

What is SEND?



SEND = Special Educational Needs & Disabilities

According to the Code of Practice 2014:

A child or young person has SEND if they have a learning difficulty or disability which calls for special educational provision to be made for him or her.

A child of compulsory school age or a young person has a learning difficulty or disability if he or she:

- has a significantly greater difficulty in learning than the majority of others of the same age, or
- has a disability which prevents or hinders him or her from making use of facilities of a kind generally provided for others of the same age in mainstream schools or mainstream post-16 institutions

The Code of Practice is statutory guidance for organisations which work with and support children and young people who have special educational needs or disabilities.

At Broad Oak we aim to provide a broad, balanced and differentiated curriculum for all its pupils. Some children have special educational needs which means that provision is made via intervention This may be because of a learning difficulty, a health issue or a disability. The school also acknowledges that children who are exceptionally advanced or talented may also have specific needs.

Broad Areas of Need

There are four Broad Areas of Need. Some children may have needs which fall into more than one category. The categories are not used to define children but are instead used to plan the correct support/provision.

- Physical & or Sensory
- Communication & Interaction
- Cognition & Learning
- Social, Emotional & Mental Health

Children and young people with Autistic Spectrum Disorders/Conditions are likely to have particular difficulties with social interaction. They may also experience difficulties with language, communication and imagination, which can impact on how they relate to others. They often have sensory difficulties which can impact on their learning.

If you require further information, please contact:

Broad Oak Primary School SENDCO : Mrs A Sutton - Please contact through the school office.

Complaints

If you are a parent of a child with special educational needs and wish to make a complaint, please contact your child's teacher in the first instance. If the matter cannot be resolved, it will be passed on to the school SENDCO and or head teacher, depending on the nature of the complaint. The school governing body will be informed as and when necessary to resolve complex issues.

Special Educational Needs and Disabilities - local offer

It is the responsibility of the Local Authority to produce a Local Offer. The local offer brings together information for children and young people with special educational needs and disabilities and their families.

The SEND local offer is:

- information, advice, support and services
- provided by education, health, Lancashire County Council (the local authority) and voluntary organisations
- local to Lancashire
- for children and young people with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) aged 0-25
- available in one place on the Local Offer website- click the link below to access the Local Offer

Click on the link below for more information from Lancashire County Council website for SEND:

<http://https://www.lancashire.gov.uk/children-education-families/special-educational-needs-and-disabilities/help-for-parents-and-carers/send-service/>

INFORMATION, ADVICE AND SUPPORT (SENDIAS) TEAM

- This team can support parents in a variety of ways. Further information can be found at

www.lancashire.gov.uk/children-education-families/special-educational-needs-and-disabilities/getting-help/information-advice-and-support/



The Lancashire SEND Partnership brings together all the agencies in Lancashire which provide special educational needs and disability (SEND) services for children, young people, their parents and carers, with representatives from those who use the service.

The SEND Partnership was formed following the Ofsted and the Care Quality Commission (CQC) joint inspection of SEND services in our local area. Click the image to access the SEND Partnership pages.

<https://www.lancashire.gov.uk/children-education-families/special-educational-needs-and-disabilities/lancashire-send-partnership/#:~:text=The%20Lancashire%20SEND%20Partnership%20brings,t hose%20who%20use%20the%20service.>

FIND

Click on the link to find out about the Family Information and Network Directory

<https://www.lancashire.gov.uk/children-education-families/special-educational-needs-and-disabilities/getting-help/family-information-network-directory/>

From this link you can access the FIND newsletter which is packed full of useful information and guidance about SEND.

Some children have a special educational need, which may be a learning difference, a physical/sensory need, a communication need or social, emotional or mental health difficulty. Provision is made for children with special educational needs to accommodate their needs and give them access to all aspects of the curriculum. The school works within the Special Educational Needs and Disability Code Of Practice: 0-25 years (2014).

SEND Co-ordinator Mrs Alex Sutton

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