

SEN INFORMATION REPORT/SCHOOL BASED LOCAL OFFER -UPTON WESTLEA PRIMARY SCHOOL

Type of school	Mainstream
Autism provision on site -Admission is via Local Authority procedures only	Admissions made via the Local Authority admissions panel

All Cheshire maintained schools have a similar approach to meeting the needs of pupils with Special Educational Needs/ and or disabilities, and are supported by the Local Authority to ensure that all pupils, regardless of their specific needs, make the best possible progress in school. All schools are supported to be as inclusive as possible, with the needs of pupils with a Special Educational Need/s and or disabilities being met in a mainstream setting wherever possible, where families want this to happen.

This should be looked at together with:

1) Cheshire West and Chester Local Offer for children and young people with SEND, which can be accessed via the following link:

www.westcheshirelocaloffer.co.uk

2) The school SEND Policy, which can be accessed via this link: www.uptonwestleaprimary.co.uk

3) The school PSHE Policy which can be requested.

4) The school anti bullying policy, which can be accessed via this link: www.uptonwestleaprimary.co.uk

5) The guidance for Parents of pupils who have a place within the ASC provision which can be accessed via this link: www.uptonwestleaprimary.co.uk

A. PEOPLE WHO SUPPORT CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL EDUCATIONAL NEEDS/ AND OR DISABILITIES IN THIS SCHOOL:

School based information	People	Summary of responsibilities
<p>Who are the best people to talk to in this school about my child's difficulties with learning/ Special Educational Needs/Disability (SEND)? And how can I talk to them about my child if I need to?</p>	<p>Head Teacher: Mrs Kath Carruthers</p>	<p>She is responsible for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensuring that all children have access to good/outstanding teaching and that the curriculum is adapted to meet your child's individual needs (also known as differentiation) • 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, adapting resources etc..) and discussing amendments as necessary • Ensuring that SEN Support Plans, for specific children, are drawn up and shared and reviewed with parents at least once each term and the next term planned for • Ensuring that all members of staff working with your child in school are aware of your child's individual needs and/or conditions and what specific adjustments need to be made to enable them to be included and make progress • Ensuring that all staff working with your child in school are supported in delivering the planned work/programme for your child, so they can

	<p>The Special Educational Needs Co-Ordinator (SENCO) Mrs Cheryl Holmes</p>	<p>achieve the best possible progress. This may involve the use of additional adults, outside specialist help and specially planned work and resources</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensuring that the school's SEND Policy is followed in their classroom and for all the pupils they teach with any SEND. <p>She is responsible for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The day to day management of all aspects of the school, this includes the support for children with SEN and/or disabilities. She will give responsibility to the SENCO and class/subject teachers but is still responsible for ensuring that your child's needs are met • She must make sure that the Governing Body is kept up to date about any issues in the school relating to SEND. <p>Contacted by Telephone: 01244 667880 Email: head@uptonwestlea.cheshire.sch.uk</p> <p>She is responsible for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coordinating all the support for mainstream children with special educational needs (SEN) and or disabilities, and developing the school's SEND Policy to make sure all children get a consistent, high quality response to meeting their needs in school • Ensuring that parents/carers are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ meeting with parents and staff to discuss concerns ○ involved in reviewing how children are doing • Liaising with all the other people who may be coming into school to help support your child's learning e.g. Speech and Language Therapy, Educational Psychology etc...
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	<p>The Manager of the Autism Provision: Mrs K. Carruthers Mrs L. Wright</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Updating the school's SEND record of need, (a system for ensuring all the special educational, physical and sensory needs of pupils in this school are known and understood) and making sure that there are excellent records of your child's progress and needs • To provide specialist support for teachers and support staff in the mainstream school so they can help your child (and other pupils with SEN and/or disabilities in the school) to achieve their potential • Supporting your child's class teacher to write Learning Plans (if required) that specify the targets set for your child to achieve • Developing and Reviewing Educational Health Care Plans • Organising training for mainstream staff so they are, aware and confident about how to meet the needs of your child and others within our school. <p>Contacted by Telephone: 01244 667 880 Email: admin@uptonwestlea.cheshire.sch.uk</p> <p>She is responsible for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coordinating all the support for children within the ASC Provision and contributing to the school's SEND Policy to make sure all ASC children get a consistent, high quality response to meeting their needs in school • Ensuring that you are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ involved in supporting your child's learning ○ kept informed about the support your child is getting ○ involved in reviewing how they are doing
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SEND Governor - Mrs L Thompson 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ part of planning ahead for them • Liaising with all the other people who may be coming into school to help support your child's learning e.g. Speech and Language Therapy, Educational Psychology etc... • Developing and Reviewing Educational Health Care Plans • Organising training for staff so they are, aware and confident about how to meet the needs of children with ASC • To be part of an Outreach programme to support other schools who have pupils with ASC <p>She is responsible for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Making sure that the school has an up to date SEND Policy • Making sure that the school has appropriate provision and has made necessary adaptations to meet the needs of all children in the school • Making sure that the necessary support is made for any child who attends the school who has SEN and/or disabilities • Making visits to understand and monitor the support given to children with SEND in the school and being part of the process to ensure your child achieves his/her potential in school. <p>Contacted by Telephone: 01244 667880 Contact via admin@uptonwestlea.cheshire.sch.uk</p>
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B. HOW COULD MY CHILD GET HELP IN SCHOOL?

Children in school will get support that is specific to their individual needs. This may be all provided by the class teacher or may involve:

- Other staff in the school
- Staff who will visit the school from the Local Authority central services such as the ASC Team or Sensory Service (for students with a hearing or visual need)
- Staff who visit from outside agencies such as the Speech and Language therapy (SALT) Service.

	Types of support provided also showing the stage of the Code of Practice (the document that schools use to plan their SEN and/or disabilities input) children will be at when receiving this input.	What would this mean for your child?	Who can get this kind of support?
What are the different types of support available for children with SEN and /or disabilities in this school?	Class teacher input via good/outstanding classroom teaching.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The teacher will have the highest possible expectations for your child and all pupils in their class • All teaching is based on building on what your child already knows, can do and can understand • Putting in place different ways of teaching so that your child is fully involved in learning in class. This may involve things like using more practical learning or providing different resources adapted for your child • Putting in place specific strategies (which may 	All children in school receive this.

		<p>be suggested by the SENCO or staff from outside agencies) to enable your child to access the learning task</p>	
	<p>Specific small group work. This group may be</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Run in the classroom or outside • Run by a teacher or (most often) a Teaching assistant who has had training to run these groups. <p>These are called Intervention groups.</p> <p><i>Stage of SEND Code of Practice:</i> SEN Support, which means they have been identified by the class teacher as needing some extra support in school, after putting strategies in place at class level.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 close the gap between your child and their peers • He/ She will plan group sessions for your child with targets to help your child to make more progress • A Learning Support Assistant/teacher (or outside professional (like a Speech and Language Therapist) will run these small group sessions using the teacher's plans, or a recommended programme. 	<p>Any child who has specific gaps in their understanding of a subject/area of learning. Children who have English as an additional language.</p> <p>Some of the children accessing intervention groups may be at the stage of the SEND Code of Practice called SEN Support, which means they have been identified by the class teacher as needing some extra support in</p>

			<p>school, after putting strategies in place at class level.</p>
	<p>Specialist groups run by outside agencies e.g. Speech and Language therapy OR Occupational therapy groups</p> <p>AND/OR Individual support for your child.</p> <p>Stage of SEN Code of Practice: SEN Support, which means they have been identified by the class teacher/SENCO as needing some extra specialist support in school from a professional outside the school. This may be from:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Local Authority central services such as the ASC Team or Sensory Service (for students with a hearing or visual need) • Outside agencies such as the 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If your child has been identified as needing more specialist input instead of or in addition to good and outstanding class room teaching and intervention groups, referrals will be made to outside agencies to advise and support the school in enabling your child to make progress • Before referrals are made you will be asked to come to a meeting to discuss your child's progress and help plan possible ways forward. • If it is agreed that the support of an outside agency is a way forward, you will be asked to give your permission for the school to refer your child to a specialist professional e.g. a Speech and Language Therapist or Educational Psychologist. This will help the school and yourself, understand your child's particular needs better • The specialist professional will work with your child to understand their needs and make recommendations, which may include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Making changes to the way your child is supported in class e.g. some individual 	<p>Children with specific barriers to learning that cannot be overcome through whole class good/outstanding teaching and intervention groups.</p>

	<p>Speech and Language therapy (SALT) Service.</p>	<p>support or changing some aspects of teaching to support them better</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Support to set targets which will include their specific professional expertise ○ Your child's involvement in a group run by school staff under the guidance of the outside professional e.g. a social skills group or sensory circuit ○ Group or individual work with an outside professional ● The school may suggest that your child needs some agreed individual support or group support in school. They will tell you how the support will be used and what strategies will be put in place. 	
	<p>Specified Individual support for your child:</p> <p>This is provided via an Education, Health and Care Plan (EHCP). This means your child will have been identified by the class teacher/SENCO as needing a particularly high level of individual and small group</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 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 and you can find more details about this in the Local Authority (LA) based Local Offer, via the following link: www.westcheshirelocaloffer.co.uk ● Your child's school/setting will have been putting together a profile of your child's aspirations and needs over time, and you 	<p>Children whose learning needs are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Severe, complex and lifelong

	<p>teaching, which cannot be provided from the resources already delegated to the school. Usually, if your child requires this high level of support they may also need specialist support in school from a professional outside the school. This may be from:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Local Authority central services such as the ASC Team or Sensory Service (for students with a hearing or visual need) • Outside agencies such as the Speech and Language therapy (SALT) Service, Occupational therapy service, Physiotherapy and/or CAMHS 	<p>will have been involved in part of this process. The school will then meet with you and other professionals involved, and decide on next steps and agree any additional information and evidence that should be included from you, other involved professionals and them</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If the school has send 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 look at the advice submitted and ask you and any other professionals involved with your child to write a report outlining your child's needs, if this is not already included, or information is missing. If they do not think your child needs this, they will ask the school to continue with the support at SEN Support level. • After the reports have all been sent in, the Local Authority will decide if your child's needs are severe, complex and lifelong as a guide, they need 21 hours of support, or more, in school to make good 	
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	<p>ASC Resourced Provision We have a 10-place provision for children with Autism (Eden). Children will need to have an EHCP for ASC before they can be considered for a place. Usually, if your child requires this high level of support they will have been referred by the Local Authority. It will specify on their EHCP that they require a specialised provision for ASC.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Please refer to our Resourced Provision Guidance for Parents and Carers via the link: www.uptonwestleapprimary.co.uk <p>This information will give you more details about the Resourced Provision</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parents can make an appointment to view the school and speak with the Head teacher about the Resourced Provision in more detail. 	

<p>How will we support your child with identified special needs starting at school?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We will first invite you to visit the school with your child to have a look around and speak to staff • If other professionals are involved, a team around the Child (TAF) meeting may be held to discuss your child's needs, share strategies used, and ensure provision is put in place before your child starts (action for inclusion) • Your child's key person may make a home visit and also visit your child if they are attending another provision • We may suggest adaptations to the settling in period to help your child to settle more easily • We may ask you to attend another meeting to check that everything is going well.
<p>How can I let the school know I am concerned about my child's progress in school?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If you have concerns about your child's progress you should speak to your child's class teacher/key worker initially • 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 SENCO or Headteacher • If you are still not happy you can speak to the school SEN Governor • If after this you feel that the concern has not been dealt with, there is an official complaints procedure which can be accessed through our website: www.uptonwestleapprimary.co.uk
<p>How will the school let me know if they have any concerns about my child's learning in school?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • When a teacher has raised concerns about your child's progress, and targeted teaching has not met the child's needs, the teacher will raise this with the SENCO. • Our school also has meetings every term between each class teacher and senior staff members in the school to ensure all children are making good progress (pupil progress meetings). This is another way your child may be identified as not making as much progress as expected • If your child is then identified as not making progress the school will make a decision about whether to monitor this or set up an intervention group and will inform you • If your child is still not making expected progress the school will discuss with you <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Any concerns you may have ○ Discuss with you any further interventions or referrals to outside professionals to support your child's learning ○ To discuss how we could work together, to support your child at home/school.

<p>How do we ensure that the views of your child (and other children with SEND in the school) are used to plan for them and for SEND within our school?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recording your child's views about their progress in parent meetings • Using a curriculum that takes into account the interests of all the children • Holding regular class and school council meetings, Learning Behaviour Champions meetings to encourage the children to participate in school decisions where necessary • Each subject co-ordinator speaks with children about their views on their subject within their class. This is fed back to the class teacher (Pupil Voice).
<p>How is extra support allocated to children and how do they move between the different levels?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The school budget, received from Cheshire West and Chester LA, includes money for supporting children with SEN • There will be a set budget for the ASC Provision • The Head Teacher decides on the budget for Special Educational Needs in mainstream in consultation with the school governors, on the basis of the needs of the children currently in the school • The Head Teacher and the SENCO discuss all the information they have about SEN in the school, including <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. <p>A decision as to what resources/training and support is needed is then made.</p> • All resources/training and support are reviewed regularly and changes made as needed.

<p>Who are the other people providing services to children with SEN in this school?</p>	<p>A. Directly funded by the school</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Learning mentor - Mrs D Grimshaw • ELSA trained assistants- Mrs D Grimshaw • SALT- Mrs P Hunt, Mrs G Holder • Mental Health Leads- Mrs D Woollen • Nurture group leads-Mrs D Grimshaw, Mrs D Woollen, Mrs G
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	B. Paid for centrally by the Local Authority but delivered in school	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Autism Service Educational Psychology Service Speech and Language Therapy Occupational Therapy Physiotherapy Visually impaired service CAMHS(Child & Adolescent Mental Health Service) Professional training for school staff to deliver medical interventions IASS Information and Advice Support Service (to support families through the SEN processes and procedures).
	C. Provided and paid for by the Health Service but delivered in school	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> School Nurse
	D. Voluntary agencies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> National Autistic Society 52 Lives NSPCC
How are the adults in school helped to work with children with a SEND	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The SENCO's job is to support the class teacher in planning for children with SEN The ASC manager 's job is to support staff who have pupils with ASC integrating within 	

<p>and what training do they have?</p>	<p>their class</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Both the SENCO and the ASC teacher have been trained to deliver their role within school • 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 issues or to support identified groups of learners in school, such as ASC and Dyslexia • Individual teachers and support staff attend training courses run by outside agencies that are relevant to the needs of specific children in their class e.g from the ASC service and Sensory service or medical /health training to support staff in implementing care plans • 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 Head teacher or SENCo.
<p>How will the teaching be adapted for my child with learning needs (SEN/ and or disabilities)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Class Teachers plan lessons according to the specific needs of all groups of children in their class, and will ensure that learning tasks are adjusted in order to enable your child to access their learning as independently as possible • Support staff can implement the teachers' modified/adapted planning to support the needs of your child where necessary • Specific resources and strategies will be used to support your child individually and in groups • Planning and teaching will be adapted on a daily basis, if needed, to meet your child's learning needs and increase your child's access to what is on offer.
<p>How will we measure the progress of your child in school? And how will I know about this?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Your child's progress is continually monitored by his/her class teacher • His/her progress is reviewed formally every term and a National Curriculum level and Standardised scores are given in reading, writing and maths, as well as progress in other areas, as appropriate, such as attendance, engagement in learning and behaviour • At the end of each key stage (i.e. at the end of year 2 and year 6) all children are required to be formally assessed using Standard Assessment Tests (SATs). This is something the government requires all schools to do and the results are published nationally • Pupils with specific SEN (in connection with reading or writing) are given special consideration

	<p>during the SATS. Pupils with specific SEN can be supported with reading and writing during certain tests and pupils with EHCPs are given extra time to complete tests</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The progress of children with an EHC Plan is formally reviewed at an Annual Review with all adults involved with the child's education • The SENCo and ASC Manager (for pupils within the provision) will also check that your child is making good progress within any individual work and in any group that they take part in • A range of ways will be used to keep you informed, which may include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Termly parent's meetings ○ Letters/certificates sent home ○ Additional meetings as required ○ Reports
<p>How will we make arrangements to ensure that the social emotional needs of your child are met in school?</p>	<p>The ways we support children that have social and emotional needs are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ELSA and other interventions run by our TAs • Counselling delivered by Mrs D Grimshaw, Mrs D Woollen • Small social skills groups inc Next Steps Cards, Motivational Interviewing, ELSA • Circle time within each class. • Our PHSE policy can be requested from the school
<p>How our school is made accessible for students with SEND?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The school may be able to apply for support with the Educational Psychologist who can be called in to support the needs of children • We also have, a speech and language therapist who comes into the ASC Provision once a week to work closely with pupils in the provision.
<p>How does our school make special arrangements for Children In Care with SEND?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We consult with the virtual school - Head Teacher and SENCo as appropriate for personalised support as required. We also liaise with the allocated social worker, to ensure all agencies are working collaboratively to develop an appropriate support package (PEP/EHCP) for each child. • We review the child's needs and progress regularly, for example, before entering the school, to ensure a smooth transition from their previous setting and then at regular

	<p>intervals</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We ensure Pupil Premium is being used to effectively enable the child to meet their outcomes. • The SENCo ensures that training and policies are supportive of looked after children with SEND • The Designated Governor for CIC works to ensure provision is enabling CIC with SEND to make good progress.
<p>How have we made this school physically accessible to children with SEND?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The school is accessible to children with physical disability on the lower ground through the addition of ramps • We ensure that equipment used is accessible to all children regardless of their needs and will endeavour to make reasonable adjustments and engage in any new training if required. • Those children with a visual difficulty are catered for e.g. enlarged print, corner protectors, yellow lines on equipment.

<p>How will we support your child when they are leaving this school or moving on to another class?</p>	<p>We recognise that 'moving on' can be difficult for a child with SEN/and or disabilities and take steps to ensure that any transition is as smooth as possible.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If your child is moving to another school: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ We will contact the new school's SENCO 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 ○ If need be, transition days will be arranged beforehand to allow your child to become familiar with their new school. Additional transition days can be arranged. • When moving classes in school: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 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 SEN support plans will be shared with the new teacher
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Sometimes extra time will be spent getting to know new staff or new classrooms • In Year 6 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Your Child's class teacher attends a meeting to discuss the specific needs of your child with the SENCo of their secondary school. The ASC manager and the SENCo may also attend, as appropriate ○ Your child will attend a Transition Day at their new school along with their peers ○ 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. They may be accompanied by a teaching assistant with whom they are familiar.
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<p>What training did staff at our school have in SEND over the year 2021-22?</p>	<p>The main training was in connection with Local Authority SENCO clusters, Team Teach and Edu Key support.</p>
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GLOSSARY OF TERMS	
S	Statement stage of the SEN Code of Practice
SEND	Special Educational Needs and/or disability
SEN Code of Practice	The legal document that sets out the requirements for SEND
EHC plan	Education, Health, Care Plan
SEND	Special Educational Needs and/or disability
SEND	Special Educational Needs and or disabilities

SALT	Speech and Language Therapist
CAMHS	Child & Adolescent Mental Health Service
EP	Educational Psychologist
SENCO	Special Educational Needs Coordinator
ASC	Autistic Spectrum Condition