

SEN Information

Local Offer

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Name of Education Provider: Preston Primary School

At Preston, we work hard to ensure all our pupils receive quality teaching and learning that is inclusive and accessible to all. This isn't just about the curriculum or what happens in the classroom, but also relates to the range of clubs and enriching experiences we offer children to: further enhance their natural abilities; build positive relationships with their peers; enable them to challenge discrimination and develop a positive sense of self-worth. We hope this will equip children with the skills they need to make their dreams and aspirations in life, a reality.

We have a whole school vision based around a set of values which underpin everything we do. Our shared values help us to create a place where children can thrive. Our school values are: Respect, Teamwork, Creativity, Independence, Determination and Responsibility. Through these values we actively promote the development of core personal skills of communication, collaboration, creativity and critical thinking. Our aim is to create a love of learning for all children, to guide them to understand what it means to be a good citizen and to prepare them for a world of work that could be very different to one we know today.

1. What special education provision is available at our setting?



What do we do here to meet your needs?

We aim to include every child in all that the school has to offer. Therefore, wherever possible we will adapt activities to meet the specific needs of a child with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) alongside their peers.

All teachers are teachers of children with special educational needs (SEN) and have realistic, but high expectations for all children. In addition, Preston Primary has a team of staff who may be involved in supporting a child's individual needs and deliver targeted intervention to develop all four areas of special educational need.

When a child is identified as having a special educational need, we can offer access to:

Cognition and Learning:

- Adapted curriculum resources,
- Dyslexia friendly approaches,
- Use of APPS and iPad speech to text functions,
- The use of interactive knowledge organisers,
- Targeted small group and individual phonics, reading and maths intervention,
- Access to Educational Psychologist or specialist advisory teachers, following a referral into the local authority services.

Communication and Interaction:

- Total communication friendly classrooms,
- Autism friendly approaches,
- Use of visual prompts and resources,
- Specialist training in the Attention Autism Attention Builders programmes,
- Lego therapy intervention groups,
- Neli intervention programme for pupils in reception,
- British Picture Vocabulary Scale receptive language school assessment,
- Group and individual targeted speech and language intervention,
- Access to NHS speech and language therapist, following a referral into the service,

Social, Emotional and Mental Health:

- Whole school restorative pastoral approach,
- Weekly, supported and adapted PSHE lessons,
- Whole school staff awareness of basic attachment theory and impact of adverse childhood experiences.
- Individual check ins and playtime reflection intervention time with a familiar member of staff,
- A fully trained Thrive practitioner and trained Emotional Literacy Teaching Assistants (ELSA's)
- Safe, quiet and low arousal break out spaces throughout the school,
- Use of draw and talk, incredible 5 point scale and mindfulness approaches,
- Targeted play leader programme for KS2 children and use of dedicated continuous provision areas for KS1 children,
- SEMH pastoral assistant,
- Referrals to external services such as Action for Children, Torbay 0-19 Community Nurse Teams, the Wave project, young carers and CAMHs.

Physical and or Sensory:

- Accessible, well-lit and organised classrooms and corridors,
- Access to specialist equipment,
- Personal sensory resources and planned breaks,
- Supported transitions into and from school,
- Outdoor learning and animal care spaces,

- Excellent links to a wide range of external support services including: The hearing support advisory team, visual impairment advisory teams, bowel and bladder service, specialist nurses, disabilities support workers (accessed via the Early Help Referral process), occupational therapy team, physiotherapy team and community care workers.

2. What criteria must be satisfied before children and young people can access this provision/service?



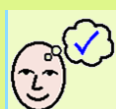
What sort of needs would you have for us to be able to help you?

In the statutory SEND code of practice, there are four areas of SEND need. A child may experience a difficulty in one or more of the following areas:

- **Cognition and Learning** – this is a when a child's progress and attainment is significantly delayed due to a specific learning difficulty.
- **Communication and Interaction** – this area includes speech and language difficulties and social communication differences such as Autism.
- **Social, Emotional & Mental Health Difficulties** – this includes children with mental health needs, ADD (attention deficit disorder), ADHD (attention, deficit, hyperactivity disorder), attachment disorder or challenging behaviour.
- **Sensory & Physical Needs** – this is where a child has hearing difficulties, a visual impairment, mobility difficulties and sensory processing difficulties.

Whilst staff at school are not able to make any formal medical or psychological diagnosis of any specific SEND condition, we will work with families to accurately identify individual barriers to learning and implement timely support and intervention to help reduce the impact these challenges have on the child's development.

3. How do we identify the particular special educational needs of a child or young person?

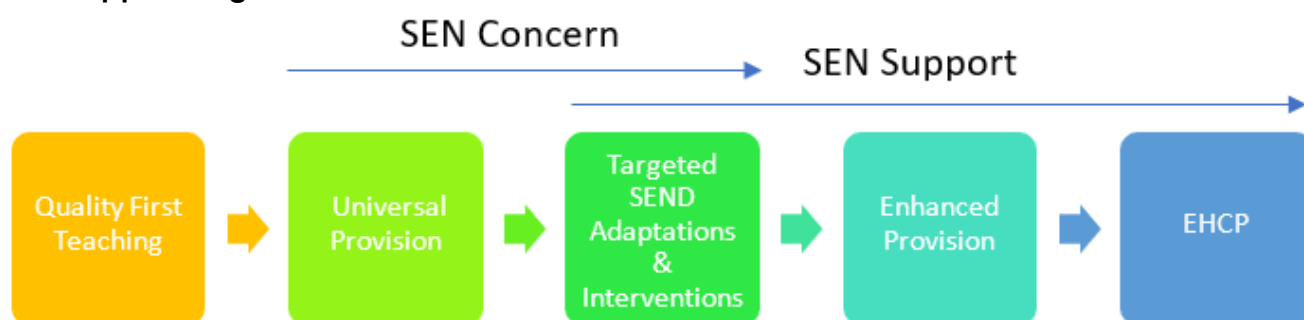


How do we work out what your needs are and how can we help?

All teachers expect to see a broad range of ability within each class and recognise that slow progress is not always an indicator of SEND. Before identifying a specific SEND need, we would consult with parents/carers and consider factors relating to gaps in education. At Preston, we recognise that children, with or without a medical or psychological diagnosis, may not always require extensive provision, which is why we respond to a child's presenting needs and strive to move them between our SEND support stages through the implementation of the graduated approach.

The graduated approach: Whatever difficulty a child is experiencing, the school will endeavour to initiate a strategy, intervention, enrichment or appropriate form of support to meet that need. We would monitor this using our graduated response approach and track children's needs and progress using the assess, plan, do & review cycle. It is our intention that each cycle or SEND support stage becomes more and more focused on improving outcomes as we drill down into the child's specific needs with each cycle.

SEND Support Stages:



Quality First Teaching: All children have access to quality teaching and learning experiences within a calm and purposeful learning environment. Where possible, learning opportunities happen within our mainstream setting.

Universal Provision: Adaptations to the learning environment and activities are made available to all children. Where a child is making progress, they may not be considered to have a SEND, but would continue to have access the universal class provision they need. Where internal assessments and observations of the child's learning identifies the need for more direct support, they will have access to targeted intervention and more personalised adaptations.

Targeted SEND Adaptations and Interventions: Ongoing assessment, intervention reviews and Unit progress meetings will help teachers to identify children who are making slow progress with the universal provision and intermittent interventions they have in place. The class teacher will raise individual SEND concerns with the SENDco and discuss identified difficulties with the child's parents or carers. This may trigger further in school assessments, observations and pupil interviews to help gain a better understanding of the difficulties being experienced by the child and to plan next step targets and provision. Progress may be recorded on either an intervention plan or individual target and provision map and will be reviewed at least termly.

Enhanced Provision: At this stage, targeted interventions and personalised support will be recorded on a target and provision map and the child will be placed on the school SEN support register with parental permission. Support from outside agencies may also be sought to contribute to the assess, plan, do, review process.

EHCP: Children with an Education and Health Care Plan (EHCP) require the highest level of provision and personalised support to meet their complex SEND needs. A target and provision map is reviewed termly, in addition to annual reviews held to assess progress against long term

targets. We would expect a child with an EHCP to be receiving ongoing support from specialist professionals who contribute regularly to the child's personal support plan.

4. How do we consult with parents and/or children and young people about their needs?



How do we find out about what you and your parents think you need help with?

Our school is open and friendly. We recognise that parents have a crucial role to play in their child's education and are always willing to talk with you about the best ways we can help make your child's experiences at school happy and successful.

Teachers and Teaching Assistants are available to greet children and their families at the start of the day and to receive quick update information. At the end of every day there can be opportunities to discuss any concerns in more depth either face to face or over the phone.

The SENDco and members of the non-class based pastoral team are available throughout the day and we are happy to book meetings or phone calls to discuss concerns as they arise. Where a parent has raised a concern for their child, we will always endeavour to fully explore this in order to resolve the issue for their child as quickly as possible.

We have regular parent consultation meetings with class teachers where targets, support arrangements and progress are discussed.

The children themselves are offered opportunities to share their views or worries with trusted members of staff either on a 1-1 basis, within their classes or small groups. Where children find communication difficult, we would try to find an appropriate means for them to share their ideas and support them in achieving their goals or resolving a difficulty.

For difficulties arising outside of the school day families could be directed to Torbay services that they can access for themselves such as:

<http://www.torbaydirectory.com/kb5/torbay/enterprise/family.page>

Sites dedicated to supporting families with online safety:

<http://parentinfo.org/> (CEOP) <http://www.net-aware.org.uk/> (supported by NSPCC)

5. What is our approach to teaching children and young people with special educational needs?



How will we teach you?

We try to make children's learning exciting, fun, meaningful and challenging. We insist on high standards and expect all children to experience success and make progress. Learning skills, curriculum skills and knowledge are taught rigorously through a range of engaging and challenging activities which are adapted at the point of learning if a child's response to it is unexpected. High-quality outcomes bring together the children's learning, at their level of ability, in a meaningful way and is often shared with parents and the community. Children with SEND are expected to work alongside their peers for as much of their learning as is applicable and activities will be differentiated to enable them to contribute and achieve.

By creating these opportunities, the areas of the curriculum are fully covered ensuring that the children's learning is always given a context and allows them to become immensely proud of their own achievements.

Support Staff are expected to use the teachers *adapted* planning and *deliver this to the children with consideration of their specific needs*. This could mean the use of identified physical resources or breaking down the task into smaller chunks, providing brain breaks or using a visual prompt that promotes independence. Support staff are expected to reflect on how much progress a child has made, suggest next steps through discussion with their class teacher and deliver targeted interventions to support further progress.

At Preston Primary, we promote independence in children through our core values and aim to provide a team approach to 1:1 and small group support as our aim would be to build the child's independence and resilience so they do not become over-reliant on one particular adult or adult led intervention.

6. How can we adapt our curriculum for children and young people with special educational needs?



What sort of things will you learn here?

Much of our learning is broken into Long and Short Enquiries that are timetabled alongside subject specific lessons. These aim to improve the way that children learn. We focus on the teaching of knowledge, skills, themes and vocabulary linked to each Enquiry. Learning must impact on new long-term understanding that stays in the memory. So revisiting learning, and careful sequencing of the whole curriculum is vitally important, and at the heart of our intent.

Reading: Our targeted intervention is tailored around pupil's specific starting points. Learning is bite-size, multi-sensory and repetitive and the resources we use instil children's confidence and raises self-esteem. Children are immersed in a story through drama, storytelling and creating story maps to learn and remember the text. We promote book talk through activities that help children know the text, such as using Seesaw to film each other acting out a story and retelling the story using puppets and props. Through this immersion children are inspired to write and share their ideas.

Writing: We create an environment where talk and writing are valued, and we explicitly talk to the children about what writing is and why it is important. Adults model language and vocabulary using talk prompts such as puppets and use unusual objects of interest to create awe and wonder and stimulate language. Children develop their phonological awareness through Read Write Inc. This provides children with opportunities to write the sounds they have been learning and to apply their knowledge. The children write every day, rehearsing out loud what they want to say, before spelling the words using the sounds and 'tricky' words they know. Within the sequence, children will practise 'hold a sentence' activities or 'edit a sentence' where the children apply their knowledge of spelling and grammar to edit and correct their work.

Maths: All lessons begin with a short assessment to support retrieval practice and develop long-term memory. A "hook" problem or calculation on which the children work collaboratively enable them to share initial ideas and strategies. A series of activities follow, with a balance of direct instruction, collaboration and dialogue aimed at unpicking the small idea around which the lesson is based. Teachers provide children with additional needs scaffolding and relevant resources or support is provided as necessary. For those children working below the year group curriculum, individual learning activities are provided to ensure their progress. Mistakes are valued and celebrated. Unpicking misconceptions so that children evaluate their thinking is vital in scaffolding children towards greater independent evaluation and learning.

7. How will we ensure we get the services, provision and equipment that children and young people need?



How will we make sure that you get all of the help that you need from different people?

There may be times when we might not have the resources and facilities to meet the specific needs of a child, but every possible effort will be made to try and do so. In Torbay there are many different external experts that can be called on to help. The Torbay SEN Local Offer and the 0-19 NHS Foundation Trust/Action For Children Society offer families and schools valuable signposting.

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Under the Equalities Act (2010) a condition which is long term (defined as a year or more) is considered to be a disability. This would include children with a hearing or visual impairment or long-term health conditions such as asthma, diabetes, epilepsy or cancer. Sometimes, in the instance of a child having a medical condition, the Health Service will create health care plans and the school will coordinate recommended provision to best meet the needs of the child. These children may be held at SEND Support or have an EHCP depending on how significant the need is and how able the child is to manage that need. This process will allow the school to plan ahead in order to prevent disadvantage or discrimination. We will always endeavour to make reasonable adjustments and provide resources which will allow the child to flourish and succeed.

Preston Primary School is on a split level with easy access to lifts to all internal floors. There are two disabled toilets and a designated medical room. Physical adaptations to improve the school environment is reviewed annually and published in our Accessibility Plan.

8. How is this provision funded?



Who pays for this?

The school's budget includes designated money for supporting children with special educational needs. Children with an Education & Health Care plan are allocated an additional amount of funding to meet the provision needed that is over and above what is required by their peers. Some funding may come from the Pupil Premium – a set of funds allocated to schools to work with children registered for free school meals at any point in the last six years. Schools also receive funding for children who have been looked after by the local authority continuously for more than six months and for children of service personnel or care leavers (such as children who have been adapted). Parents and carers will need to make the school aware if they think their children should be receiving additional funding. Schools are made accountable for how this money is spent and all resources and support are reviewed regularly and changes made as needed.

9. What additional learning support is available for children and young people with special educational needs and how do they access it?



What else will we do to help you learn and how will this happen?

The amount of support your child receives will depend on their age, ability and barriers to learning.

We allocate TA support on a needs led basis and each child is planned for to support these needs. We want all of our children to have a good degree of independence and to learn skills which will equip them for future life. However, there may be certain times or lessons where extra support will be necessary. We may also consider putting in more intense TA support if needs are significantly impacting upon a child's learning, but this would normally be for a short period of time and kept under review. We have access to a wide range of technology and resources to help our children to access their learning in a way which suits them. We make good use of iPad apps.

We will also use the support of specialist external services if it is needed.

10. How do we support and improve the emotional and social development of children and young people with special educational needs?



How can we help you learn about your feelings and relationships?

Spiritual, moral, social and cultural (SMSC) development will take place across all curriculum areas and particularly within weekly PSHE lessons. Teachers will inspire in pupils an enthusiasm for learning. All adults will model and promote expected behaviour, treating all people as unique and valuable individuals and showing respect for pupils and their families.

Teachers will use creative strategies and challenging questions to engage pupils in their learning and relate it to their own experiences.

This can be achieved through maximising both planned and spontaneous opportunities to:

- Talk about personal experiences and feelings.
- Express and clarify their own ideas and beliefs.
- Speak about difficult events, e.g. bullying, death etc.
- Share thoughts, belongings, equipment and feelings with other people, listening to others.
- Explore relationships with friends/family/others.
- Show empathy.
- Develop self-esteem and a respect for others, accepting and embracing difference.
- Develop a sense of belonging.
- Develop the skills and attitudes that enable pupils to develop socially, morally, spiritually and culturally – e.g. empathy, respect, creativity, sensitivity and critical awareness.
- Being able to agree and disagree.
- Providing opportunities to work together and alone.

Children with social and emotional regulation needs will have access to pastoral care from their trusted adults who are able to offer support which is designed around the individual.

11. How do we support children and young people with special educational needs moving between phases of education and preparing for adulthood?



How can we help you to get ready to change to a different place or to leave here?

We welcome and encourage families who would like to consider sending their child(ren) to our school to book a tour with the SENDco. This will give parents an opportunity to ask questions about their child and find out how specific SEND can be supported.

On initial entry into school, we encourage parents to let us know if their child has any identified SEND needs so that we can begin to have conversations around how we can meet them. The EYFS teachers visit the nursery settings of each new cohort so the children can see a familiar face and invite families to transition meetings in the summer term. The children are sent a 'starting our school book' and ask families to return an all about me profile.

When moving from class to class, all children are given an opportunity to meet their new peers and class teacher in July during a class swap day. This is when photo books and any specific resources or health and safety issues can be identified and planned for. All children are prepared for the move into the next part of the school building by joining the next phase for playtimes and working in different parts of the building at different times of the day. This is done with the support of familiar adults so the child can discuss their concerns and ask questions as necessary. For children who need an enhanced transition plan, this can be co-ordinated by the class teacher and SENDco in consultation with the child's parents or carers.

At the end of KS2, arrangements are made for parents to meet staff from their allocated secondary schools prior to transfer. In some cases the SEND/Pastoral Team will liaise with school and arrange additional transition sessions for children who will find the move stressful or difficult. All SEND records and reports are transferred to the secondary schools at the end of KS2 or to the receiving school if the child leaves mid-term.

12. What other support is available for children and young people with special educational needs and how can they access it?



What other help can we give you or help you to get?

Safeguarding children is taken very seriously at Preston Primary. All new and existing members of staff at our school have a safeguarding overview of school procedures. Across the year, updates are provided to staff and the Safeguarding team update themselves regularly via a range of courses offered by the Torbay Children's Safeguarding Board (TCSB).

Safeguarding is always discussed as part of our termly health check, we also provide a yearly report on our children in care to both the board and the virtual school. For children looked after by the local authority, we have a proportion of our termly PEP meeting reports audited by the director responsible for Safeguarding and SEN or by the virtual school.

Online safety is a recurrent theme throughout the academic year with lessons engrained into the curriculum.

13. What extra-curricular activities are available for children and young people with special educational needs?



What other activities can you do here?

The school will endeavour to make all extra-curricular clubs accessible to any child who wishes to participate. Children with SEND will not be discriminated against and school will make reasonable adjustments, including the provision of auxiliary aids and services, to ensure that they are not at a substantial disadvantage compared with their peers. Club lists are available to view at the start of each term and booking onto these happens via the child's school pod account.

14. How do we assess and review progress towards agreed outcomes, and how are parents, children and young people involved in this process?



How do we know that the help we are giving you is working?



How can you and your family tell us what you think?

Children with EHC plans or an enhanced level of SEND support, will have a target and provision map written by the class teacher. This will set out the agreed provision and measurable targets. These will ideally be created in consultation with parents, by the child and adults working with them.

If your child has not met the targets set, the reasons for this will be discussed and targets may be broken down into smaller steps. Where appropriate, regular SEND review meetings with the SENDco, class teacher, parents/carers and the child will be held until progress in areas of concern is evidenced.

All information from outside professionals will be discussed with parents and carers, either with the person involved directly or if this is not possible within a report.

For children who have an EHCP, all of our annual reviews are monitored by the Torbay SEND Team. Children may move off the SEN register or indeed have their EHC plan ceased if they have made sufficient progress. Children with EHC plans will also have annual reviews arranged with all professionals invited to attend or contribute.

15. How do we assess the effectiveness of our special needs provision and how are parents, children and young people involved in this assessment?



How do we make sure that we are being the best that we can be?



How can you and your family tell us what you think?

The SENDCO feeds directly to the senior leadership team at Preston Primary.

It is the role of the SENDCO to:

- Oversee the day-to-day provision for children with SEND. This is done through observations of children, looking at target and provision maps, identifying specialist resources, involving and liaising with external agencies, checking and approving graduated response cycles and reviewing impact of targeted interventions alongside SLT, teachers and support staff.
- Advise on the deployment of the schools dedicated budget and other resources to meet pupils' needs effectively. This is done through discussion of the child's needs with the entire team around the child, including teacher, TA, parent and child (if applicable)
- Be a key point of contact with external agencies.
- Update and review the SEND policy, information report and co-author the accessibility plan.
- Report progress and suggest areas for development to the Directors.

We will also monitor and review our SEND Policy and Provision by:

- Ensuring accountability by placing ultimate responsibility for SEND and the implementation of this policy with the CEO.
- Ensuring that the Directors are given an overview of SEN at least once a term. This will happen as required or in any case, as a minimum, once every term.
- Identifying and responding to new/revised guidance issued by government bodies and the Local SEND TEAM, leading to review of this policy on an annual basis.

16. How do we ensure that teaching staff and other staff have the expertise needed to support children and young people with special educational needs?



How do we make sure that everyone that works with you has the right skills and can do the right things to help you?

We place high value on good quality training.

All members of the school staff are trained and supported to improve the quality of teaching and learning for all children, including those with SEND. This includes whole school training on SEND issues, such as Autism Spectrum Disorders (ASD), speech and language difficulties, specific learning difficulties, intimate care and on how to reduce the impact of social, emotional and mental health needs.

We regularly refresh teacher's curriculum knowledge during standards and progress meetings and through the development of subject specific curriculum documents.

Individual teachers and support staff receive training offered by external agencies and through the National College webinars. We also welcome advisory teachers and NHS specialists into our school who can offer SEND specific training to relevant staff where there is a child in class with specific needs.

The SENDco is a qualified teacher who has the skills and experience to work with and support staff and children with SEND. The SENDco has completed the Post Graduate Qualification in Special Educational Needs Co-ordination and attends regular SENDco network meetings.

17. How do we keep parents informed where children and young people have special educational provision but do not have an Education Health and Care Plan?



How do we make sure that your parents know how we can help them?

Once a child is identified as having SEND, parents are included in the whole process so that they understand that their child will be added to the SEND register and they are happy for us to share information with other external agencies who we might call in to support the child. This is then reviewed termly and shared with parents at regular intervals in the academic year.

If a child demonstrates sustained progress over time, including during times of transition, within their identified areas of need and no longer need specialised individual support and planning, we would look to take them off the SEND register. This would be celebrated and shared with the child and their parents and may involve a light touch monitoring to ensure progress is maintained.

Where, despite the school taking relevant and purposeful action to identify, assess and meet the SEND of the child and they have not made expected progress, the school or/and parents may decide to initiate a request for an EHCP assessment.

Where children do have an EHCP, the long term targets are reviewed annually in addition to the termly target and provision map updates.

18. How can parents, children and young people make a complaint about our provision?



What can you do if you are not happy about something that has happened here?

Families need to contact the class teacher in the first instance to seek advice regarding what provision their child is receiving and ideas about how they can support further at home. The SENDCO and Pastoral Team can also provide support, guidance, and advice to families too.

Where a need is identified, the SENDCO and/or Pastoral Team will explore in house support that can be offered or signpost parents to relevant external services within the local area. Parents are also encouraged to seek advice from SENDIASS (Special Educational Needs and/or Disabilities Information, Advice and Support Service for Torbay). It is a free and confidential advice service supporting parents with children aged 0-25 with SEND. They can be contacted on 01803 210371 or by email on info@sendiasstorbay.gov.uk.

Where parents and carers feel that a situation has not been dealt with effectively, they will need to follow the MAT complaints policy which can be found on the school website. We are happy to listen to and reflect upon the suggestions and views of parents and would always encourage them to come and talk to us in the first instance.

Further information and guidance for parents can be found on the Torbay SEND website: [Special educational needs and disability \(SEND\) - Torbay Council](#)

19. How can parents, children and young people get more information about the setting?



How can you find out more about us?

If more information is required or parents have any specific enquiries, they should contact the SENDco or Pastoral Team on the main school line: 01803 607075 or you could email the team at: pastoral@preston.torbay.sch.uk

20. How the school involves other bodies, including health and social care bodies, local authority support services and voluntary sector organisations, in meeting children and young people's SEN and supporting their families?



How do we work with everyone else to help you?

Parents seeking extra help at home can be referred by the school to social care and local authority support systems through the Early Help system. This may lead to access to parenting classes, the Family Intervention Teams or specialist support services.

[Early Help - Torbay Council](#)

For children with certain confirmed medical diagnosis, a referral can be made to the Learning Disability Team via an Early Help referral, where tailored support around the more specific needs of a child can be co-ordinated. School will also support parents who are referred to the Early Bird or Cygnet programmes by the NHS when a diagnosis of autism is confirmed. If a young person with SEN has support from any of the above bodies, updates on welfare and progress between will be shared by school when requested.

21. Arrangements for supporting children who are looked after by the local authority and have SEN



How do we help children who are looked after by Torbay Council?

The SENCo is also the Designated Safeguarding Lead and works closely with Designated Teacher (DT) for Looked After Children. Torbay protocols are followed – with the child having termly Pupil Education Plans (PEPs) where both academic and social and emotional targets are set and reviewed. Looked after Children (CLA) are entitled to Pupil Premium Plus funding. This has been used so far to purchase books to help work on targets, handwriting resources and support towards extra-curricular activities. Where possible the DT attends the Torbay network meetings to keep up to date with any developments. Any out of county CLA children are monitored using the procedures provided by their home Local Authority.

Other related Information: Anti-Bullying, SEND and Behaviour policies are available to view on the school website.