SEN. Moving classes will be discussed with you and your child at their summer term review meeting. Transition to junior schools will be discussed in the spring term of their Year 2 with a follow up meeting in the summer term, to ensure time for planning and preparation.

Have your say

Sprowston Infant School is our community school. We can shape and develop provision for all of 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/carers, learners, governors and staff. So please engage with our annual process to ‘assess plan, do and review’ provision for SEN.

Useful links

www.norfolk.gov.uk/SEN

www.norfolkparentpartnership.org.uk

www.dfe.gov.uk

www.foundationofjoannascott.org.uk

www.autism-anglia.org.uk