

Marian Vian Primary School



Meeting the needs of pupils with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND).

SEND Information report

Marian Vian Primary School is an inclusive school and is fully committed to ensuring that all pupils, regardless of their specific needs, make the best possible progress in school. Any support given to children with communication and interaction, cognition and learning difficulties, social, mental and emotional health problems, or sensory or physical needs should be viewed as part of all children's entitlement to the highest quality school provision, and not be seen in isolation or as something extra. The range of support offered will always be designed to promote pupils working towards becoming independent and resilient learners.

This report has been co-produced by the school community following consultation meetings with staff, parents and governors.

Information and Guidance:

Who should I contact to discuss the concerns or needs of my child?

Class teacher

Your child's class teacher should always be your first point of contact if you want to discuss any issues regarding your child's learning.
He / she is responsible for:

- Having the highest possible expectations for your child and all pupils in their class.
- Planning for, delivering and evaluating high quality teaching which is adapted to respond to the strengths and needs of all pupils.
- Putting in place different ways of teaching so that your child is fully involved in learning in class. This may involve providing different resources adapted to your child.
- Putting in place specific strategies to enable your child to access all areas of school life.
- Checking on the progress of your child and identifying and planning for any additional support.
- Contributing to devising school and individual provision maps to focus on the next steps required for your child to improve learning.
- Applying the school's SEND policy.

Special Educational
Needs Coordinator
(SENDCO)
Mrs.Chamberlin

If you have concerns about your child you should speak to your child's class teacher. You may then be directed to the SENCO.
She is responsible for:

- Coordinating provision for children with SEND and developing the school's SEND policy
- Ensuring that parents are:

Parents will be consulted before advice is sought from outside agencies. They may access any written information or reports held on their child.

Where external agencies are involved, their advice and recommendations are included in any planned provision.

If your child is continuing to have significant difficulties requiring a high level of support, additional funding may be requested. Additional funding is available for children who meet the criteria. This can be accessed using the Local Authority process and the guidance in the Banded Funding Criteria. Where this is agreed, a Funded Inclusion Plan will be drawn up and implemented with the school's Educational Psychologist and other professionals where appropriate. Children with the highest needs may require an Education, Health and Care Plan. Further details about this process will be explained in the LA Local Offer.

Where appropriate, access arrangement for national tests will be put in place in line with DfE guidelines.

Curriculum and Teaching Methods (including groupings and interventions)

How will teaching be adapted to meet the needs of my child?

Teachers are well skilled at adapting teaching to meet the diverse range of needs in each class. Daily planning takes into account individual pupil's needs and requirements. Differentiation is approached in a range of ways to support access and ensure that all pupils can experience success and challenge in their learning.

Grouping arrangements are organised flexibly with opportunities for both ability and mixed setting to maximise learning opportunities for all.

Additional adults are used flexibly to help groups and individual pupils with a long term goal of developing independent learning skills. Monitoring takes place to avoid pupils becoming over reliant and dependent on this adult support.

What sort of support for SEND pupils does Marian Vian Primary School offer?

Enabling access to learning and the curriculum

We aim to cater for the needs of pupils requiring additional support due to:

- specific learning difficulties (SPLD)
- moderate learning difficulties (MLD)
- speech, language and communication needs (SLCN)
- Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD)
- social, emotional and mental health difficulties (SEMH)
- vision impairment (VI)
- hearing impairment (HI)
- physical disabilities (PD)

We would expect to work closely in consultation with parents and professionals when the child starts at Marian Vian and at all stages of the child's time with us to ensure that our school is able to meet the child's needs.

Access to additional targeted teaching by trained staff:

- In all year groups
- Flexible to meet the needs of the current cohort of children.
- Delivered by trained staff and line managed by subject leaders and the SENDCO.

Strategies/programmes to support speech and language where appropriate:

- Support strategies put in place, both as part of everyday class based teaching, and as additional group or individual support if appropriate, delivered by Speech and Language Therapy Assistant or a trained member of school staff.
- Speech and Language Therapist advice disseminated to & followed by teaching staff
- Specific differentiation of teaching input or modification of resources.
- Support with introduction of new vocabulary e.g. for a new curriculum topic.
- All children assessed using WellComm Screener on arrival in Reception or further up the school if need is identified. Results are shared with teachers and any recommended support included in that child's provision.

Strategies to support/develop literacy, including reading

- Phonics groups throughout the lower school.
- Extra reading intervention for children who require additional support
- Small group intervention programmes where appropriate to address specific needs
- Touch typing intervention group where appropriate. Lap tops available for children as required
- IDL Literacy Intervention
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Strategies to support/develop Maths

- Small group intervention programmes in certain year groups
- Use of a wide range of mathematical apparatus
- IDL Maths Intervention

Strategies/support to develop independent learning

- Alternative recording methods
- Visual timetables in every class
- Workstations if appropriate
- Resources clearly labelled and accessible in all classes
- Individual targets where appropriate to the age and ability of the child
- Home - school diaries
- Seesaw

Pastoral Support

Strategies to support the development of pupils' social skills and enhance self-esteem

- Small group programmes to develop social skills
- Whole school values continually reinforced through celebration assemblies
- Whole school focus on positive mental health using a variety of resources including Pixl 'Mind to be kind' and Bromley Y workshops (<https://www.coramlifeeducation.org.uk/scarf/>)

Strategies to reduce anxiety/promote emotional wellbeing (including communication with parents)

- Transition support, visits and events
- Reduced or modified time-table if appropriate
- Regular contact & liaison with parents. As well as scheduled parents' evenings, parents can make an appointment to meet with their child's teacher at any mutually convenient time
- Use of a home/school contact book if appropriate

Strategies to support and promote positive behaviour

- School Behaviour Policy consistently applied
- Lunchtime supervisors supported to deliver positive playtimes
- Play resources for playtimes to ensure that all children are occupied
- Restorative justice approach used throughout the school to resolve disputes between pupils

Support/supervision at unstructured times of the day, including personal care

- Lunchtimes are part of all children's entitlement to the best quality provision. Lunchtime staff attend regular training so that they can promote the positive ethos of the school. They ensure that whole school values are kept and sanctions for behaviour are consistent with those that are applied during more structured class time
- Additional staff available to support vulnerable children at lunchtime
- Where necessary and appropriate, staff are trained to meet the individual needs of all children, including those that need personal care
- Timings of the day can be flexible to ensure that personal care is delivered when and where necessary

What personal and medical care is available within the school?

- Identified staff trained in paediatric first aid are available for pupils throughout the day, with an additional first aid coordinator trained in all aspects of first aid
- Care plans for pupils with medical needs
- System for administration of medication
- Support staff to assist pupils with personal care, as specified by clinical plans and following all relevant training
- Modified toilet facilities for individual needs
- Any additional information can be found in the medical needs policy

Increasing accessibility – getting about

Access to strategies/programmes to support occupational /physiotherapy needs

- Advice of professionals disseminated and followed
- Use of any recommended equipment
- Handwriting groups as appropriate

Access to modified equipment and IT

- Specialist equipment as required on an individual basis to access the curriculum
- Software to support learning
- Laptops/ipads as appropriate to the age and needs of the child.

Partnerships with External Agencies

What support from outside does the school use to support my child?

The school works with external agencies as available and appropriate to seek advice and support to ensure that the needs of all children are fully understood and met. These include:

- Bromley Educational Psychology Service
- NHS Speech and Language Therapy Service
- Love 2 Communicate - Independent Speech and Language Therapy Service
- Occupational Therapy
- Community Paediatrician
- School Nursing Team
- Bromley Y
- School Counsellor
- Bromley MENCAP
- Bromley Children's Project
- ISAT
- Sensory Impairment Team
- Physiotherapy
- Paul Cabb – Independent Social Communication Advisor

Liaison/Communication with Professionals/Parents, attendance at meetings and preparation of reports

- SENDCO and/or other involved staff member will attend meetings with outside agencies whenever possible
- SENDCO will pass on any reports from outside agencies to class teachers and discuss with them implications for teaching
- Reports requested from the school by any outside agency will be completed by the member of staff who knows the child best, which is usually the class teacher. However, the SENDCO will be available to discuss the report, review it before it is sent and ensure that copies have been taken for the child's file
- Wherever possible the SENDCO will be available to attend parents' meetings
- The SENDCO is available to speak to parents at other mutually convenient times

Transition

How will the school help my child move to a new class / year group or to a different school?

Children and young people with SEND can become particularly anxious about "moving on" so we seek to support successful transition by:

When starting at our school:

We have several 'stay and play' sessions in the Summer term before the children start in September. These are informal play sessions where you and your child can get to know their classroom and new teacher and support staff. There is also a meeting with your child's reception class teacher just before they start. This meeting is another opportunity for your child to meet their new teacher and for you to tell us anything more that will help your child settle into school quickly and easily.

When moving to another school:

We will contact the school SENDCO and share information about special arrangements and support that has been made to help your child achieve their learning goals.

We will ensure that all records are passed on as soon as possible.

When moving classes / forms in school:

An information sharing meeting will take place with the new teacher.

Opportunities to visit the new class / teacher

In year 6-7 transition

The SENDCO and/or class teacher will attend the Primary / Secondary Transition day meeting to discuss specific need of your child and the nature and level of support which has had the most impact. The school runs a 'Transition group' in the summer term of year 6 for pupils identified as needing additional support with transition.

In some cases additional multi-agency meetings may be arranged to create a more detailed transition plan.

Staffing Expertise

How skilled are staff in meeting the needs of my child?

An ongoing programme of training is in place to ensure that teachers and support staff have appropriate skills and knowledge in areas that will improve their teaching and support of children with SEND.

Our SENDCO actively engages with local opportunities to share best practice and keep abreast of current local and national initiatives and policy to support pupils with SEND.

Who do I talk to if I am unhappy with my child's support or progress?

We aim to work closely with parents all through their child's time with us. Communication with class teachers can be requested by emailing the office. In addition Mrs Chamberlin, SENDCO, is also available to speak to parents and we would always aim to resolve any disagreements at an early stage. However if parents are still unhappy they can contact Mr Redgrave, Head teacher.

Should you wish to make a complaint about the support provided to your child by the school, please refer to Marian Vian's Primary School's Complaints Policy.

FURTHER INFORMATION about support and services for pupils and their families can be found in:

The Local Offer in Bromley

<https://www.bromley.gov.uk/LocalOffer>

Or if you live in Croydon

<https://localoffer.croydon.gov.uk/kb5/croydon/directory/home.page>

Independent Advisory Support Service

<https://bromleyiass.org.uk/>

Or if you live in Croydon

<https://localoffer.croydon.gov.uk/kb5/croydon/directory/home.page>

The DfE Code of Practice

www.gov.uk/government/publications/SENDd-code-of-practice-0-to-25

Bromley Parent Voice

<https://www.bromleyparentvoice.org.uk/>

Bromley MENCAP

<https://www.bromleymencap.org.uk/>

CASPA

<https://www.caspabromley.org.uk/>

Bromley branch of the Dyslexia Association

<http://dyslexiawise.co.uk/>

