



Baines' Endowed Primary School & Children's  
Centre

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**SEN Information Report contributing to the Local Offer**

Welcome to our SEN information report, which is part of the Blackpool Local Offer for learners with Special Educational Needs and disabilities (SEND). All governing bodies of maintained schools have a legal duty to publish information on their website about the implementation of the governing body's policy for pupils with SEN. This information must be updated annually.

This document outlines the following areas in order to help you understand how Baines' Endowed Primary school and Children's Centre: A Church of England Academy caters for children with SEN:

- The kinds of Special Educational Needs that are catered for
- SEN Policies and SENCO details
- Arrangements for consulting parents of children with SEN
- Arrangements for involving children with SEN and involving them in their education
- Arrangements for assessing and reviewing progress of children with SEN and opportunities to work with parents as part of this assessment and review
- Arrangements for supporting children moving between phases of education and preparations for adulthood
- Approaches to teaching children with SEN
- How adaptations are made to the curriculum and learning environment for children with SEN
- Expertise and training of staff within school, including how to secure specialist expertise
- Evaluating the effectiveness of provision for children with SEN
- How children with SEN can engage in available activities with other children who do not have SEN
- Support for improving emotional and social development for children with SEN and how to prevent bullying
- How other bodies are involved, including health and social care bodies, local authority support services and voluntary sector organisations in meeting children's SEN and supporting their families

At Baines' Endowed Primary School and Children's Centre, we are committed to working together with all the members of the 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.

If you have specific questions about the Blackpool Local Offer please look at the Frequently Asked Questions by clicking on the link below. Alternatively if you would like to discuss your child and their SEN needs please contact the class teacher or SENCO on 01253 762532.

At Baines' Endowed, 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 responsive to the diversity of children's backgrounds, needs, experience, skills and knowledge.

We value high quality teaching for all learners and actively monitor teaching and learning in the school. For more information on our approach please see our teaching and learning policy which can be obtained from the school office.

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 continuously assess ensuring that progress is being made. Our whole school system for monitoring progress includes regular pupil progress meetings as well as formative and summative assessments.

### How we identify SEN

At different times in their school career, a child may have special educational needs. 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 has a learning difficulty or disability if they:**

- have significantly greater difficulty in learning than the majority of others at the same age.

**Or**

- 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.

If a learner is identified as having SEN we will provide provision that is additional to, or different from the normal differentiated curriculum, enabling the barrier to learning to be overcome or removed.

Learning and progress can become slower in school for some pupils for lots of reasons. They may have been absent from school, they may have English as an additional language, or they may have troubles and worries from their lives outside of school, amongst many other possible barriers. At Baines' we are committed to ensuring that all learners have access to learning opportunities, and we will intervene if there is a risk of particular children not learning or making progress. 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.

### **SEN record 2018/2019**

Our SEN records show that during 2018/2019, 125 (22%) of children in our school are identified as having SEN across Nursery and school. 7 (5.6%) of those children have an Education, Health and Care Plan.

(The national figure for children with SEN support in school is 11.7%, with 2.9% having an EHCP. Overall the national figure for SEN is 14.6% - January 2018 data)

We currently have 2 children accessing a behaviour Special Educational Resource Facility (SERF).

### **Assessing SEN at Baines'**

Class teachers, support staff, parents/carers and the learners themselves will be the first to notice a difficulty with learning. At Baines' Endowed, we ensure that the assessment of educational needs directly involves the learner, the parents/carers and the staff within school. The Special Educational Needs Co-ordinator (SENDCO) will support with the identification of barriers to learning. We have a range of assessment tools available within school and can also access different materials/expertise from other cluster schools and external agencies.

For some learners we may want to seek advice from specialist people/teams. On occasions when we seek advice and expertise from other sources such as Educational Psychologists and Speech Therapists we will discuss this with the learner and the parents/carers on an individual basis.

At Baines' Endowed we have many skilled Learning Support Assistants who deliver intervention within school hours. Currently these interventions include:

- I can early talk boost and I can talk boost - A speech and language programme focusing on listening, attention and confident speaking
- Speech Therapy - Speech and language support from Shine Speech and Language Therapist (SALT) Michelle Walker or NHS SALT
- Attention, Balance and Co-ordination (ABC) - Supporting the development of fine and gross motor skills
- Sensory group - supporting a sensory diet
- Nurture group - supporting social and emotional difficulties
- Maths, Reading and Literacy intervention programmes
- Phonics intervention
- Social and emotional support with programmes including Time to Talk, Talkabout, Visual Timetables and Social Stories
- Bereavement support
- Project X reading scheme
- IDL - computer programme focusing on spelling and sentence structure

These programmes currently meet the needs of our current cohort, however the school will endeavour to meet the needs of every child that joins us regardless of needs or disability, and has in the past supported children with a range of physical and sensory disabilities.

### **What we do to support learners with SEN at Baines' Endowed**

Every teacher is required to adapt the National Curriculum to ensure access to learning for all children in their class. The "Teacher Standards 2012" detail the expectations of all teachers, and we at Baines' are proud of the professional development of our staff.

Our staff will use various strategies to adapt access to the curriculum, which include:

- Visual timetables
- Writing Frames
- Technology in order to help with recording
- Positive behaviour reward systems

- Small Group intervention work
- Additional adult support
- Differentiated planning
- Specialist resources as required and recommended by other professional bodies

Each learner identified as having SEN is entitled to support that is additional to or different from the normal differentiated curriculum. The type of support depends on the individual learning needs and is intended to enable access to learning and overcome barriers to learning. This support is identified on a provision map which describes the interventions and actions that we undertake at Baines' Endowed across the year groups. We modify the provision map regularly as the needs of the learners often change.

At Baines' we share our provision details with other schools at the Educational Psychologist and SENCO Clusters' that we can learn from each other and demonstrate what we can offer learners with SEN. We are also able to promote consistent practice across all the schools in our cluster ensuring equality of opportunity. Our provision map is shared with the Governors who ensure that we monitor the impact of learning of these interventions across the school.

### **Funding for SEN**

Baines' Endowed receives funding directly into the school from the Local Authority to support the needs of learners with SEN. The amount of funding we received for 2018/19 is £148,462.14.

The school employs a Full time SENCO who works across Nursery and School, a Speech and Language Therapist (Shine) for half a day per week, a learning Mentor for 12 hours per week, 7 Special Support Assistants (SSA) who work 1:1 with children with an EHCP and a full time SSA who delivers targeted intervention.

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

Monitoring progress is an integral part of teaching and leadership within Baines'. 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 in order to make this effective. 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 the intervention. A baseline will also be recorded which can be used to compare the impact of provision.

Children, parents/carers and staff will be directly involved in reviewing progress, which takes place at a formal meeting once a term. During this, the progress that has been made so far will be discussed, as well as the next steps and any issues/concerns. If a learner has an EHCP (Education, Health and Care Plan) the same termly review conversations take place, but the EHCP will also be formally reviewed annually during a Person Centred Planning Meeting (PCP meeting).

The SENCO collates the impact of interventions enabling us to ensure that we are only using interventions that work. Progress data of all learners is collated by the whole school and monitored by teachers, senior leaders and governors as part of the Pupil Progress meetings which take place each term.

### **Other opportunities for Learning**

All learners should have the same opportunity to access extra-curricular activities. At Baines' we offer a range of additional clubs and activities. A list of these can be obtained via the school office or can be found on the school website. We are committed to making reasonable adjustments to ensure participation for all so please contact the school if you wish to discuss specific requirements.

All staff at Baines' are aware of the Equality Act 2010. This legislation places specific duties on schools, settings and providers including the duty to not discriminate, harass or victimise any 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 with such conditions do not necessarily have SEN, but there is a significant overlap between disabled children and those with SEN. Children may therefore be covered by both SEN and the disability legislation.

At Baines' we are aware that "Young people with SEN were more likely than other young people to report all types of bullying at all ages, and were particularly likely to report having been forced to hand over their money or possessions. These results indicate that young people with SEN are a group particularly vulnerable to bullying (possibly because they are perceived as being different from other young people). Unlike the experiences of bullying among other young people, the risk of being bullied does not appear to decline as these young people grow older." (Characteristics of bullying victims in schools, DfE 2010) Due to this we are vigilant in investigating any perceived incidents of bullying and will intervene at the earliest opportunity to ensure that SEN children, amongst others, feel safe and happy in school.

### Preparing for the next step

Transition is a part of life for all learners. This can be a transition to a new class in school, having a new teacher, or moving to another school. Staff at Baines' are committed to working in partnership with children, families and other providers to ensure positive transitions occur.

Planning for transitions is part of our provisions for learners with SEN. Moving classes will be discussed at the summer term review meeting and if necessary extra support will be put in place for this transition. Transition to secondary schools will be discussed in the Autumn term of year 6 in order to ensure time for planning and preparation.

## Have your say

At Banes' we develop provision for all learners in order to aid progression and attainment, leading to 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. Please get in contact if you would like to comment on any part of our information report, which contributes to the Blackpool Local Offer. This is a working document and will be updated at least annually.

If you are a parent of a child with SEND and are unsure about admissions arrangements for pupils with either SEN needs or disabilities please feel free to call us on 01253 762532, where the Head Teacher, Deputy Head or the SENCO will be happy to talk with you.