

A guide to SEN at Kettering Park Infant Academy

Information for parents and carers

What are Special Educational Needs?

The majority of children's learning needs will be met in the classroom via the delivery of high quality lessons and with Quality First Teaching provided by their class teacher and also teaching assistant.

However, a child may have Special Educational Needs (SEN) if they require **additional or different provision** to support them in their learning.

If your child is identified as having a special need then they will be placed on our SEN register. The school will then work with you, as a parent or carer, to ensure that your child's needs are assessed, and they are given the additional support which they may need.

What are the different areas of SEN?

There are four main areas of SEN, these are:

1. Cognition and Learning
2. Communication and Interaction
3. Physical and Sensory
4. Social, Emotional and Mental Health



How we will support you and your child:

We will contact you as a parent or carer if we have any concerns about your child's learning or progress they are making.

We are also here to listen to any concerns which you may have too.

We will work closely with you and your child to ensure that their needs identified are met.

Education and Health Care Plans:

An Education and Health Care plan (EHCP) replaces a 'statement' of special needs. If your child has an EHCP then it will be reviewed annually with the support of outside agencies. The SENCO, Mrs James, will review the targets on a child's EHCP with the child and parents and also the class teacher at least three times a year.

Who will help to support my child?

Your child will be closely supported by their class teacher and their class teaching assistant. They may also receive support from our intervention team, who may withdraw them from the class to work 1:1 or in small groups. Depending on your child's needs, we may also seek advice from other outside agencies such as Educational Psychologists, Speech and Language Therapists, Physiotherapists, Occupational Therapists and the School Nurse.

Provision will be overseen by the SENCO, Mrs James.

Who can I talk to?

If you are concerned about your child's needs and learning then their class teacher as always the best person to start a conversation with. Staff will always be happy to discuss these with you.

You can also talk to Mrs James, our school SENCO, who works across Infant and Junior schools.

Please ring the office on 01536 481 922 to book an appointment for a meeting or to request a phone conversation.

If you need more information....

More detailed information about SEN can be found in the document called 'Special educational needs and disability A Guide for Parents and Carers' <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/send-guide-for-parents-and-carers>



For Further information or advice contact Mrs James (SENCO) through the Academy office or call: 01536 481922