



BRIDGE & PATRIBOURNE CEP SCHOOL

SPECIAL EDUCATIONAL NEEDS AND DISABILITIES (SEND) INFORMATION REPORT

Bridge & Patrixbourne Church of England Primary School is a welcoming and nurturing community which promotes: **creativity** (developing our gifts); **excellence** (being the best we can be) and **resilience** (learning from our experiences). The school provides opportunities which enable everyone to flourish and grow within the love of God.

I am the vine, you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit. Without me, you can do nothing.

John 15:5

Key Personnel

Inclusion Lead/SENCO: Carla Long

SEN Governor: Elizabeth Carlotti

Dear parents and carers,

Key Dates

Ratified by FGB: February 2025

Date of next review: February 2026

The aim of this Information Report is to explain how we implement our SEND policy. In other words, we want to show you how SEND support works in our school.

As educational professionals, we are all working towards the ultimate goal of growing independent young people as they prepare for adulthood. All provision and support we provide is working towards achieving the Kent Children and Young People (CYP) Outcomes Framework:



If you want to know more about our arrangements for SEND, read our SEND Policy alongside this Information Report.

You can find our SEND policy on our website <https://www.bridge.kent.sch.uk>

Note: If there are any terms we've used in this information report that you're unsure of, you can look them up in the Glossary at the end of the report.

1. What types of SEND does the school provide for?

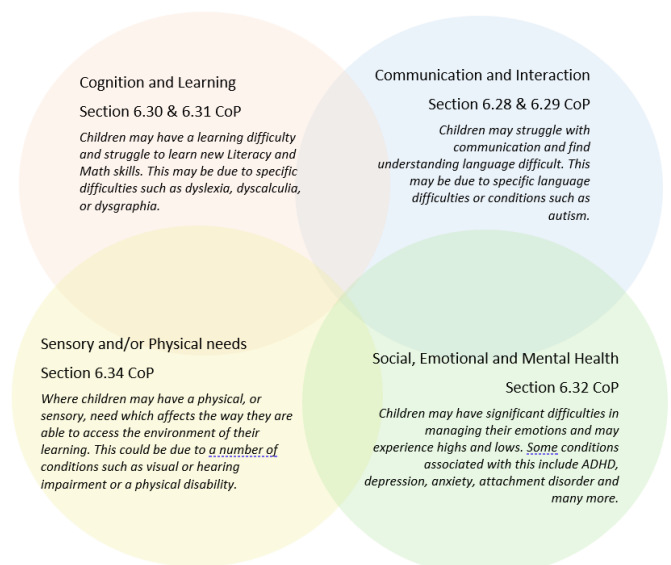
Our school provides for pupils with the following needs (as outlined in the SEND Code of Practice 2015):

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

Often you will find that children's needs overlap and are rarely confined to one area of need, which is why it is important to gain a wholistic overview of your child.

More information about the Areas of Need can be found in the Special Educational Needs and Disability Code of Practice: 0 to 25 years. Link:

[SEND Code of Practice January 2015.pdf](#)
([publishing.service.gov.uk](#))



2. Which staff will support my child, and what are their key responsibilities?

At Bridge and Patricxbourne CEP all staff are considered responsible for supporting the needs of pupils with SEND. Our staff are committed to regular, high-quality training to ensure that they have the knowledge and skills to better meet a wide range of pupil needs.



Below outlines key staff who will be supporting your child:

- Carla Long – Inclusion Lead and SENCO
- Amy Kirk – Speech and Language Therapist
- Faith Harvey – Specialist SEND HLTA
- Lisa Pearman – Speech and Language HLTA

Our Special Educational Needs Co-ordinator, or SENCO

Our SENCO is Carla Long. She has 28 years' experience in this role and has worked as a leader for Inclusion and an Advanced Skills Teacher. She is a qualified teacher and a member of the senior leadership team.

She achieved the National Award in Special Educational Needs Co-ordination in 2012 and a Masters Degree in Enabling Inclusion and Institutional development.

Class/subject teachers

All of our teachers receive in-house SEN training, and are supported by the SENCO to meet the needs of pupils who have SEN.

Most recently our whole school staff have been involved in training delivered by The Autism Education Trust and staff in Key Stage 2 have undertaken Soundwrite training. All staff are trained to use The Mainstream Core Standards and further training and development is planned next year in Speech and Language and SEMH.

Teaching assistants (TAs)

We have a team of 21 TAs, including 3 higher-level teaching assistants (HLTAs) who are trained to deliver SEN provision.

We have several teaching assistants who are trained to deliver interventions such as SoundsWrite, sensory circuits, speech and language programmes, maths and phonics catch up.

In the last academic year, TAs have been trained in Autism, Dyslexia, Executive Functioning, Word Shark, Teaching maths out of year group, Writing Adaptation, Reasonable adjustments, Transition, Sensory Circuits, Sensory Needs, SoundsWrite, Sound Swap reading games and cognitive functioning.

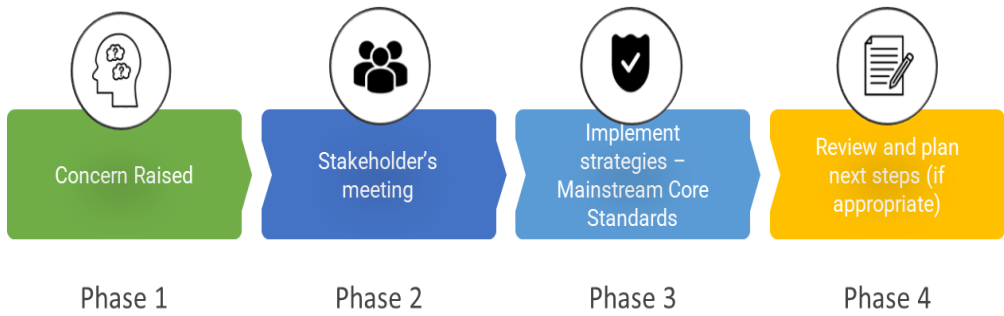
External agencies

Sometimes we need extra help to offer our pupils the support that they need. Whenever necessary we will work with external support services to meet the needs of our pupils with SEND and to support their families. These may include:

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| • Child and adolescent mental health services (CAMHS) | • NELFT practitioners | • School nurses |
| • Education welfare officers | • Physiotherapists | • SEND Inclusion Advisor |
| • VSK – Virtual School Kent | • Therapeutic practitioners | • Specialist Teacher Service |
| • Educational psychologists | • Safeguarding services including Early Help | • Speech and language therapists |
| • GPs or paediatricians | • School Liaison Officer | • Voluntary Sector Organisations |



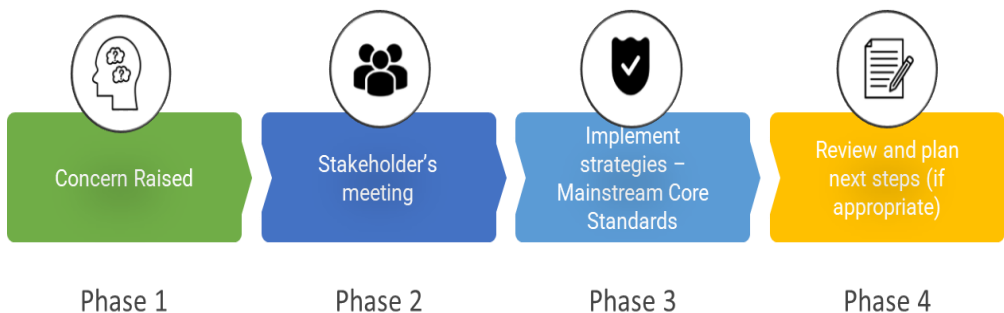
3. What should I do if I think my child has SEND?



Phase 1	If you think your child might have SEND, raise your concern with the school so that the SENCO is aware. Contact your child's teacher via the school office: office@bridge.kent.sch.uk
Phase 2	We will meet with you to discuss your concerns and try to get a better understanding of what your child's strengths and difficulties are. Together we will decide what outcomes to seek for your child and agree on next steps. We will make a note of what's been discussed and add this to your child's record.
Phase 3	We will implement the agreed strategies and monitor these over an agreed period of time. These are likely to be universal strategies set out in the mainstream core standards. A copy of this can be found here: https://www.kelsi.org.uk/_data/assets/pdf_file/0005/117257/Special-educational-needs-mainstream-core-standards-guide-for-parents.pdf . This will initiate the 'Graduated Approach' where support will be continually reviewed. See next page for more details.
Phase 4	If we decide that your child needs SEND support, we will formally notify you and your child will be added to the school's SEND register. They will receive additional support and this will be reviewed using the assess, plan, do, review model.

4. What happens if the school identifies a need?

The same process is followed if a concern is raised by the school.



All our class teachers are responsible for the monitoring of all pupils who have been identified as having SEND. They also review those who are not making the expected level of progress in their schoolwork or socially.

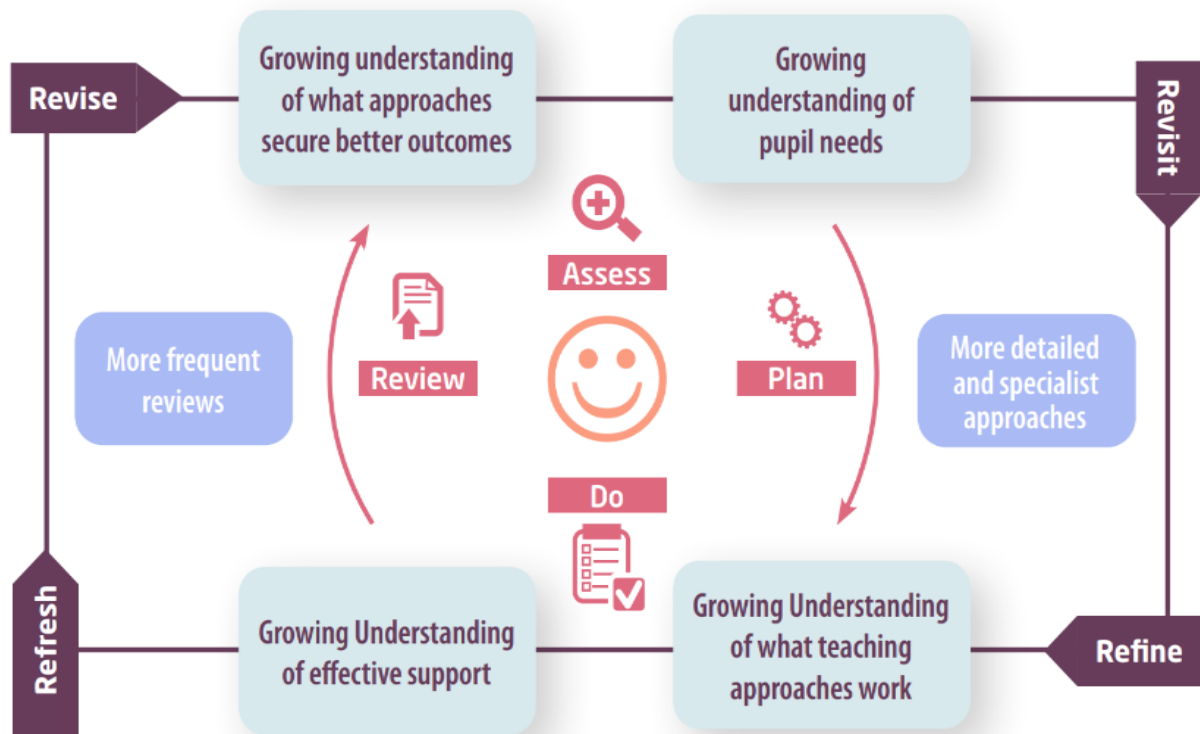
If the teacher notices that a pupil is having difficulties, they try to find out if the pupil has any gaps in their learning. If they can find a gap, the school will provide appropriate support. Pupils who don't have SEND usually make progress quickly once the gap in their learning has been filled.

If the pupil is still finding it difficult to make the expected progress, the teacher will talk to the SENCO, and will contact you to discuss the possibility that your child has SEND, and the school will follow the graduated approach (see previous page).

5. How will the school measure my child's progress?

We follow the 'graduated approach' to meeting your child's SEND needs.

The graduated approach is a 4-part cycle of **assess, plan, do, review**.



Assess	If your child is not making the expected level of progress, we will make an assessment to find out what strengths and difficulties your child has. We will ask for you and your child's input, as well as getting help from external professionals where necessary.
Plan	In discussion with you and your child, we will decide what outcomes we are hoping to achieve. We will make a plan of the support we will offer your child to help them meet those outcomes. We will make a record of this and share it with you and all relevant school staff.
Do	We will put our plan into practice. The class teacher, with the support of the SENCO, will be responsible for working with your child on a daily basis, and making sure the support we put in place is having the impact we intended.
Review	We will assess how well the support we put in place helped the pupil to meet the outcomes we set. We will use our improved understanding of your child's needs to improve the support we offer; this may mean the Plan, Assess, Do, Review cycle continues.

6. How will I be involved in decisions made about my child's education?

We will provide reports in the form of Provision Plans 3 times a year, on your child's progress. If your child has more complex needs, a member of staff who knows your child well will meet you 3 times a year, to:

- Set clear outcomes for your child's progress
- Review progress towards those outcomes
- Discuss the support we will put in place to help your child make that progress

- Identify what we will do, what we will ask you to do, and what we will ask your child to do

The SENCO may also attend these meetings to provide extra support.

We know that you're the expert when it comes to your child's needs and aspirations. So, we want to make sure you have a full understanding of how we're trying to meet your child's needs, so that you can provide insight into what you think would work best for your child.

We also want to hear from you as much as possible so that we can build a better picture of how the SEND support we are providing is impacting your child outside of school.

If your child's needs or aspirations change at any time, please let us know right away so we can keep our provision as relevant as possible.

If you have concerns that arise between these meetings, please contact the Inclusion Leader carla.long@bridge.kent.sch.uk or your child's class teacher via the school office office@bridge.kent.sch.uk

7. How will my child be involved in decisions made about their education?

The level of involvement will depend on your child's age and individual needs. We recognise that no two pupils are the same, so we will decide on a case-by-case basis, with your input.

We may seek your child's views by asking them to:

- Attend meetings to discuss their progress and outcomes
- Prepare a presentation, written statement, video, drawing, etc.
- Discuss their views with a member of staff who can act as a representative during the meeting
- Complete a survey



8. How will the school adapt its teaching for my child?

Your child's teacher is responsible and accountable for the progress and development of all the pupils in their class.

High-quality teaching is our first step in responding to your child's needs. We will make sure that your child has access to a broad and balanced curriculum in every year they are at our school.

We will adapt our approaches to how we teach to suit the way the pupil works best. There is no 'one size fits all' approach to adapting the curriculum, we work on a case-by case basis to make sure the adaptations we make are meaningful to your child and are guided by the Mainstream Core Standards in the first instance.

These adaptations may include:

- Adapting our approaches, for example, giving longer processing times, pre-teaching of key vocabulary, reading instructions aloud, etc.
- Adapting our resources, environment and staffing
- Using recommended aids, such as laptops, coloured overlays, visual timetables, larger font, etc.
- Teaching assistants or support staff will support pupils appropriately depending on their presentation of need
- Scaffolding lesson materials

We may also provide the following interventions:

- Soundwrite
- Dandelion readers and supplementary material
- Wordshark
- Alpha to Omega
- Toe by Toe
- Alphabet Arc work
- Speech and Language Link
- Number sense
- Power of 1
- Power of 2
- White Rose maths books
- Clicker 8
- Touch typing programmes
- Fizzy and Clever Hands
- Sensory Circuits
- Lego Therapy
- Play Therapy
- Forest School
- 5 point scale and Zones of Regulation
- ELSA

These interventions are part of our contribution to Kent County Council's local offer.

9. How will the school evaluate whether the support in place is helping my child?

We will evaluate the effectiveness of provision for your child by:

- Reviewing their progress towards their goals each term
- Reviewing the impact of interventions after 10 weeks
- Termly meetings between class teachers and SENCO
- Monitoring SEN progress during Pupil Progress Meetings
- Monitoring by the SENCO
- Using provision maps to measure progress
- Holding an annual review (if they have an education, health and care (EHC) plan)



10. How will the school ensure my child has appropriate resources?

The school receive a Notional SEN budget which is solely used to provide for the needs of the children with SEND.

It may be that your child's needs mean we need to provide additional resources such as:

- Additional resources to support their learning
- Adaptations to in class support
- Additional adult support
- Further training for our staff
- External specialist expertise

Where appropriate, we will consult with external agencies to get recommendations on what will best help your child access their learning and use our best endeavours to ensure these are supplied.

11. How will the school make sure my child is included in activities alongside pupils who don't have SEND?

The expectation is that all schools provide an inclusive provision for all pupils. It may be necessary for some pupils to receive interventions in addition to a broad and balanced curriculum.

All of our extra-curricular activities and school visits are available to all our pupils, including our before and after-school clubs.

All clubs, trips and activities offered to pupils are available to pupils with special educational needs either with or without an Education, Health and Care Plan. Where it is necessary, the school will use the resources available to it, to provide additional adult support, to enable the safe participation of the pupil in the activity.

No pupil is ever excluded from taking part in these activities because of their SEN or disability and we will make whatever reasonable adjustments are needed to make sure that they can be included.



12. How does the school make sure the admissions process is fair for pupils with SEN or a disability?

The admission arrangements for pupils without an Education, Health and Care Plan do not discriminate against or disadvantage disabled children or those with special educational needs.

We follow the Kent Scheme for admissions which gives priority for a child with an EHCP to be admitted before any other places are allocated.



13. How does the school support pupils with disabilities?

You're disabled under the Equality Act 2010 if you have a physical or mental impairment that has a 'substantial' and 'long-term' negative effect on your ability to do normal daily activities.

As part of our requirement to keep the appropriateness of our curriculum and learning environment under review, the Senior Leadership Team and Governors are continuously making improvements. These improvements include staff training, acquisition of specific resources, targeted curriculum focus and relevant support strategies.



See Accessibility Plan for more information (add link to your school's)

14. How will the school support my child's mental health and emotional and social development?

We provide support for pupils to progress in their emotional and social development in the following ways:

- Pupils with SEND are encouraged to be part of the school council
- Pupils with SEND are also encouraged to be part of clubs to promote teamwork/building friendships
- We provide extra pastoral support for listening to the views of pupils with SEND
- We have an ELSA for pupils who need extra support with social or emotional development
- We provide a specialist Occupational Therapist to work with pupils who need support with Anxiety or Social Emotional difficulties
- We employ a Therapeutic Play Therapist to work with specific pupils
- We have a 'zero tolerance' approach to bullying. We prevent bullying in the school by encouraging a supportive environment and ethos, actively teaching children positive social skills and covering friendship issues through programmes such as Jigsaw, maintaining and reinforcing our Christian values of Trust, Service, Generosity, Compassion and Forgiveness.

15. What support is in place for looked-after and previously looked-after children with SEND?

Carla Long, our designated teacher will work with all teachers to ensure they understand how a looked-after or previously looked-after pupil's circumstances and their SEND might interact, and what the implications are for teaching and learning.



Pupils who are looked-after or previously looked-after will be supported much in the same way as any other child who has SEND. However, looked-after pupils will also have a personal education plan (PEP). We will make sure that the PEP and any SEND support plans or EHC plans are consistent and complement one another.

16. What support will be available for my child as they transition between classes or settings or in preparing for adulthood?

Between years

To help pupils with SEND be prepared for a new school year we:



- Ask both the current teacher and the next year's teacher to attend a transition meeting with parent's where the pupil's SEND is discussed
- Schedule half a day with the incoming teacher towards the end of the summer term

Between schools

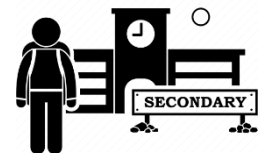
When your child is moving on from our school, we will ask you and your child what information you want us to share with the new setting.

Between phases (for primary schools)

The SENCO of the secondary school will come into our school for a meeting with our SENCO or the SENCO will meet with them at the Specialist Teacher organised transition event in Term 5. They will discuss the needs of all the pupils who are receiving SEND support.

Pupils will be prepared for the transition by:

- Practising with a secondary school timetable
- Learning how to get organised independently
- Plugging any gaps in knowledge
- Attending a transition day
- Children with more complex needs might have additional transition days during the Summer holidays



17. What support is available for me and my family?

If you have questions about SEND, or are struggling to cope, please get in touch to let us know. We want to support you, your child and your family.

To see what support is available to you locally, have a look at Kent County Council's local offer. KCC publishes information about the local offer on their website:

<https://local.kent.gov.uk/kb5/kent/directory/results.action?localofferchannel=0>

Our local special educational needs and disabilities information advice and support service is

[iASK](#)

Local charities that offer information and support to families of pupils with SEND are:

<https://www.kent.gov.uk/education-and-children/special-educational-needs>

National charities that offer information and support to families of pupils with SEND are:

- [IPSEA](#)
- [SEND family support](#)
- [NSPCC](#)
- [Family Action](#)
- [Special Needs Jungle](#)

18. What should I do if I have a complaint about my child's SEND support?

Complaints about SEND provision in our school should be made to the class teacher, SENCO or headteacher in the first instance. They will then be referred to the school's complaints policy.

If you are not satisfied with the school's response, you can escalate the complaint to the chair of Governors. If the complaint is not resolved after it has been considered by the governing body, then a disagreement resolution service or mediation service can be contacted

To see a full explanation of suitable avenues for complaint, see pages 246 and 247 of the [SEND Code of Practice](#).

If you feel that our school discriminated against your child because of their SEND, you have the right to make a discrimination claim to the first-tier SEND tribunal. To find out how to make such a claim, you should visit:

<https://www.gov.uk/complain-about-school/disability-discrimination>

You can make a claim about alleged discrimination regarding:

- Admission
- Exclusion
- Provision of education and associated services
- Making reasonable adjustments, including the provision of auxiliary aids and services

Before going to a SEND tribunal, you can go through processes called disagreement resolution or mediation, where you try to resolve your disagreement before it reaches the tribunal.

[Mediation and Resolution Support](#)

19. Supporting Documents

- Equality Information and Objectives Policy
- Child protection and safeguarding policy
- Behaviour Policy
- Accessibility Plan
- Attendance and punctuality policy
- SEND policy
- SEN & Disabilities Code Of Practice 2015
- Mainstream Core Standards



20. Glossary

Access arrangements – special arrangements to allow pupils with SEND to access assessments or exams

Annual review – an annual meeting to review the provision in a pupil's EHC plan

Area of need – the 4 areas of need describe different types of needs a pupil with SEND can have. The 4 areas are communication and interaction; cognition and learning; physical and/or sensory; and social, emotional and mental health needs.

CAMHS – child and adolescent mental health services

Differentiation – when teachers adapt how they teach in response to a pupil's needs

EHC needs assessment – the needs assessment is the first step on the way to securing an EHC plan. The local authority will do an assessment to decide whether a child needs an EHC plan.

EHC plan – an education, health and care plan is a legally-binding document that sets out a child's needs and the provision that will be put in place to meet their needs.

First-tier tribunal/SEND tribunal – a court where you can appeal against the local authority's decisions about EHC needs assessments or plans and against discrimination by a school or local authority due to SEND

Graduated approach – an approach to providing SEND support in which the school provides support in successive cycles of assessing the pupil's needs, planning the provision, implementing the plan, and reviewing the impact of the action on the pupil

Intervention – a short-term, targeted approach to teaching a pupil with a specific outcome in mind

Local offer – information provided by the local authority which explains what services and support are on offer for pupils with SEND in the local area

Outcome – target for improvement for pupils with SEND. These targets don't necessarily have to be related to academic attainment

Reasonable adjustments – changes that the school must make to remove or reduce any disadvantages caused by a child's disability

SENCO – the special educational needs co-ordinator

SEN – special educational needs

SEND – special educational needs and disabilities

SEND Code of Practice – the statutory guidance that schools must follow to support pupils with SEND

SEND information report – a report that schools must publish on their website, that explains how the school supports pupils with SEND

SEND support – special educational provision which meets the needs of pupils with SEND

Transition – when a pupil moves between years, phases, schools or institutions or life stages