

Braunstone Community Primary School – SEND Information Report

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School Specialism:	N/A	Age Range of Pupils:	3-11
Date of Last Inspection: (OFSTED)	January 2016	Outcome of Last Inspection: (OFSTED)	Requires Improvement
Does the school have a DSP (Designated Specialist Provision):	No		
Total Number of students with identified SEND:	96	Nos with EHCP/ Statement: 9 Nos with School Contract/Passport: 20 Nos with SEND Support (Monitoring): 87	
Information on School contribution to the publication of the Local Authority's local offer	http://families.leicester.gov.uk/local-offer/		

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Question	Answer
<p>What is the SEND Information Report?</p>	<p>The SEND Information Report will describe the types of support and provision available in Braunstone Community Primary School for supporting all children to reach their potential. It aims to answer questions parents / carers may have and also outlines what this would look like for children. We have broken this down into 4 sections. Firstly what policies the school publishes in support of SEND, the roles and responsibilities of staff in school in relation to SEND, the different levels of support for children and finally some Frequently Asked Questions.</p>
<p>What Policies you may find useful?</p> <p style="text-align: center;">“Policy”</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The school SEND Policy. • The school First Aid Policy • The school PSHE Policy. • The school Anti Bullying Policy. • The school Accessibility Plan. • The school Pupil Premium Policy • The school Assessment Policy • The school Marking and Feedback Policy • The school Complaints Policy <p>All these policies are available on the school website or upon request from reception</p>
<p>Who are the best people to talk to in this school about my child’s difficulties with learning/Special Educational Needs and/or Disability (SEND)?</p> <p style="text-align: center;">“Who’s Who”</p>	<p>If you have concerns about your child’s progress you should speak to your child’s class teacher initially.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If you are not happy that the concerns are being managed and that your child is still not making progress you should speak to the SENDCo or Head Teacher. • If you are still not happy you can speak to the school Advisory Board. <p>If your child is then identified as not making progress the school will set up a meeting to discuss this with you in more detail and to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Listen to any concerns you may have. • Plan any additional support your child may receive.

Class/subject teacher:**Responsible for:**

- Checking on the progress of your child and identifying, planning and delivering any additional help your child may need (this could be things like targeted work, additional support) and let the SENDCo know as necessary.
- Ensuring that all staff working with your child in school are able to deliver the planned work/programme for your child, so they can achieve the best possible progress. This may involve the use of additional adults, outside specialist help and specially planned work and resources.
- Ensuring that the school's SEND Policy is followed in their classroom and for all the pupils they teach with any SEND

The SENDCo is Miss Harman:**Responsible for:**

- Coordinating all the support for children with Special Educational Needs and/or Disabilities (SEND) and developing the school's SEND Policy to make sure all children get a consistent, high quality response to meeting their needs in school.
- Updating the school's SEND record (a system for ensuring all the SEND needs of pupils in this school are known) and making sure that there are excellent records of your child's progress and needs.
- Providing specialist support for teachers and support staff in the school so they can help children with SEND in the school achieve the best progress possible.

Ensuring that you are:

- Involved in supporting your child's learning.
- Kept informed about the support your child is getting.
- Involved in reviewing how they are doing.

Head Teacher- Ms Mahil:**Responsible for:**

- The day to day management of all aspects of the school, this includes the support for children with SEND.
- The Head Teacher will give responsibility to the SENDCo and the class teachers but is still responsible for ensuring that your child's needs are met.
- The Head Teacher must make sure that the Governing Body is kept up to date about any issues in school relating to SEND.

Advisory Board

Responsible for:

- Making sure that the necessary support is made for any child who attends the school who has SEND.

What are the different levels and types of support available for children with SEND?

“Levels of support available for all children”

Every child will have access to class teacher input via excellent targeted classroom teaching also known as Quality First Teaching

For your child this would mean:

- That the teacher had the highest possible expectations for your child and all pupils in their class.
- That all teaching is based on building on what your child already knows, can do and can understand.
- At times the teacher may direct the class based Teaching Assistants to work with your child as part of normal working practice.
- Different ways of teaching are in place so that your child is fully involved in learning in class. This may involve things like using more practical learning.
- Specific strategies (which may be suggested by the SENDCo or outside staff) are in place to support your child to learn.
- Your child's teacher will have carefully checked on your child's progress and will have decided that your child has gaps in their understanding/learning and needs some extra support to help them make the best possible progress.
- All children in school should be getting this as part of excellent classroom practice when needed.
- Specific group work within a smaller group of children. This group, often called intervention groups by schools, may be:
 - Run in the classroom or outside.
 - Run by a teacher or most often a Teaching Assistant who has had training to run these groups.

With all of the above support there may still be concerns regarding your child's progress and through consultation with yourself, the class teacher and the SENDCo the decision may be made to place you child on '**SEND Support**' so that we can monitor the progress of your child more carefully and additional 'specialist' input may be required instead of and in addition to Quality First Teaching and intervention groups.

For you and your child this would mean:

•You will be asked to come to a meeting to discuss your child's progress and help plan possible ways forward.

•You may be asked to give your permission for the school to refer your child to a specialist professional e.g. a **Speech and Language Therapist, Learning, Communication and Interaction Teacher, Social, Emotional and Mental Health Teacher, Hearing Support Teacher, Visual Support Teacher, Early Years Support Teacher, School Nursing Team, Family Support Worker or Educational Psychologist**. This will help the school and yourself understand your child's particular needs better and be able to support them better in school.

The specialist professional will work with your child to understand their needs and make recommendations, which may include:

•Making changes to the way your child is supported in class e.g. some individual support or changing some aspects of teaching to support them better.

•Support to set better targets which will include their specific expertise.

•A group run by school staff under the guidance of the outside professional e.g. a social skills group.

•A group or individual work with a specialist.

The school may suggest that your child needs some individual support in school. They will tell you how the support will be used and what strategies will be put in place. This type of support is available for children with specific barriers to learning that cannot be overcome through Quality First Teaching and intervention groups.

The next stage of the process if evidence shows that your child is still not making adequate progress despite intervention and support is to investigate another layer of support in addition to what is already in place.

Specified Individual Support is usually provided via an Education, Health and Care Plan (EHCP). This means your child will have been identified by the class teacher or SENDCo as needing a particularly high level of support or small group teaching, which cannot be provided from the budget available to the school.

Usually your child will also need support from professionals outside the school. This may be from:

•Local Authority central services such as the Hearing Support Team, Social Emotional and Mental Health Team, Early Years team etc...

•Outside agencies such as the Speech and Language therapy (SALT) Service.

For your child this would mean:

The school (or you) can request that the Local Authority carry out a statutory assessment of your child's needs. This is a legal process which sets out the amount of support that will be provided for your child.

After the school have sent in the request to the Local Authority (with a lot of information about your child, including some from you), they will decide whether they think your child's needs (as described in the paperwork provided), seem complex enough to need a statutory assessment. If this is the case they will ask you and all the professionals involved with your child to write a report outlining your child's needs. If they do not think your child needs this, they will ask the school to continue with the support at SEND Support

After the reports have all been sent to the Local Authority (L.A). The L.A will then decide if your child's needs are severe, complex and lifelong and that they need more specified extra support in school to make good progress. If this is the case they will write an Education Health Care Plan (EHCP). If this is not the case they will ask the school to continue with the support at SEND Support and also set up a meeting in school to ensure a plan is in place to ensure your child makes as much progress as possible.

The ECHP will outline the individual/small group support your child will receive from the LA and how the support should be used and what strategies must be put in place. It will also have long and short-term outcomes for your child. An additional adult may be used to support your child with whole class learning, run individual programmes or run small groups including your child.

This type of support is available for children whose learning needs are:

- Severe, complex and lifelong
- Need more than a specified number of hours support in school

How accessible is the school environment?

“Frequently asked questions”

- The school is accessible to children with physical disability via ramps.
 - We ensure that equipment used is accessible to all children regardless of their needs.
 - There are doors strategically placed around the building to allow wheelchair access
- If your child requires specific equipment due to a diagnosed SEND need we will work with the appropriate agencies to accommodate these requirements.

Please refer to the school Accessibility Plan

How are children identified as having Special Educational Needs?

Children are identified as having SEN in a variety of ways e.g.

- Concerns raised by parents /carers
- Concerns raised by teachers
- Concerns raised by the child
- Changes in a child's behaviour or self -esteem is affecting progress
- A child finds learning difficult
- A child is performing well below age related expectations
- Information received from outside agencies and pre- schools e.g. speech and language therapist, Paediatricians etc....

How are parents/carers kept informed about the support the school have put in place?

Each child's education will be planned by the class teacher. It will be differentiated accordingly to suit the pupil's individual needs. This may include additional support by the teacher or teaching assistant in class.

If a pupil has needs related to more specific areas of their education, such as reading, spelling, handwriting, Maths or English skills then the pupil may be placed in a small focus group. This will be run by the teacher or teaching assistant. The length of time of the intervention will vary according to need. The interventions will be regularly reviewed by all involved to ascertain the effectiveness of the provision and to inform future planning.

These interventions will be recorded on a provision map. Parents are notified about these interventions by the class teacher. If you have any queries related to the interventions please do not hesitate to contact the class teacher or the SENDCo.

Pupil Progress Meetings are held regularly. This is a meeting where the class teacher meets with the Leadership Team to discuss the progress of the pupils in their class. This shared discussion may highlight any potential problems in order for further support to be planned which will be discussed and implemented by the class teacher /SENDCo.

Occasionally, a child may need more expert support from an outside agency such as the Speech and Language Therapist, Educational Psychologist or Paediatrician. Referral forms are then completed in conjunction with parents/carers and forwarded to the most appropriate agency. After a series of assessments, a programme of support is provided to the school and parents/carers. The class teacher uses the programme to plan effective support.

	<p>The SENDCo shares a report with the Advisory Board, who ensure that policies and procedures are followed.</p>
<p>How is the curriculum differentiated and matched to a children's needs?</p>	<p>When a child has been identified with special educational needs, their work will be differentiated by the class teacher to enable them to access the curriculum more easily.</p> <p>Teaching assistants may be allocated to work with the child in a 1-1 or small focus group to target more specific needs.</p> <p>If appropriate, specialist equipment may be given to the pupil e.g. writing slopes, concentration cushions, pen/pencils grips, easy to use scissors or coloured overlays for reading.</p> <p>The class teacher works with all children in his/her class. The class teacher will plan the work for the teaching assistants to implement. All support staff receive internal or external training for the areas of SEND support that they carry out.</p>
<p>How is progress measured?</p>	<p>Staff communicate regularly with parents. You are welcome at any time to make an appointment to meet with the class teacher. Parents evenings are used to share the progress that your child is making, support that has been put in place and next steps will also be discussed.</p> <p>If your child has complex SEND they may have an EHCP, which means that a formal meeting will take place with you and all agencies involved to discuss your child's progress and a report will be written. This is called an Annual Review.</p>
<p>How are wellbeing, personal and medical needs supported in school?</p>	<p>We offer a wide variety of pastoral support for children who are encountering emotional difficulties. We are a caring, understanding staff who look after our children and parents. We fully recognise that children may go through crisis in their lives for short periods of time or longer periods of time. We aim to utilise the support we are lucky enough to have in school to support all children through these times NOT just the ones identified as having SEND needs.</p> <p>Your child's class teacher is the first person to contact with concerns about your child's overall wellbeing.</p> <p>If further support is needed, the class teacher will liaise with the SENDCo who will give advice.</p>

Children with medical needs

If a child has a medical need then a Health Care Plan is put together in consultation with parents/carers and the school nurse (where appropriate). This is discussed with all staff who are involved with the child.

We have 57 fully trained first aiders.

If your child has a medical condition that requires medication, a meeting will be held with parents/carers, to explain our Health and Safety Policy, First Aid Policy and procedures. Parents and all staff members who agree to administer medicines will sign a medication agreement form to ensure the safety of both child and staff member.

How do children contribute to the everyday life of the school? How are their views gathered?

We encourage every child to contribute and to express their thoughts and ideas which we value, respect and celebrate. We do this in different ways throughout the school year:

- In class, children are encouraged to contribute to lessons
- Regular School Council meetings, where issues or viewpoints are discussed.
- We have pupil questionnaires to gather ideas and opinions about curriculum topics
- Children with EHCPs share their views before the review meetings.

What expertise and specialist services are available through the school?

As a school we work closely with any external agencies that we feel are relevant to individual children's needs within our school including: -

- **Educational Psychologist**
- **CAMHS (Child & Adolescent Mental Health Service)**
- **Speech & Language Therapy**
- **School Nurse**
- **Social Care**
- **Occupational Therapy**
- **Physiotherapy**
- **Paediatricians**
- **Learning, Communication and Interaction Team**
- **Hearing Support Team**
- **Visual Support Team**
- **Social Emotional and Mental Health Team**
- **Counsellors**
- **Early Years Support Team**
- **ELSA support**
- **Family Support Worker**

	<p>An Educational Psychologist is allocated to each school. He/she would normally only work directly with children whose needs are felt to be significantly complex and have not responded well to the interventions previously put in place for them.</p> <p>In order to help understand the pupil's educational needs better, the psychologist will generally meet with the parent and give feedback after the assessment has been completed.</p> <p>He/she will offer advice to the school and parent/carers on how to best support the child to move their learning forward.</p>
<p>What training do staff receive?</p>	<p>Our SENDCo is currently undertaking The National Award for SEN Coordination and has been trained in a wide range of SEN.</p> <p>The school has a school development plan, including identified training needs for all staff to improve the teaching and learning of children including those with SEND. This may include whole school training on SEND, to ensure consistency of the school's approach and/or individual training requirements.</p> <p>Individual teachers and teaching assistants attend training courses directly linked to the needs of specific children in their class e.g. using visual strategies, challenging behaviour management, ASD, ADHD, speech and language.</p> <p>Training takes place on a regular basis. If you would like to hear about the training which is currently taking place or has taken place by the staff members in the school, please speak to the SENDCo.</p>
<p>How are school trips and activities outside the classroom organised? How does the school ensure that pupils with SEND are included?</p>	<p>Activities, school trips and residential are a very important part of every child's learning experience.</p> <p>Risk assessments are carried out and procedures are put in place to enable all children to participate. It may be that an individual child requires an individual risk assessment, to ensure specific procedures are in place.</p> <p>If a child has an identified 1:1 teaching assistant he/she will accompany them on the trip. However, if this is not the case and it is deemed that an intensive level of 1:1 support is required a parent or carer may be asked to accompany their child during the activity.</p>

Does the school offer before and after school services? How does the school ensure that pupils with SEND are included?

There is a daily Breakfast Club starting at 8am free of charge. Everyone is welcome. We also provide a varied range of after school activities, these change seasonally. All children are supported to attend with arrangements being made where ever possible to support children at the club activities.

How are children supported when changing schools or transferring to other education, employment or training?

We recognise that 'moving on' can be difficult for a child with SEND, so we take steps to ensure that any transition is as smooth as possible.

Home - Foundation Stage

A home visit is carried out for our Foundation Stage children. All Parents/Carers of Foundation Stage children are invited to attend a Welcome Meeting with the Foundation Stage teachers. Families are also given a visual transition booklet and a welcome pack. We also arrange a number of Stay and Play sessions, with and without parents. Class Teachers also visit pre-school settings and attend any transition meetings for pupils with SEND.

Foundation Stage – KS1

During the Summer Term, Foundation Stage children go out to play on the Key Stage 1 playground, so that they can become familiar with the surroundings and routines. We also arrange story sessions in the Year 1 classrooms. Across the whole school, we also aim to have two weeks of transition so that children can get to know the adults that they will work with and also the routines and expectations of their new year group. For children with SEND, we would encourage further visits to assist with the acclimatisation of the new surroundings.

•If your child is moving to another school:

- We will contact the new school's SENDCo and ensure he/she knows about any special arrangements or support that need to be made for your child.
- We will make sure that all records about your child are passed on as soon as possible.

•When moving classes in school:

- Information will be passed on to the new class teacher IN ADVANCE and in most cases, a planning meeting will take place with the new teacher. All relevant information, such as reports from outside agencies, will be shared with the new teacher.

Year 6

- The SENDCo will arrange meetings to discuss the specific needs of your child with the SENDCo of their secondary school.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦Your child will attend a small 'Transition' group in their new school, to support their understanding of the changes ahead. ◦Where possible, your child will visit their new school on several occasions and in some cases staff from the new school will visit your child in this school. ◦We liaise closely with staff when receiving and transferring children to different schools ensuring all relevant paperwork is passed on and all needs are discussed and understood.
<p>How are resources matched to a children's needs?</p>	<p>The Head Teacher decides on the budget for SEND in consultation with the Advisory Board, on the basis of the needs of the children currently in the school.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •The Head Teacher and the SENDCo discuss information regarding <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦the children getting extra support already ◦the children needing extra support ◦the children who have been identified as not making as much progress as would be expected •All resources/training and support are reviewed regularly and changes made as needed. •We ensure that all children who have SEND, have their needs met to the best of the school's ability with the funds available. •Teaching assistants deliver programmes designed to meet groups of children's needs. •The budget is allocated on a needs basis. The children who have the most complex needs are given the most support often involving a teaching assistant.
<p>How do the school decide how much support is provided?</p>	<p>The class teacher alongside the SENDCo will discuss the child's needs and what support would be appropriate.</p> <p>Different children will require different levels of support in order to bridge the gap to achieve age expected levels. This will be through on-going discussions with parents.</p>
<p>How can I find out support services?</p>	<p>The school office/SENDCo would be happy to sign post parents to specific support services. We contribute to Leicester City's Local Offer which can be found at: http://families.leicester.gov.uk/local-offer/ Here you will find a directory of services that may be able to help you.</p>
<p>What do I do if I want to make a complaint to the school?</p>	<p>If you wish to make a complaint, please speak to your child's class teacher in the first instance. If the issue cannot be resolved, then you need to raise it with the SENDCo. Any complaints concerning SEN should be made in accordance with the school's Complaints Policy, a copy of which can be obtained from the school office.</p>