



	<p>Teaching Assistant (TA) may be allocated to some pupils with SEN and or disabilities</p> <p>Head teacher</p> <p>SEND Governor</p>	<p>differentiation)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Checking on the progress of your child and identifying, planning and delivering any additional help your child may need (this could be things like targeted work, additional support, adapting resources etc) and discussing amendments with the SENDCo as necessary.</li> <li>• Writing Personal Learning Plans (PLP), and sharing and reviewing these with parents at least once each term and planning for the next term.</li> <li>• Ensuring that all members of staff working with your child in school are aware of your child's individual needs and/or conditions and what specific adjustments need to be made to enable them to be included and make progress.</li> <li>• Ensuring that all staff working with your child in school are helped to deliver the planned work/programme for your child, so they can achieve the best possible progress. This may involve the use of additional adults, outside specialist help and specially planned work and resources.</li> <li>• Ensuring that the school's SEND Policy is followed in their classroom and for all the pupils they teach with any SEND.</li> </ul> <p>A Teaching Assistant (TA) may be allocated to a pupil with exceptional special educational needs and/or disabilities and whilst they take a valuable role in your child's education we would prefer that questions regarding your child's learning and progress are directed initially to the class teacher.</p> <p>Of course, as a school we welcome daily dialogue between parents and TAs on how a child's day has been and we do actively encourage this continued feedback.</p> <p><b>She is responsible for:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The day to day management of all aspects of the school, this includes the support for children with SEND.</li> <li>• She will give responsibility to the class teachers but is still responsible for ensuring that your child's needs are met.</li> <li>• She must make sure that the Governing Body is kept up to date about any issues in the school relating to SEND.</li> </ul> <p><b>She is responsible for:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Making sure that the school has an up to date SEND policy</li> <li>• Making sure that the school has made reasonable provision and has made appropriate adaptations to meet the needs of all children in the school</li> <li>• Making sure that the necessary support is made for any child who attends the</li> </ul>
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		<p>school who has SEN and/or disabilities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Making visits to understand and monitor the support given to children with SEND in the school and being part of the process to ensure your child achieves his/her potential in school.</li> </ul>
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## B. HOW COULD MY CHILD GET HELP IN SCHOOL? :

Children in school will get support that is specific to their individual needs. This may be all provided by the class teacher or may involve:

- Other staff in the school
- Staff who will visit the school from the Local Authority central services (details of their services are available at <https://www.herefordshire.gov.uk/education-and-learning/local-offer/education-local-offer/education-support-for-children-with-special-educational-needs> )

	Types of support provided also showing the stage of the Code of Practice (the document that schools use to plan their SEN input) children will be at when receiving this input.	What would this mean for your child?	Who can get this kind of support?
What are the different types of support available for children with SEND in this school?	<b>Class teacher input via targeted classroom teaching</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ensuring that the teacher has the highest possible expectations for your child and all pupils in their class.</li> <li>• Ensuring that all teaching is based on building on what your child already knows, can do and can understand.</li> <li>• Ensuring that wherever possible she will put in place different ways of teaching so that your child is fully involved in learning in class. This may involve things like using more practical learning or providing different resources adapted for your child</li> <li>• Putting in place specific strategies (which may be suggested by the SENDCo or outside staff) to support your child to learn.</li> </ul>	All children in school should be getting this as a part of excellent classroom practice when needed.
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Your child's teacher will have carefully checked</li> </ul>	

	<p><b>Specific group work with in a smaller group of children. This group may be</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Run in the classroom or outside.</b></li> <li>• <b>Run by a teacher or most often a Teaching assistant who has had training to run these groups.</b></li> </ul> <p>These are often called Intervention groups by schools.</p>	<p>on your child's progress and will have decided that your child has gaps in their understanding/learning and needs some extra support to help them make the best possible progress.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• She will plan group sessions for your child with targets to help your child to make more progress.</li> <li>• A Teaching Assistant/teacher or outside professional (like a Speech and Language Therapist) will run these small group sessions using the teacher's plans, or a recommended programme.</li> </ul>	<p>Any child who has specific gaps in their understanding of a subject/area of learning.</p> <p>Children will have been identified by the class teacher as needing some extra support in school.</p>
	<p><b>Specialist groups run by outside agencies e.g. Speech and Language therapy</b></p> <p><b>AND/OR Individual support</b> for your child of less than 20 hours in school</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• If your child has been identified as needing more specialist input instead of or in addition to the class room teaching and intervention groups, referrals will be made to outside agencies to advise and support the school in enabling your child to make progress</li> <li>• Before referrals are made you will be asked to come to a meeting to discuss your child's progress and help plan possible ways forward.</li> <li>• You may be asked to give your permission for the school to refer your child to a specialist professional e.g. a Speech and Language Therapist or Educational Psychologist. This will help the school and yourself understand your child's particular needs better and be able to support them better in school.</li> <li>• The specialist professional will work with your child to understand their needs and make recommendations, which may include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Making changes to the way your child is supported in class e.g. some individual support or changing some aspects of teaching to support them better</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<p>Children with specific barriers to learning that cannot be overcome through targeted classroom teaching and intervention groups.</p>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Support to set better targets which will include their specific expertise</li> <li>○ A group run by school staff under the guidance of the outside professional e.g. a social skills group or sensory circuit</li> <li>○ A group or individual work with outside professional</li> <li>● The school may suggest that your child needs some agreed individual support in school. They will tell you how the support will be used and what strategies will be put in place.</li> </ul>	
	<p><b>Specified Individual support</b> for your child of more than 20 hours in school.</p> <p><i><b>This is usually provided via a Statement of Special Educational Needs or an Education, Health and Care Plan (EHCP).</b></i> This means your child will have been identified by the class teacher/SENDCo as needing a <b>particularly high level of individual or small group teaching (more than 20 hours a week)</b>, which cannot be provided from the budget available to the school.</p> <p>Usually your child will also need specialist support in school from a professional outside the school. This may be from:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Local Authority central services such as the Early</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● The school (or you) can request that the Local Authority carry out a statutory assessment of your child's needs. This is a legal process and you can find more details about this in the Local Authority (LA) based Local Offer, on the Herefordshire Council website: <a href="https://www.herefordshire.gov.uk/education-and-learning/local-offer/about-the-local-offer">https://www.herefordshire.gov.uk/education-and-learning/local-offer/about-the-local-offer</a></li> <li>● After the school have sent in the request to the Local Authority (with a lot of information about your child, including some from you), they will decide whether they think your child's needs (as described in the paperwork provided), seem complex enough to need a statutory assessment. If this is the case they will ask you and all professionals involved with your child to write a report outlining your child's needs. If they do not think your child needs this, they will ask the school to continue with the support at School Action Plus.</li> <li>● After the reports have all been sent in the Local Authority will decide if your child's needs are severe, complex and lifelong and</li> </ul>	<p>Children whose learning needs are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Severe, complex and lifelong</li> <li>● Need more than 20 hours of support in school</li> </ul>

	<p>Bird Plus team, COSI Group or PASS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Outside agencies such as the Speech and Language therapy (SALT) Service.</li> </ul>	<p>that they need more than 20 hours of support in school to make good progress. If this is the case they will write a Statement of Special Educational Needs or an EHC Plan. If this is not the case, they will ask the school to continue with the support at the current level being provided and also set up a meeting in school to ensure a plan is in place to ensure your child makes as much progress as possible.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Statement or EHC Plan will outline the number of hours of individual/small group support your child will receive from the LA and how the support should be used and what strategies must be put in place. It will also have long and short term goals for your child.</li> <li>• The additional adult may be used to support your child with whole class learning, run individual programmes or run small groups including your child.</li> </ul>	
<p>How will we support your child with identified special needs starting at school?</p>	<p>We will first invite you to visit the school with your child to have a look around and speak to key staff. If other professionals are involved, a Team around the Child (TAC) meeting or Multi-agency meeting will be held to discuss your child's needs, share strategies used, and make every reasonable adjustment to try to ensure provision is put in place before your child starts Your child's key person may make a home visit and also visit your child if they are attending another provision We may suggest adaptations to the settling in period to help your child settle more easily.</p>		
<p>How can I let the school know I am concerned about my child's progress in school?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• If you have concerns about your child's progress you should speak to your child's class teacher initially.</li> <li>• If you are not happy that the concerns are being managed and that your child is still not making progress you should speak to the Headteacher</li> <li>• If you are still not happy you should put your concerns into writing addressed to the Chair of Governors.</li> </ul>		
<p>How will the school let me know if they have any concerns about my child's learning in school?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• When a teacher or a parent has raised concerns about your child's progress, and targeted teaching has not met the child's needs, the teacher must raise this with the SENDCo.</li> <li>• Schools also have meetings every term between each class teacher and the SENDCo/ Headteacher in the school to ensure all children are making good progress. This is another way your child may be identified as not making as much progress as they could be.</li> </ul>		

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• If your child is then identified as not making progress the school will set up a meeting to discuss this with you in more details <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ To listen to any concerns you may have too</li> <li>○ To plan any additional support your child may receive</li> <li>○ To discuss with you any referrals to outside professionals to support your child's learning</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<p>How is extra support allocated to children and how do they move between the different levels?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The school budget, received from the LA, includes money for supporting children with SEND.</li> <li>• The Head Teacher decides on the budget for Special Educational Need and Disabilities in consultation with the school governors, on the basis of needs in the school.</li> <li>• The Head Teacher and SEND governor discuss all the information they have about SEND in the school, including <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ the children getting extra support already</li> <li>○ the children needing extra support</li> <li>○ the children who have been identified as not making as much progress as would be expected.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>And decide what resources/training and support is needed.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All resources/training and support are reviewed regularly and changes made as needed.</li> </ul>

<p>Who are the other people providing services to children with an SEN in this school?</p>	<p>A. Directly funded by the school</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Counselling</li> <li>• Additional Speech and Language Therapy input to provide a higher level of service to the school</li> <li>• Educational Psychology assessments and additional input to provide a higher level of service to the school</li> <li>• Professional training for school staff to deliver medical interventions</li> <li>• Professional training for teachers and TAs to deliver high quality targeted teaching and intervention programmes.</li> <li>• Learning Support (LA no longer holds a team but there are some approved providers on the Learning Support pages on the Herefordshire Council website)</li> <li>• Behaviour Support (LA Service managed through Brookfield School)</li> <li>• English as an Additional Language (Teaching is charged but initial assessment of pupils, monitoring and advice are free)</li> </ul>
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	<p>B. Paid for centrally by the Local Authority but delivered in school</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Autism Outreach Service</li> <li>• Educational Psychology Service for pupils with an EHC Plan</li> <li>• Speech and Language Therapy (provided by Health but paid for by the Local Authority).</li> <li>• Herefordshire SEND Information and Advice Service (to support families through the SEN processes and procedures).</li> <li>• Hearing Impairment</li> <li>• Visual Impairment</li> <li>• Traveller</li> <li>• LAC Education</li> </ul>
	<p>C. Provided and paid for by the Health Service NHS Trust and accessed off-site</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• School Nurse</li> <li>• Occupational Therapy</li> <li>• Physiotherapy</li> <li>•</li> </ul>
	<p>D. Voluntary agencies</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• National Autistic Society</li> <li>• MENCAP</li> <li>• Carers Support</li> </ul>
<p>How are the teachers in school helped to work with children with an SEND and what training do they have?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The SENDCo's job is to support the class teacher in planning for children with SEND.</li> <li>• The school has a training plan for all staff to improve the teaching and learning of children including those with SEND.</li> <li>• Whole staff training to disseminate knowledge, strategies and experience, to ensure consistency of the school's approach for children with an SEND.</li> <li>• Individual teachers and support staff attend training courses run by outside agencies or the Golden Valley Collaboration of schools that are relevant to the needs of specific children in their class.</li> </ul> <p><b>Training takes place on a regular basis. If you would like to hear about the training which is currently taking place or has taken place by the staff members in the school, please speak to the Headteacher.</b></p>	
<p>How will the teaching be adapted for my child with learning needs (SEND)?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Class Teachers plan lessons according to the specific needs of all groups of children in their class, and will ensure that your child's needs are met.</li> <li>• Specially trained support staff can often adapt the teachers planning to support the needs of your child where necessary.</li> </ul>	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Specific resources and strategies will be used to support your child individually and in groups.</li> <li>• Planning and teaching will be adapted on a daily basis if needed to meet your child's learning needs.</li> </ul>
<p>How will we measure the progress of your child in school?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Your child's progress is continually monitored by his/her class teacher.</li> <li>• His/her progress is reviewed formally every term and a National Curriculum level given in reading, writing, numeracy and science.</li> <li>• If your child is in Year 1 and above, but is not yet at National Curriculum levels, a more sensitive assessment tool is used which shows their level in more detail and will also show smaller but significant steps of progress. The levels are called 'P levels'.</li> <li>• At the end of each key stage (i.e. at the end of year 2 and year 6) all children are required to be formally assessed using Standard Assessment Tests (SATs). This is something the government requires all schools to do and are the results that are published nationally.</li> <li>• Children with a PLP will be reviewed with your involvement, every term and the plan for the next term made.</li> <li>• The progress of children with a statement of SEND/ EHC Plan is formally reviewed at an Annual Review with all adults involved with the child's education.</li> <li>• The SENDCo will also check that your child is making good progress within any individual work and in any group that they take part in.</li> <li>• A range of ways will be used to keep you informed, which may include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Home/school contact book</li> <li>- Additional meetings as required</li> <li>- Reports</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<p>What support do we have for you as a parent of child with an SEND?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• We would like you to talk to your child's class teacher so we know what they are doing at home and we can tell you about what we are doing in school. We hope this will make sure that we are doing similar things to support your child both at home and school and can share what is working in both places.</li> <li>• The SENDCo is available to meet with you to discuss your child's progress or any concerns/worries you may have.</li> <li>• All information from outside professionals will be discussed with you with the person involved directly, or where this is not possible, in a report. The SENDCo will also arrange to meet with</li> </ul>

	<p>you to discuss any new assessments and ideas suggested by outside agencies for your child.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• PLPs will be reviewed with your involvement each term.</li> <li>• Home learning projects will be adjusted as needed to your child's individual needs</li> <li>• A home/school contact book may be used to support communication with you, when this has been agreed to be useful for you and your child.</li> </ul> <p>In addition:</p> <p>If your child is undergoing statutory assessment you will also be supported by the Children's Services SEND Team. They will ensure that you fully understand the process.</p>
<p>How have we made this school accessible to children with SEND? (including after school clubs etc..)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The school is accessible to children with physical disability via ramps.</li> <li>• We try to ensure that equipment used is accessible to all children regardless of their needs.</li> </ul>
<p>How will we support your child when they are leaving this school? OR moving on to another class?</p>	<p>We recognise that 'moving on' can be difficult for a child with SEND and take steps to ensure that any transition is as smooth as possible.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• If your child is moving to another school: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ We will contact the school SENDCo and ensure he/she knows about any special arrangements or support that need to be made for your child.</li> <li>○ We will make sure that all records about your child are passed on as soon as possible.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• When moving classes in school: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Information will be passed on to the new class teacher IN ADVANCE and in most cases, a planning meeting will take place with the new teacher. All PLPs will be shared with the new teacher.</li> <li>○ If your child would be helped by a book to support them understand moving on then it will be made for them.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• In Year 6 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ The class teacher and/ or SENDCo will discuss the specific needs of your child with the SENDCo and Inclusion Mentors of their secondary school.</li> <li>○ Your child will attend a small group in school, to support their understanding of the changes ahead. This may include creating a 'Personal Passport' which includes</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

information about themselves for their new school.

- Where possible your child will visit their new school on several occasions and in some cases staff from the new school will visit your child in this school.

### GLOSSARY OF TERMS

PLP	Personal Learning Plan
S	Statement stage of the SEN Code of Practice
SEND	Special Educational Needs and/ or Disbailities
SEN Code of Practice	The legal document that sets out the requirements for SEN
EHC plan	Education, Health, Care Plan
SALT	Speech and Language Therapist
CAMHS	Child and Adolescent Mental Health Service
EP	Educational Psychologist
ASD	Autistic Spectrum Disorder
COSI	Communication and social interaction difficulties group
PASS	Physical and Sensory Service