



Gerrans School

SEN Information Report

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At Gerrans School, we aim to create an inclusive learning environment where diversity is welcomed and everyone feels valued. We act proactively to eliminate discrimination, to promote equality and to remove barriers to participation and learning for all individuals and groups.

This policy and information report is based on the statutory Special Educational Needs and Disability (SEND) Code of Practice and the following legislation:

- Part 3 of the Children and Families Act 2014, which sets out schools' responsibilities for pupils with SEN and disabilities
- The Special Educational Needs and Disability Regulations 2014, which sets out schools' responsibilities for education, health and care (EHC) plans, SEN co-ordinators (SENCOs) and the SEN Information Report

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A child has SEN (special educational needs) if they have a learning or disability which calls for special educational provision to be made for them.

They have a learning difficulty or disability if they have:




- A significantly greater difficulty in learning than the majority of others of the same age
 - A disability which prevents or hinders them from making use of facilities of a kind generally provided for others of the same age in mainstream schools
- Special educational provision is educational or training provision that is *additional to, or different from*, that made generally for other children or young people of the same age by mainstream schools.

The levels of support and provision offered by our school




Listening and Responding to Pupils and Young People

<p>Whole school approaches The universal offer to all children and YP.</p> 	<p>Additional, targeted support and provision</p> 	<p>Specialist, individualised support and provision</p> 
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We work closely with parents and carers to discuss their and their child's concerns with staff at the earliest opportunity. • There are opportunities, three times a year, for parents and their child to talk to their child's class teacher at one-to-one meetings during parent consultation evenings. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pupil voice • Pupil conferencing 	<p>For pupils who receive individual support, this can include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussion with teaching staff to listen to the child's views on school and learning • SAP (Student Achievement Plan) targets are agreed termly to support and challenge pupils with special educational needs and disabilities. • Pupils play a key role in setting their learning targets through individual discussions with their class teacher. • Pupils and their parents are involved in reviewing their progress towards these targets. • This information is recorded on their Student Achievement Plan (SAP) in a child-friendly format. New plans are written each term in conjunction with children and their parents. • For children with an Education Health and Care plan, we use a Pupil Centred Annual Review meeting to ensure we hear and consider and record the views of pupils. • To ensure that pupils are fully involved, we encourage pupils to attend meetings where their needs are discussed, including Team Around the Child (TAC) meetings and Early Support meetings




Partnership with Parents and Carers

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Our school works in partnership with all parents and carers. ● We work closely with parents and carers to discuss their and their child's concerns with staff at the earliest opportunity. ● We encourage parents to make an appointment to meet up with the class teacher in the first instance if they have any queries or comments they would like to discuss about their child. ● Termly information about learning topics, class trips is shared through information sheets and on the school website. ● Parents and carers are encouraged to attend termly parent consultation meetings. ● Termly reports based on effort and attainment grades. ● We hold Meet and Greet/coffee and cake sessions for parents during the year. All parents and carers are welcomed to these sessions. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● We encourage parents and carers to contact school about concerns by telephone, letter, Reading Record and via email. We meet with parents to discuss concerns and to explore ways to move forward. ● Families are invited to attend information sessions and learning workshops run by school staff to help parents and carers to support their child at home via newsletters, our website, Facebook and letters. ● Virtual sites such as Times Tables Rockstars are available to support learning at home. ● We invite all parents and carers to informal coffee and cake sessions in which we share strategies and have, in the past, invited our Parent Support Adviser. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● We support parents and carers to encourage them to be actively involved in Early Support or TAC meetings, Pupil Centred Reviews and in feedback meetings with specialist agencies, if wanted with parent support through SENDiASS. ● Regular questionnaires for parents of pupils with SEND or with disabilities are used to obtain parent feedback. This feedback is discussed if necessary. ● Feedback is shared with class teachers and other relevant staff to help us improve our provision further. ● Pupils play a key role in setting their learning targets through individual discussions with their class teacher. ● Pupils are also involved in reviewing their progress towards these targets. This information is recorded on their Student Achievement Plan. ● New plans are agreed each term. ● For an Educational Need or an Education Health and Care plan, we use a Pupil Centred style Annual Review meeting to ensure school can hear and consider the views of parents and pupils.




The Curriculum

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Our children follow a varied and balanced curriculum, which provides exciting learning experiences. ● All children have full access to the curriculum and to educational visits that enrich learning. ● We liaise with our local secondary school, which provides opportunities in specialist curriculum areas: resistant materials, science, textiles, music, cookery etc. ● Secondary schools also offer workshops aimed at pupils in all areas of the curriculum 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● When we identify a child or group of children as needing additional support in an area of learning we provide additional support or challenge. ● The impact of this support or challenge is continually monitored and evaluated to enable us to make sure it is supporting children effectively. ● Extra support or challenge may be delivered within a small group teacher-led or teaching assistant-led intervention. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● We respond to the individual learning needs and physical needs of our children to ensure everyone can access all areas of the curriculum. ● For some children, this may involve some one-to-one support. ● This could include, for example, creating resources for an individual child, focussed work to pre-teach lesson content or targeted support to help a child become a more independent learner.




Teaching and Learning

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All children benefit from quality first teaching and learning. Subject Leaders and Senior Leaders across the MAT (Multi Academy Trust) undertake a regular programme of lesson observation and work scrutiny to monitor, evaluate and improve teaching and learning for all learners. High quality training is a high priority at school for all of our staff with all taking part in external training relevant to their role. The progress of individual pupils and groups of pupils is discussed at termly pupil progress meetings with class teachers. This information is discussed and shared with the SENCo. Information that is gathered is used to identify gaps in learning, ensuring that all children make maximum progress based on their individual needs. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> We are constantly working to improve our subject knowledge and expertise to help us to support pupils effectively. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Our teachers and teaching assistants access training and support to help them work effectively to support and challenge children. Training that has been carried out this year includes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Positive relationships -Intensive Interaction -Colourful Semantics -WRAPS (Work, Rest and Play the Sensory Way) We use research findings to help us to improve our practice in understanding children's learning and development. We use a multi-sensory approach where possible which particularly benefits children who are dyslexic or show dyslexic characteristics.




Self-Help Skills and Independence

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All children are encouraged to become independent and resourceful learners. Staff who know how to support children to develop their personal learning and thinking skills. Residential visits and school camps 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Small group work 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Individual support using a variety of strategies and resources is used to help individual pupils develop learning independence. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Precision teaching. Use of visuals that support learning independence for example task boards.




Health, Wellbeing and Emotional Support

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Risk assessments and safety policies are in place and are regularly updated to ensure all children are safe within the school and on visits. ● Pupils have access to a school nurse on a referral basis. ● Information in newsletters and/or on school website for parents to help them understand needs of children at our school. ● Staff members contact parents concerning medical issues illness and any concerns ● Teaching staff alert parents to changes in children at school when appropriate. ● Empathy developed in all children as part of our school values. ● The social moral spiritual cultural (SMSC) aspects of learning are an integral part of our school life and a focus for our assemblies. ● Whole school approach using the Trauma Informed Schools/PACE approach: a specific way of working with all children that helps develop their social and emotional well-being. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Coffee and cake sessions are offered to all parents to help us work together to support children's wellbeing and learning needs. ● Any child can talk to a teacher or teaching assistant in school about any worries. Some children may also benefit from having an identified adult/s in school to support their wellbeing. This could be the class teacher, Pupil Support Adviser or Head teacher. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Team Around the Child (TAC) meetings, Early Support meetings and reviews are supported by a range of agencies. ● Information shared with support agencies including those listed below. ● Opportunities through school or family referrals to outside agencies to support individual pupils and their families including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Early Help Hub ➤ Child and Adolescent Mental Health service ➤ Educational Psychologist ➤ Penhaligon's Friends ➤ School Nursing team ➤ Speech and Language Therapy




Social Interaction Opportunities

<p>Whole school approaches The universal offer to all children and YP</p> 	<p>Additional, targeted support and provision</p> 	<p>Specialist, individualised support and provision</p> 
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Whole school events involving children at school and their families, including Sports Day, Christmas events, plays. • Class educational visits • Residential camps • Liaison activities offered by local secondary schools. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Learning together sessions for children and their parents and carers • End of year celebration event for year 6 pupils. • Family learning activities and workshops 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Additional support/ adjustments to provision made for individual pupils to ensure that every pupil can access opportunities for social interaction.

The Physical Environment (Accessibility, Safety and Positive Learning Environment)




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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A comprehensive PSHE and RSE curriculum. • Gates and boundaries are locked during the school day • All safeguarding procedures rigidly adhered to. • Regular health and safety checks of premises (external and internal) are carried out. • Risk assessments in place. • Children learn about road safety & being seen by traffic • Variety of play areas and activities offered to all children at break times • Consistent class behaviour expectations • Children's achievements are valued at our weekly 'Star of the Week' assemblies 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All entrances have sloping ramps for ease of accessibility • The school building is modern and purpose built, so has low light switches and high plug sockets 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Supporting chairs for working and eating • Weighted beanbags • Wobble cushions • Writing slopes • Headphones • FunFit

Transition from Year to Year and Setting to Setting

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<p>We liaise with our inhouse early years provider to identify pupils with additional needs who will be joining our school in reception</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> For pupils before starting school in reception year: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Option of a home visit to enable reception class teacher to meet children and their parents before they start school -Opportunities for parents and children due to start in reception to spend time in school, including information sessions for parents on how to help their child be ready for school and an opportunity for parents and their child enjoy a school lunch together. -Induction session with reception starters in the summer term prior to starting in September -Shared sessions to familiarise throughout summer term. <p>For all pupils before they move up to a new year group:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Parents informed in advance by letter of which class their child will be in in the new school year. Teachers from previous class and new class meet to discuss all individual pupils. Moving Up Day for children to meet the teachers and teaching assistants who will be working with them during the next year. <p>For children moving to a different school before the end of Y6:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Where possible, talk with staff at new school to discuss pupil <p>For children due to start secondary school:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> SENCo and Class Teacher talks to secondary school staff and where possible visits local secondary 	<p>For some pupils before they move up to a new year group:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Enhanced transition involving additional time in new class getting to know the teacher and teaching assistants for any children who would benefit from this. <p>For some children due to start secondary school:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Enhanced transition for invited children including those with additional needs and those who may feel anxious about the transition to a local secondary school through an additional visit accompanied by our Family Support Officer to have a school tour. Invited children attend learning workshops at local secondary schools with children from other local primary feeder schools to help them prepare for secondary school 	<p>For pupils before starting school in YR:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> We talk with and visit our in-house early years providers to help us to be ready to support pupils with additional needs joining our school in YR. Creation of visual resources to support transition for children starting school, for families to use with their child in the summer holidays. YR teacher and other staff as appropriate attend training offered to support individual pupils. <p>For some pupils before they move up to a new year group:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Creation and use of ‘pupil passports’ and similar resources to support pupils during the summer term and for their parents to use with their children in the holidays to support a smooth transition. <p>For children moving to a different school before the end of Y6:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Where possible, discussion with staff at new school to discuss individual needs and where appropriate pass on resources for the pupil to use at their new school. <p>For some children due to start secondary school:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Some individual children may need a more structured and supported transition between primary and secondary school. For example, extra, small group or 1:1 visits, intervention sessions, passports and photos etc.

<p>schools to discuss all children who will be transferring from our school at the end of Y6.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Visits from secondary school staff and previous pupils to meet Y5 and Y6 children. • Activities for our Y5 and Y6 children led by local secondary schools 		
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The SEND qualifications of, and SEND training attended by, our staff

<p>To enable all children to have access to the curriculum, information and guidance, physical environment, school and wider community</p> 	<p>To enable targeted support and provision</p> 	<p>To enable specialist, individualised support and provision</p> 
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SENDCo • Accredited SENCo qualification • Individual teachers and teaching assistant training: • Speech and Language • Maths Mastery 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Individual teachers and teaching assistant training: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Positive relationships -Intensive Interaction -Colourful Semantics -WRAPS (Work, Rest and Play the Sensory Way) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SENDCo - National Award for SEN Coordination

Services and organisations that we work with:

Service/organisation	What they do in brief	Contact details
Early Help Hub	The Early Help Hub is the single point of access for council and community-based health services including those for children and young people.	Early Help Hub are open: Monday – Thursday 8:45am – 5:15pm Friday 8:45am – 4:45pm Closed on Bank Holidays 01872 322277 or email (see Cornwall family information service website for more details).
Family Support	Family Support can help families with a range of challenges including bedtime routines and understanding your child's behaviour and how to respond. They can also point families in the right direction for housing, benefit and debt advice and information about work or training	See Family Information Service website for more information www.cornwallfisdirectory.org.uk
Speech & Language Therapist	This is a service that helps children in Cornwall aged 0-19 years who may have difficulty with: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • expressing themselves • understanding what is said to them • talking clearly (saying speech sounds) • stammering • swallowing (eating and drinking). 	Telephone: 01208 834488 Email: cpn-tr.enquirist@nhs.net
Education Welfare Officer (EWO)	EWOs can help provide help and advice on school and attendance, bullying, child protection issues, elective home education and exclusion of pupils.	Telephone: 0300 1234 101 Email: children@cornwall.gov.uk
Autism Team	This specialist team play an important role in helping to meet the needs of people with autism and their families. When supporting pupils in school they may carry out assessments, recommend strategies to school staff and coordinate meetings between school and families	Telephone: 0300 1234 101 Email: children@cornwall.gov.uk

Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services (CAMHS)	Understanding of reasons behind adverse behaviour and strategies to support both child, peers and staff	Telephone: 01872 221400 Email: cpn-tr.ChildrensCMC@nhs.net
Vision Support Team (VST)	The VST work with Children and young people (0-25 years) with a diagnosed visual impairment in their homes, early years' settings and schools to enable them to overcome barriers to their education caused by their vision loss and to help them achieve their potential.	Telephone: 0300 1234 101 Email: children@cornwall.gov.uk
School Nurse	School nurses offer health assessments to all children when they start primary and secondary school. This information is used by the NHS to help plan and improve services for children to help ensure children and young people stay fit and healthy. They can also provide advice to young people, their parents, carers and teachers.	Telephone: 01872 221400 cpn-tr.ChildrensCMC@nhs.net
Occupational Therapist (OT)	Families and our school work with health professionals to support children with physical needs in school. OTs can create therapy plans for individual children so that the school knows best how to support them.	Children's Community Therapy Service Telephone: 01872 254531
ClearTherapy	Support sessions for children who have been indirect victims of domestic abuse	Po Box 706 Truro TR4 9NF Tel (01872) 540366
Jigsaw Support	Sessions for children who have been subject to any of the various forms of abuse	Cornwall Council Treyew Road Truro
Educational Psychologist	These professionals help parents and schools understand more about how a child learns and how best to support children in school.	
Penhaligon's Friends	A voluntary organisation that has worked with our school to help children and families with issues around serious illness or bereavement in their family.	penhaligonsfriends.org.uk

Dyslexia Association	Information & support for families & educators of children with dyslexia	www.bdadyslexia.org.uk/
Kernow Young Carers	Supporting children who look after adults/ siblings within the home	Kernow Young Carers Action for Children Helford House May Court Threemilestone Business Park Truro Cornwall 01872 321486
Hearing Support	Supporting children with temporary or permanent hearing difficulties	The Educational Audiology Centre, Priory Road, St Austell, PL25 5AB Tel 01726 61004

Pupil progress

All pupils at Gerrans School have access to Quality First Teaching in all classrooms regardless of their needs and abilities. Targets are set and progress is closely monitored half termly. If a child does not meet targets and progress or is not at the expected level, the class teacher will talk to the SENDCo and parents to discuss what extra help may be required. All intervention groups are closely monitored on a half-termly basis through the use of Provision Maps. If the school and parents feel other support is needed, the school has access to different outside agencies who can be called upon to conduct further assessments and give guidance as to how best to move the child forward. The school will use the 'Graduated Approach to Plan Do Assess Review' through Student Achievement Plans (SAPs) to monitor the progress of pupils on SEN support.

How we know how good our SEN provision is:

Look at data across groups such as SEN, Pupil Premium- compared to County and National averages.

Termly review of Record of Need.

Half termly observations and book looks to observe provision and progress.

Termly meetings with parents.

Feedback from parents

If you wish to complain:

Anyone wishing to make a complaint with regard to SEN support and provision should contact the Executive Headteacher, Kate Douglass, or the Chief Executive Officer, Chris Challis.

Cornwall's SEND Local Offer can be found on The Care and Support in Cornwall website: [SEND Local Offer](#)

Answers to Frequently asked Questions

1. How do people in school know if a pupil needs extra help? Children are informally observed and monitored regularly, and formally on a half termly basis. SEN is discussed in a Staff Meeting on a weekly basis in order to discuss and timetable provision in each class.
2. What should I do if I think my child may have special educational needs? Talk to the class teacher or SENCo regarding your concerns.
2. Who is responsible for the progress and success of my child in school? Primarily, this responsibility lies with the class teacher.
3. How is the curriculum matched to my child's needs? Each child is seen as an individual so in collaboration with parents and staff, a programme will be put together that best supports the child.
4. How do school staff support me/my child? Trying to find the best way to support the child through use of assessments, external agencies, discussions between staff, parents and child.
5. How will I, and my child, know how well they are doing? Each term there are opportunities to come into school to look at your child's books during Parents' Evening and you will be sent a written progress report. If your child is on the school's Record of Need, you will be invited to meetings every term to discuss targets on the Student Achievement Plan.
6. How can you help me to support my child's learning? Parent information sessions are held in areas such as maths, phonics and reading. We encourage you to talk to one of us if there is something specific we can help with.
7. What support is there for my child's overall wellbeing? A positive approach from all staff, a close school community where staff know all children in the school and know them and their families well and all staff use the TIS approach.
8. How do I know that my child is safe in school? Asking your child, observing the school buildings and how they are secured but also unthreatening.
9. How is my child included in activities outside the classroom including school trips? All children have access to school trips and residential stays. Access arrangements are put into place where needed in discussion with the child and parents.
10. How accessible is the school environment? See the Accessibility Plan on the school website or you are also welcome to look around yourself.

11. How will school prepare and support me/my child through the transition from key stage to key stage and beyond? See transition box above.

12. Who can I contact for further information? For further information, contact the school SENCo on lread@gerrans.cornwall.sch.uk