



Special Educational Needs

Information for parents



At Loatlands Primary School we are committed to helping every child to make progress, develop friendships and life skills to be happy at school.

Some children need special help to achieve these things.

This leaflet explains what happens if a child has Special Educational Needs.

What can Loatlands Primary School offer children with Special Educational Needs?

- A commitment to helping every child make progress and be happy at school.
- A wide range of interventions to help children to make progress and overcome the barriers to their learning.
- Adaptations in the classroom that help children to learn whatever way suits them.
- Referral to agencies who can help and support children with SEN, such as Speech and Language Therapists, Community Paediatrics or the Educational Psychology Service.
- Regular reviews between parents, teacher, SENDCo and SEN manager to discuss the children's needs and progress.
- Meetings with the SENDCo at parent consultation evenings.

The SEN Team

Mrs Sally Roper Assistant Headteacher/SENDCo

Mrs Sue York SEN Manager

Visit the SEN page on our website for more information about Special Educational Needs at Loatlands.

What are Special Educational Needs?

Some children have difficulties that mean they don't learn in the same way or at the same rate as other children. For example, they may have a speech difficulty that makes it hard for them to be understood or problems with learning letters and sounds (phonics) that make learning to read difficult.

These children need special support to help them to learn and to achieve the very best they can.

They may need this support for a short time or for a longer period, but during this time they will be part of our Special Educational Needs (SEN) Register and we will keep a close eye on their progress, look carefully at what special support they need and keep in close touch with their parents.

Who do I talk to if I think my child has Special Educational Needs?

Your child's class teacher

They will be able to listen to your concerns and discuss with you how your child is managing at school. They may discuss your concerns with the SENDCo or SEN Manager.

The SENDCo/SEN Manager

Mrs Sally Roper

Mrs Sue York

Mrs Roper and Mrs York are always happy to discuss concerns with parents. You can arrange to see them by ringing the school office to make an appointment.

What happens if my child has Special Educational Needs?

If a child is thought to have special educational needs, this will be discussed with parents and the child may be placed on the SEN register. This is a list the school keeps of children who need to be closely monitored and who may need additional help.

Very few children with SEN need one-to-one help in school. Most of them can make progress in class with teachers who are aware of their difficulties and know how to adapt their teaching to suit them.

Many (but not all) children on the SEN register will have some small group time each week to help them with their particular difficulty (eg. Language group or a reading group.)

CHANGES

The law on Special Educational Needs changed in September 2014. Key changes affecting parents include:

Statements have been replaced with Education, Health & Care Plans (EHC's.) Parents can have a bigger role in the EHC process than they did with statements.

School Action and School Action Plus have been replaced with a single category of SEN Support.

Parents of children on the SEN Register must be given opportunities to meet with the teacher, SENDCo or SEN Manager to discuss their child's progress at least three times a year.