

Special Educational Needs and Disability Information Report

Bay House School & Sixth Form is committed to securing improvement through developing and embedding an inclusive culture within which all learners, including those with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND), can be valued equally, treated with respect and provided with the opportunities and experiences to ensure they thrive and are successful.

The Code of Practice (2014) considers a young person to have SEND if they have a learning difficulty or disability which calls for special education provision to be made. This may be due to the pupil showing a significantly greater difficulty in learning than the majority of others the same age, or having a disability which prevents or hinders him or her from making use of the facilities that are generally provided for others of the same age.

Our learners are identified as having SEND through a variety of ways including:

- Working with the student's previous school
- Monitoring of progress within the curriculum
- Concerns raised by learners, teachers, parents and or carers
- Whole school screening assessments for reading, numeracy, Speech and Language and well being
- Specialist assessments to identify specific areas of weakness
- Liaison with external agencies, e.g. Health and Educational Psychology

We use a wide range of assessment tools to determine specific barriers to learning, including academic, emotional well being and how connected the young person feels to their own educational setting and self view. This ensures an evidenced informed approach is consistently used when planning the most appropriate provision for a learner.

The needs of learners with a Special Educational Need or Disability (SEND) fall into four broad areas of need:

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

Learners who are identified with SEND will be recorded on the SEND register. Staff will be informed of their needs and will be provided with guidance to support their learning in the classroom. A number of interventions are also available to help young people with their particular barriers to learning.

Educational Health Care Plans (EHCP):

For a few students the help given by the school may not be sufficient to enable the pupil to make adequate progress. It may then be necessary for the school, in consultation with the parents/carers and any external agencies already involved, to consider whether to ask the Local Authority (LA) to initiate a statutory assessment for an Educational Health Care Plan (EHCP).

Where a request for a statutory assessment is made, the school, parents/carers and any relevant outside agencies must provide written evidence of at least two terms worth of 'Assess – Plan – Do – Review cycles' to the LA. This must also include details of:

- Details of any relevant educational assessments.
- Details of the agreed plan for provision by the school, parent/carer, the student and any relevant outside agents
- Records of actions taken by the school, parents/carers, the student and any relevant outside agent
- Records of review of planned provision and their outcomes.
- Details of the pupil's health including the pupil's medical history where relevant.
- Attainment levels in all subject areas.
- Details of involvement and assessment from relevant outside professionals to develop provision, for example from a specialist advisory teacher or an Educational Psychologist.
- The views of the parents and of the pupil through the K1 and K2 forms.
- Involvement of any other professionals.
- Any involvement by the social care or education welfare service.

There must be clear evidence of at least 12 months of significant challenges with the student accessing mainstream education.

When the LA receives a request for a statutory assessment, it must decide within six weeks whether to carry out such an assessment.

How will the School support my child?

School leaders, the Inclusion leaders, the SENCo and the Year Teams all oversee and monitor the progress of learners requiring additional support. All teachers are teachers of learners with SEND.

They plan lessons for all learners in their classes, to ensure that progress is made and they are supported by the Inclusion leaders to include appropriate access strategies for learners as required. Targeted interventions, including small group work and one to one programmes may be also offered to those with identified needs.

Parents and carers will learn about their child's progress through both written progress reports and

through face to face conversations at parents' evenings. Tutors, Year Leaders, the SENCo and the Inclusion Leaders are also available by appointment throughout the year. If your child has an Education Health and Care plan (EHCP) a formal meeting will take place annually to discuss your child's progress and a report will be written.

How are the School's resources allocated and matched to children's SEN needs?

We ensure that the needs of all learners who have SEND are met to the best of the school's ability with the resources available. We have a SEND Support Team who deliver intervention programmes designed to meet the needs of learners with SEND as well as supporting in class if appropriate. The resources are allocated on a needs basis where learners with the most complex needs are given the most support, often involving regular support of a member of the SEND Support Team or a bespoke programme. These decisions are made by the SENCo and/or Inclusion Leaders.

How does the school know how well my child is doing?

As a school we measure progress in learning against both national expectations and age related expectations. School, subject and school leaders do this regularly throughout the year and information is shared with parents with progress reports and parents' evenings.

Progress in interventions for those with identified SEND needs, is monitored by the SENCo and helps to ensure that the learners are receiving the appropriate support. Teachers are made aware of any interventions a student with SEND is having and are asked to monitor the impact in the day to day classroom setting. If there has been impact:

- The student will make progress academically against national/age expected levels/grades and will achieve to the best of their potential.
- Well being indicators will show that the student is safe, secure and happy.
- The verbal and written feedback from class teachers, SEND Support Team, parents / carers and learners indicate that progress is being made.
- Review meetings confirm that needs have been met.

What is the pastoral, medical and social support available in the School?

We are an inclusive school: we welcome and celebrate diversity and our aim is for all learners to be happy, equipped for adult life, and to achieve greater and further than they may have thought possible. We value and believe in every individual and we promote this through kindness, care and high challenge. This is achieved through a rich curriculum that is embedded with the 'Foundations for Gosport Futures', a set of skills that promote personal and character development.

The first layer of support for our learners comes through the pastoral system which consists of Year Teams and tutor groups. The tutor is the first person to contact for any pastoral or medical concerns. In addition the Year teams can offer further pastoral support and advice and will refer to other agencies as required.

Attendance of every student is monitored by the attendance team. Parents / carers are informed if a student has not arrived in school.

For those who need additional care, the school provides emotional support from trained ELSAs

under the direction of the SENCo and / or Inclusion Leaders. Our emotional support provision includes emotional awareness, social skills and friendship skills, anger management, loss, bereavement and family break up and self-esteem. ELSAs receive regular support from the EP service. Where possible the school will access counseling provision from outside agencies.

How does the school manage the administration of medicines?

The school has a Medical Conditions and First Aid Policy which includes procedures for the administration of medicines. Students with specific medical conditions will have an Individual Health Care Plan. Risk assessments are routinely used so that all staff are able to manage medical conditions. The school employs staff qualified in first aid.

Parents are asked to contact the school if medication is recommended by health professionals to be taken during the school day.

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

The school curriculum, including trips and activities off site, is available to all learners. A risk assessment is carried out prior to any off site activity to ensure everyone's health and safety will not be compromised. A range of clubs and societies are also offered after school and learners with SEND are encouraged to take part.

During the school day, learners with SEND who may find break times difficult have access to a quiet space where staff are on hand to support them. Support for homework is also offered after school for those who need it.

What specialist services and expertise are available?

The work of the SEND team is overseen by the Senior Inclusion Leader who is also an experienced and accredited SENCo. There is one further accredited SENDCo and an Inclusion Operations Manager. We have 2 Specialist Assessors and one member of staff trained to support those with dyslexia. We work closely with Hampshire County Council Advisors in areas such as Communication and Language, Visual and Hearing Impairment and Physical Disability. We also work closely with any external agencies that we feel may benefit your child including GPs, School Nursing Team, CaMHS, Locality Team, Educational Psychologist (EPs) and voluntary organisations such as MOTIV8. We also access Outreach from special schools such as Baycroft, Lord Wilson School and The Key, when the need arises.

Our ELSAs are trained by the Educational Psychology Service and we have other members of staff who are trained by the Communication and Language Team to deliver Language Interventions. The teaching staff are regularly updated on how to support learners with SEND through professional learning.

How accessible is the School environment?

The school site is not fully wheelchair accessible. There are ramps at specified fire exits and ground floor accommodation can be provided for a number of areas. There are two buildings with lift access.

How will the School prepare and support my child when joining the School?

All prospective learners are encouraged to visit the School with parents and carers.

We work closely with all the primary schools. We visit Year 6 learners in their school and for the learners with additional needs further visits to Bay House School and Sixth Form are arranged. We also aim to attend the Annual Reviews for Year 5/6/11 when invited. We liaise closely with colleagues when either receiving learners with SEND, or when transferring learners to different schools, to ensure that all paperwork is passed on and all needs are discussed and understood.

Students who are moving onto college will be supported by the Year 11 Personal Development curriculum, the Year Team and their tutor. They will have access to careers advice and for learners with SEND, personalised transition plans may be created.

If the student has an EHCP, transition planning will be discussed at the annual review meeting. We discuss with learners their goals and support them in applying for college placements. We liaise with colleges to advise them of the individual needs, the support we have provided and any access arrangements for examinations.

If you would like your child to join this School, please contact the School Admissions Team to arrange a visit to the school. The SEND / School Leaders will willingly discuss how the school can meet your child's needs.

Who do I contact if I have a concern about my child's educational needs?

Parents and carers are welcome any time to make an appointment to meet with either the Head of Year or the Inclusion Leaders or the subject leaders to discuss their child's progress.

Specific School Leaders have different areas of responsibility linked to SEND:

- SENCo: Mr Mike Bowen
- Exam Access Specialist Assessor: Mrs Gemma Patterson
- Senior Inclusion Leader: Miss Sam Smithbone
- Deputy Associate Headteacher with responsibility for Behaviour and Inclusion: Ms Alice Harlan
- Jean Morgan is the secondary phase committee member linked to SEND.

If you have a concern about the school's SEND provision, please contact either the SENCo, Inclusion Leaders, Head of Year or Subject Leader who will investigate and endeavour to reach a satisfactory outcome. If you are not satisfied, we invite you to follow the School's complaint procedure. This can be found on the school website - www.bayhouse.gfmat.org

Who can I contact for further information?

- First point of contact will be your child's Tutor / Year Team.
- You can contact/meet the SENCo, Inclusion Leaders, Tutor and Year Leader throughout the academic year by appointment.
- For information and advice, contact SENDIASS - <https://www.corechildrensservices.co.uk/>
- For legal advice, contact IPSEA (Independent Parental Special Education Advice) – www.ipsea.org.uk/

This document forms part of the SEN information as outlined in the Local Offer. To access the Local Offer in its entirety, click on the link below.

<https://fish.hants.gov.uk/kb5/hampshire/directory/localoffer.page>

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