



Annual SEND Information Report

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SENCo: Miss M Boothroyd (maternity leave) & Mrs J Elford

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Heronshaw School is an outstanding learning environment where high expectations from staff of both themselves and their learners mean children learn in a happy, exciting, respectful and supportive community. We encourage all children and staff to fulfil their full potential and embrace children's individual talents and needs.

Heronshaw is an inclusive school. We promote equality of access and opportunity to all areas of the curriculum for all learners. Pupils are taught in an environment where they receive equal respect and in which their individuality is valued. It is the responsibility of all teachers to help each and every pupil reach their own potential through supported and differentiated teaching across the curriculum.

We believe that parents and carers play a vital role in supporting their child's education and we therefore aim to foster positive relationships between school staff, parents and carers during their time at Heronshaw School.

At Heronshaw School we aim to:

- identify pupils with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) as early as possible and ensure that their needs are met promptly and effectively.
- have in place systems whereby Teachers are aware of pupils with SEND and how to identify additional needs.
- provide all pupils with a broad and balanced curriculum that is differentiated to the needs and ability of the individual
- have high ambitions and expectations for pupils with SEND
- be sympathetic to each pupil's needs by promoting a strong partnership between the pupil, the parent and school staff
- actively engage in support from the Local Authority and outside agencies
- ensure that all pupils take a full and active part in school life.

What kinds of Special Educational Needs are provided for at Heronshaw School?

At Heronshaw School we offer provision for pupils with difficulties in the following areas:

- Cognition and Learning
- Communication and Interaction
- Social, Emotional and Mental Health needs
- Physical and / or Sensory needs

How does Heronshaw School know if pupils need extra help and what should I do if I think my child may have Special Educational Needs?

Class teachers are constantly monitoring and measuring children's progress. Termly pupil progress meetings are held between the Head and Deputy Head teachers and class teachers. During these meetings, the progress of pupils in each class is

discussed. There is then a focus on those that are identified as making less than expected progress and the reasons for this. With support, teachers will put in place small group or 1:1 intervention to address slower progress.

We encourage parents to speak openly with Class Teachers about their children's needs and value input from parents. If parents are concerned about their child's progress and they have not already discussed this with the Class Teacher we would encourage them to do so in the first instance. The SENCo can also be included in these conversations at the request of a parent or teacher.

How will I know how my child is doing?

As a school we have an open door policy and encourage parents to talk to us about how their child is progressing. Our SENCo is easily contactable via the school office by telephone or email and always responds to parents' correspondence as swiftly as possible.

Parents will receive a termly report from class teachers as well as two formal parents evenings. This is in addition to our open door policy.

For pupils with an Education and Health Care Plan (EHCP) there will be a formal annual review held in school once per year to review how well the EHCP is meeting the pupils' needs.

How will the learning and development provision be matched to my child's needs?

Quality First Teaching is in place in all classes and helps to ensure all pupils are able to access the curriculum. Teachers are skilled at developing their teaching to meet the diverse needs of the pupils in their class.

Differentiation is the process by which Teachers ensure that tasks are matched to pupils' abilities. This might involve the use of adult support, different resources being used or different outcomes being expected of the pupils. At Heronshaw School it is approached in a range of different ways to enable pupils to access the curriculum and help ensure that all pupils can experience both success and challenge in their learning.

Children are grouped with children of similar needs for phonics and children with similar targets in various subject areas will be grouped together in order to make maximum progress.

Other interventions also take place to address specific areas of a child's development, for example fine motor skills, and programmes such as Rainbow Road may be used to develop these skills. For emotional well-being programmes such as volcano in my tummy or super-flex may be used,

Adaptions to the school or classroom environment may be needed in order to meet the needs of specific pupils. This may involve purchasing specialist furniture or writing equipment, or may involve providing pupils with alternative methods of recording their work, for example a laptop.

How effective is the SEND provision at Heronshaw School?

At the end of every term, the SENCo looks at the data for each year group for the three core subjects, Reading, Writing and Maths, and this data is used to monitor and evaluate the overall effectiveness of our school's SEND provision. This is also looked at during termly pupil progress meetings. In addition to this children who have needs in other areas for example, social emotional and mental health are strongly supported through the SEN team.

How will you help me to support my child's learning?

We operate an open door policy at Heronshaw School and encourage parents to talk to staff informally or arrange more formal meetings with Class Teachers as needed to discuss their child's learning. The SENCo will liaise with parents of those pupils with additional needs as required.

What support will there be for my child's overall wellbeing?

We have a full time Learning Mentor and a part time Parent Liaison Officer. They work closely with parents and are able to provide 1:1 or small group work to support any additional social, emotional and mental health difficulties. Our Parent Liaison Officer also monitors pupils' attendance and can provide support to parents with this.

Heronshaw uses restorative practices to deal with any disputes between children. Children are encouraged to embrace the Heronshaw values and show each other respect and kindness. Circle times, group work and SMSC (spiritual, moral, social and cultural development) discussions all reinforce these values.

Our school council consists of members from every class in the school. They meet regularly to ensure that pupils' views are listened to and considered through the school year.

What specialist services and expertise are available at or accessed by the school?

The SENCo seeks advice from the Local Authority Specialist Teacher team as and when needed. The SENCo also actively engages with local opportunities to share best practice and keeps up-to-date with current Local and National policies to support pupils with SEND.

The Local Authority School Nursing Team is able to support the school with referrals to additional services including Occupational Therapists and Speech and Language Therapists. Our SENCo supports parents with referrals to community paediatricians

and along with the class teacher is able to provide written evidence for parents to detail any provision that a child is having at school. We welcome visits in school from outside professionals involving observations and discussions about individual children and actively use any strategies suggested to us to improve our provision.

The Local Offer is a directory of information that helps families to find and access support and, through getting families feedback on the Local Offer, will become a useful tool in considering what services need to be changed and developed. All local authorities are required to have their own local offer as part of the government's SEND reforms. The Local Offer for Milton Keynes can be found on the following website: <http://www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/schools-and-lifelong-learning/special-educational-needs/SEND-local-offer/further-information-on-the-SEND-local-offer>

The school works closely with agencies delivering the Local Offer and makes reasonable adjustments to support pupils across other schools.

What training have the staff supporting children with SEND had or are having?

Our staff have had whole school training in areas to support SEMH for example caring classrooms which focuses on attachment disorder. Members of staff have also completed training by the Autism Education Trust and regularly take up opportunities for training in different areas of SEN from the Local Authority.

Our Teaching Assistants have been trained in a range of different 1:1, small group and whole school initiatives that support their day-to-day role. This includes a range of different Maths and English interventions, for example Numicon and Read, Write, Inc, but also programmes focusing on areas such as fine and gross motor skills for example Rainbow Road and daily Dough Disco sessions.

How will I be involved in discussions about the planning for my child's education?

Any pupils with additional needs will have their progress closely monitored by the SENCo. We welcome parental involvement in any decisions about how to support pupils in school and aim to keep parents up-to-date with their child's current progress. The SENCo is available to meet with parents by appointment to discuss their child's needs, parents are free to call the school (01908 608380) or email the SENCo directly senco@heronshawschool.co.uk.

How will my child be included in activities outside the classroom, including school trips?

At Heronshaw we aim for all pupils to be able to access all trips and visits that take place outside the classroom. Reasonable adjustments will be made to enable any pupil attending Heronshaw School to fully participate in activities outside of the classroom, including school trips. Risk assessments are carried out and where

appropriate are discussed with parents to ensure that where possible all pupils are able to participate in all activities. If it is deemed appropriate that an intensive level of 1:1 support is needed, a parent may be asked to accompany their child during a specific activity.

How accessible is the school environment?

Heronshaw School teaching areas are all on one level. There is a disabled toilet on site. Reasonable adjustments would be made to support any children with additional needs in our care from our SEND budget and through seeking top up funding from the inclusion and intervention team where appropriate.

Who can I contact for more information about SEND at Heronshaw School?

The Class Teacher

Relationships are built between school support staff, teaching staff and parents informally on a day-to-day basis. If any concerns arise about your child's learning or progress, parents are initially encouraged to request a meeting with their child's class teacher. Further meetings can be arranged to discuss strategies and progress as required.

SENCo (Special Educational Needs Coordinator): Miss Maddie Boothroyd (maternity leave from March 2018) & Jessica Elford

Further conversations between the SENCo, the Class Teacher and parents can be arranged as appropriate to discuss any developing needs. The SENCo is responsible for coordinating any additional support that your child may need.

Headteacher: Mrs Melanie Saunders Short

The Headteacher oversees all areas of the school's provision. If appropriate, the Headteacher will be involved in meeting with parents to discuss children's progress and deciding upon how the school can best meet your child's needs.

SEND Governor: Danielle Chapman

Our SEND Governor supports the school in ensuring that the needs of all children are met in line with the SEND Code of Practice (2014).

On our school website you will find links to our policies and procedures such as;

- Relationship Policy
- Child Protection Policy

If you wish to make a complaint about any aspect of the SEND provision at Heronshaw School, please do so by consulting the procedures detailed in our Complaints policy. This can be found on our school website.

How are the school's resources allocated and matched to children's Special Educational Needs?

The school has an SEND Budget allocated each year. The money is used to provide additional support or resources to support the needs of children.

This money can be used for:

- Providing specialist equipment to support a specific need.
- Providing additional intervention programmes to help a child learn and progress.
- Providing individualised provision where needed/appropriate.
- Providing a Learning Support Assistant to support individuals or small group.
- Providing any additional resources to support learning in any area.