



Plumpton Primary School SEND Information

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At Plumpton School, we strive to provide support for all children to succeed at school. Most children find certain aspects of the curriculum a challenge and we are there to help along the first years of every child's learning journey. At times, children need more support from school staff to help reach their targets. Occasionally children need intervention and support from Specialist Advisory Teachers (SATs). This document sets out how it all works at Plumpton School.

The Local Offer

The Local Offer was introduced in 2011 as a local offer of all services available to support children with SEN and their families. Information about The Local Offer on Cumbria County Council's website sets out the provision that schools have for children with SEN.

Question	Prompt	Answer
<p>How does the school know if children need extra help?</p> <p>What should I do if I think my child has special educational needs?</p>	<p>How do you identify children with special educational needs?</p> <p>How will I be able to raise any concerns I may have?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Teachers monitor individual children's progress throughout the school year. Children who are not working at the expected level are identified and strategies are discussed with the SENDCO. Observations of pupils might indicate they have additional needs: communication, cognition & learning, sensory/physical, social, mental and emotional health Parents/carers may have concerns about their child Pupils may ask for help If parents/carers have any concerns they must arrange an appointment with the class teacher. Following this, an appointment with the SENDCO can be arranged if necessary to discuss possible advice and support from outside agencies.
<p>How will school staff support my child?</p>	<p>Who will oversee the plan and educational program? Who will be working with my child and how often?</p> <p>How the governors involved and what are are their responsibilities?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All pupils have work which is differentiated for their needs. Children with an individual plan may work in small groups or individually with the class teacher and the class teaching assistant. The governors at Plumpton School have a responsibility to ensure that the statutory rights of pupils with additional needs are met by the school. The SENDCO keeps governors fully updated via a SEND report.

<p>How will the curriculum be matched to my child's needs?</p>	<p>What are the school's approaches to differentiation? How will that help my child?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Teachers plan using pupils' achievement levels, differentiating tasks to ensure progress for every pupil in the classroom. • Targeted work at the correct level ensures that pupils are able to make progress during lessons understanding new concepts, developing skills and increasing knowledge in all subjects. • Where children need specific intervention, small group work or one-to-one sessions will be introduced.
<p>How will I know how my child is doing and how will the school help me to support my child's learning?</p>	<p>In addition to normal reporting arrangements, what opportunities will there be for me to discuss my child's progress? How does the school know how well my child is doing?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All classes have an open door approach to parents and teachers are happy to discuss issues as and when they arise on a daily basis. Appointments can be made to discuss more serious concerns. • Children with Individual Education Plans are reviewed over the course of the year and parents are invited in to discuss progress and next steps. • Thorough tracking and regular formative and summative assessment is used to measure each child's progress. Assessments are carried out in a variety of ways including practical activities, observation, through class work and tests.

<p>What support will there be for my child's overall wellbeing?</p>	<p>How will I know what progress my child should be making? What opportunities will there be for regular contact about things that have happened at school? How will you explain to me how my child's learning is planned and how I can support this outside of school? How and when will I be involved in planning my child's education?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">For children with SEN plans, targets are reviewed regularly.Your child's progress will be discussed at twice yearly parent teacher consultations and in termly written progress reports.Children with Education Health Care Plans have an annual review where all agencies involved in the plan meet with parents/carers.The school has an open door approach to parents. There is always daily contact between school staff and parents/carers to ensure that any worries are dealt with promptly. Staff promote wellbeing and we have a qualified mental health first aid practitioner.Children with additional needs work with a group or individual plan. This plan is shared with parents to enable them to follow it outside of the school.Parents/carers are invited to contribute to these plans by adding any targets that they feel would help their child
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	<p>Do you offer any parent training or learning events?</p> <p>What is the pastoral, medical and social support available in the school for children with SEND?</p> <p>How does the school manage the administration of medicines and providing personal care?</p> <p>What support is there for behaviour, avoiding exclusions and increasing attendance?</p>	<p>make progress. These can also be targets relating to social skills.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Prior to Covid restrictions the school held parent workshops termly. These focused largely on phonics, reading, maths and e-safety.Personal, Health and Social Education (PSHE) forms an important part of our overall curriculum. At Plumpton we teach these topics through the Jigsaw Scheme and all children take part in weekly lessons which tend to be practical in nature.Any children with medical needs are supported according to their plan and mostly have external agency support alongside school support.Parents have to complete a medical form before we are able to administer medicines. For children with more complex medical needs, a Health Care Plan is written.All staff have annual training for diabetes care and use of epi-pens.There is a positive ethos in the school rewarding good attendance and behaviour. Children are actively involved in
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	<p>How will my child be able to contribute their own view?</p>	<p>making our golden rules and the School Councils monitor and feedback on how these are working.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Good communications between staff following playtimes ensures that breaks run smoothly with clear systems for dealing with inappropriate behaviour. • Attendance is monitored by the headteacher and any concerns are dealt with promptly. If these persist, the school seeks advice from the LA's inclusion team. • As appropriate, children are able to give their views either with support of their class teacher or SENDCO. Children can also express their views to their representative on the School Council.
What specialist services and expertise are available or access by the school?	<p>Are there specialist staff working at the school and what are their qualifications?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • School staff have received a range of training at different levels. This includes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ How to support children on the autistic spectrum ○ How to support children with type 1 diabetes ○ How to support children with multi-sensory needs ○ Mental Health First Aid • In addition, the SENDCO attends regular training and updates through our SEND cluster.

	<p>What other services does Plumpton School access?</p> <p>Do you have any specialist staff and what do they specialise in?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The school has a multi-agency approach and works alongside: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Speech Therapists ○ Occupational Therapists ○ Specialist Advisory Teachers ○ Educational Psychologists ○ Children's Community Nurses ○ Children's Services ○ Barnados • We have members of staff trained in reading and maths intervention as well as an Early Years Speech and Language intervention.
How accessible is the school's environment?	<p>Is the building fully wheelchair accessible?</p> <p>Are there disabled changing and toilet facilities?</p> <p>How does the school communicate with</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Our building is fully wheelchair accessible. The recently renovated playground also has features designed for the use of wheelchair users. • We have a disabled toilet but no disabled changing facilities at the current time. • The school can access support from Specialist Advisory Teachers for EAL. The school philosophy would always be

	parents/carers whose first language is not English?	to greet people on a one-to-one basis and make everyone feel welcome and included in our school community.
How will the school prepare and support my child to join or transfer to a new school or the next stage of education?	<p>What preparation will there be for both the school and my child before they join a Plumpton School?</p> <p>How will my child be prepared to move into KS3?</p> <p>What information is provided to my child's new school?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Children joining the EYFS setting have a transition programme which enables them to have 'taster days' in the term before they start school. Parents/carers are invited to the school for a meeting and opportunity to look around the school and meet staff at the same time. Collaborative work between the secondary schools in Penrith begins when the children are in Year 5. This involves visits from Headteachers and Heads of Year as well as visits to the schools themselves. Transition events take place when children are in Year 6 and they experience a variety of activities at both Penrith secondary schools. Prior to transition day in the summer term, Year 6 pupils have a camp with 3 other cluster schools to help them meet new friends before moving on. Children moving to a new school due to relocation etc. will have all of their SEND records forwarded to their new school. The SENDCO will telephone to discuss the child's individual needs.

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Staff from secondary schools will be invited to annual reviews in Year 5 for children with EHCPs. All records will be forwarded at the end of Year 6 and individual needs are discussed between SENDCOs at both schools.
How are the school's resources allocated and matched to children's special educational needs?	How is the school's special educational needs budget allocated?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The budget is used to provide equipment, support and training to support individual pupils as appropriate. The budget for children with an EHCP is spent entirely on staffing as the most important resource.
How is the decision made about what type and how much support my child will receive?	<p>In the decision-making process, who will make the decision and on what basis?</p> <p>Who will be involved? Will I be involved?</p> <p>How does the school judge whether the support has had an impact?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> For pupils with SEN but without an EHCP, the decision regarding the support provided will be taken at joint meetings with the SEND, class teacher and parents/carers. The decision to give a pupil an EHCP is reached by a panel of professionals following a referral from the school and recommendations from external agencies. Whether the support has had an impact is judged through careful assessment from the beginning of the intervention, regular assessment during the intervention and again at the end and is measured against the outcomes of targets.