



## Local School Offer: EMSLIE MORGAN ACADEMY

Type of school	Pupil Referral Unit KS3 and KS4 (Years 7 – 11)
Specialist Provision	Solar Campus One to one support in Skills Base Range of Alternative Vocational Providers Re-integration into Mainstream/Special School/ Best fit for needs

**A. PEOPLE WHO SUPPORT CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL EDUCATIONAL NEEDS/ AND OR DISABILITIES IN THIS SCHOOL:**

School based information	People	Summary of responsibilities
<p><b>Who are the best people to talk to in this school about my child's difficulties with learning/ Special Educational Needs/Disability (SEND)?</b>  <b>And how can I talk to them about my child if I need to?</b></p>	<p>Class/subject teacher</p> <p>The Special Educational Needs Co-Ordinator (SENCO)/Deputy Headteacher responsible for Inclusion</p>	<p>He/ She is responsible for:            Ensuring that all children have access to good/outstanding teaching and that the curriculum is adapted to meet your child's individual needs (also known as differentiation).            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 SENCO as necessary.</p> <p>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.            Ensuring that all staff working with your child in school are supported in delivering 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.            Ensuring that the school's SEND Policy is followed in their classroom and for all the pupils they teach with any SEND.            Contacted by calling the main school number which is 0151 630 8750</p> <p>He/ She is responsible for:            Coordinating all the support for children with special educational needs (SEN) and or disabilities, and developing the school's SEND Policy to make sure all children get a consistent, high quality response to meeting their needs in school. Ensuring that you are:            involved in supporting your child's learning, kept informed about the support your child is getting, involved in reviewing how they are doing, part of planning ahead for them.            Liaising with all the other people who may be coming into school to help support your child's learning e.g. Speech and Language Therapy, Educational Psychology etc...            Updating the school's SEND record of need, (a system for ensuring all the special educational, physical and sensory needs of pupils in this school are known and understood) and making sure that there are excellent records of your child's progress and needs.            To provide specialist support for teachers and support staff in the school so they can help your child</p>

		<p>(and other pupils with SEN and/or disabilities in the school) to achieve their potential.  Supporting your child with a support plan or additional support plan that specifies the targets set for your child to achieve.  Organising training for staff so they are aware and confident about how to meet the needs of your child and others within our school.  Contacted by calling the main school number which is 0151 630 8750</p> <p>We have Teaching Assistants (TA) in the majority of lessons and may also be allocated to a pupil with exceptional special educational needs and/or disabilities. Whilst they take a very valuable role in your child's education we would prefer that questions regarding your child's learning and progress are directed to the staff members named above.  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>Each year group has an allocated Key Worker who liaises closely with parents. You may want to discuss concerns with them which will then be passed on to the relevant member of staff</p> <p>He/ She is responsible for:  The day to day management of all aspects of the school, this includes the support for children with SEN and/or disabilities. He/ She will give responsibility to the SENCO and class/subject teachers but is still responsible for ensuring that your child's needs are met.  He/ She must make sure that the Governing Body is kept up to date about any issues in the school relating to SEND.  Contacted by calling the main school number 0151 630 8750</p> <p>He/ She is responsible for:  Making sure that the school has an up to date SEND Policy  Making sure that the school has appropriate provision and has made necessary adaptations to meet the needs of all children in the school  Making sure that the necessary support is made for any child who attends the school who has SEN and/or disabilities.  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.  Contacted by calling the main school number which is 0151 630 8750</p>
	Teaching Assistant (TA) may be allocated to some pupils with SEN and or disabilities	
	Key Workers	
	Head teacher	
	SEND Governor	

## **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 such as the ASC Outreach Team or Sensory Service (for students with a hearing or visual need) or Educational Psychologist

Staff who visit from outside agencies such as the Speech and Language therapy

What are the different types of support available for children with SEN and /or disabilities in this school?	Types of support provided also showing the stage of the Code of Practice (the document that schools use to plan their SEN and/or disabilities input) children will be at when receiving this input.	What would this mean for your child?	Who can get this kind of support?
In Class	Class teacher input via good/outstanding classroom teaching.	<p>The teacher will have the highest possible expectations for your child and all pupils in their class.</p> <p>All teaching is based on building on what your child already knows, can do and can understand.</p> <p>Putting 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.</p> <p>Putting in place specific strategies (which may be suggested by the SENCO or staff from outside agencies) to enable your child to access the learning task.</p>	All children in school receive this.

<p><b>Specific small group work/ SEN Support</b></p>	<p>This group may be: Run in the classroom or outside.  Run by a teacher or (most often) a Teaching assistant who has had training to run these groups.  These are often called Intervention groups by schools.</p>	<p>Your child's teacher will have carefully checked on your child's progress and will have decided that your child has a gap in their understanding/learning and needs some extra support to close the gap between your child and their peers. He/ She will plan sessions for your child with targets to help your child to make more progress – especially in English and Maths.  A Teaching Assistant/teacher will run these small group sessions using the teacher's plans, or a recommended programme.  Your child will have a 'support plan' and pupil passport at this stage</p>	<p>Any child who has specific gaps in their understanding of a subject/area of learning.  Some of the children accessing intervention groups may be at the stage of the SEND Code of Practice called SEN support, which means they have been identified by the class teacher as needing some extra support in school</p>
	<p><b>Additional Support</b>  Means they have been identified by the class teacher as needing some extra support in school.)  Specialist groups run by outside agencies e.g. Speech and Language therapy OR Occupational therapy groups AND/OR Individual support for your child of 20 hours and below in school  Local Authority central services such as the ASD Outreach Team or Sensory Service ( for students with a hearing or visual need)  Outside agencies such as the Speech and Language therapy Service.</p>	<p>If your child has been identified as needing more specialist input instead of or in addition to good and outstanding 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. • 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. • If it is agreed that the support of an outside agency is a way forward, you will be asked to give your permission for the school to refer your child to a specialist professional e.g. an Educational Psychologist. This will help the school and yourself understand your child's particular needs better. • The specialist professional will work with your child to understand their needs and make recommendations, which may include: 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 Support to set targets which will include their specific professional expertise  Your child's involvement in a group run by school staff under the guidance of the outside professional e.g. a social skills group</p>	<p>Children with specific barriers to learning that cannot be overcome through whole class good/outstanding teaching and intervention groups.</p>

		<p>A group or individual work with outside professional</p> <p>The school may suggest that your child needs some agreed individual support or group support in school. They will tell you how the support will be used and what strategies will be put in place.</p>	
<p><b>Education , Health and Care Plan</b></p>	<p><b>More than 20 hours a week), which cannot be provided from the resources already delegated to the school.</b></p> <p><b>Usually, if your child requires this high level of support they may also need specialist support in school from a professional outside the school. This may be from:</b></p> <p><b>Local Authority central services such as the ASC Outreach Team or Sensory Service ( for students with a hearing or visual need)</b></p> <p><b>Outside agencies such as the Speech and Language therapy Service, Occupational therapy service, Physiotherapy and/or CAMHS</b></p>	<p>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 from our SENCO, Deputy Headteacher in charge of Inclusion or Local Authority.</p> <p>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 Additional Support</p> <p>After the reports have all been sent in the Local Authority will decide if your child’s needs are severe, complex and lifelong and that they need more than 20 hours of support in school to make good progress. If this is the case they will write an EHC Plan. If this is not the case, they will ask the school to continue with the Additional Support 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> <p>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. It will usually mean a change of school for your child.</p>	<p>Children whose learning needs are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Severe, complex and lifelong</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Need more than 20 hours of support in school</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 staff  A full interview is held which gathers as much information about your child and their individual circumstances and needs as possible  All students spend time in baseline assessment centre upon entry. Here we carry out a range of assessments (basic literacy and numeracy, current working levels, likes and dislikes) to establish at what level your child is working. There may also be input from an Educational Psychologist and or CAMHS to assist us in planning for your child's entry to school  If other professionals are involved, a team around the family (TAF) meeting will be held to discuss your child's needs, share strategies used, and ensure provision is put in place before your child starts  Your child's key worker 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 to settle more easily</p>
<p>How can I let the school know I am concerned about my child's progress in school?</p>	<p>If you have concerns about your child's progress you should speak to your child's key worker initially, or teacher at parents afternoons  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 SENCO or Deputy Headteacher responsible for Inclusion  If you are still not happy you can speak to the Headteacher or school SEN Governor.</p>
<p>How will the school let me know if they have any concerns about my child's learning in school?</p>	<p>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 will raise this with the SENCO.  Schools also have meetings every term between each class teacher and a senior staff member 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 expected.  If your child is then identified as not making progress the school will make a decision about whether to monitor this or set up an intervention group and will inform you.  If your child is still not making expected progress the school will discuss with you:  Any concerns you may have  Discuss with you any further interventions or referrals to outside professionals to support your child's learning  To discuss how we could work together, to support your child at home/school.</p>
<p>How is extra support allocated to children and how do they move between the different levels?</p>	<p>The school budget, received from Wirral LA, includes money for supporting children with SEN.  The Head Teacher decides on the budget for Special Educational Needs in consultation with the school governors, on the basis of the needs of the children currently in the school.  The Head Teacher and the SENCO discuss all the information they have about SEN in the school, including the children getting extra support already / the children needing extra support / the children who have been identified as not making as much progress as would be expected.  And decide what resources/training and support is needed. All resources/training and support are reviewed regularly and changes made as needed.</p>

<p>Who are the other people providing services to children with SEN in this school?</p>	<p>A. Directly funded by the school</p>	<p>Teaching Assistants Key Workers CAMHS support Additional Educational Psychology input to provide a higher level of service to the school and students</p>	
	<p>B. Paid for centrally by the Local Authority but delivered in school</p>	<p>Autism Outreach Service Educational Psychology Service Sensory Service for children with visual or hearing needs School nurse Speech and Language Therapy (provided by Health but paid for by the Local Authority). Occupational Therapy Physiotherapy Professional training for school staff to deliver medical interventions Parent Partnership Service (to support families through the SEN processes and procedures). (WIRED)</p>	
	<p>C. Provided and paid for by the Health Service (Wirral NHS Trust) but delivered in school</p>	<p>School Nurse Paediatricians (where they attend meetings)</p>	
	<p>D. Voluntary agencies</p>	<p>National Autistic Society MENCAP</p>	



<p>How are the adults in school helped to work with children with</p>	<p>The SENCO's job is to support the class teacher in planning for children with SEN.</p> <p>The school has a school improvement plan, including identified training needs for all staff to improve the teaching and learning of children including those with SEND. This may include whole school training on SEND issues or to support identified groups of learners in school, such as ASD, dyslexia etc..</p> <p>Whole staff training to disseminate knowledge, strategies and experience, to ensure consistency of the school's approach for children with an SEND.</p> <p>Individual teachers and support staff attend training courses run by outside agencies that are relevant to the needs of specific children in their class e.g. from CAMHS, Orretts Meadow, the ASC Outreach service, or medical / health training to support staff in implementing care plans.</p> <p>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, SENCO or Deputy Headteacher responsible for Inclusion</p>
<p>How will the teaching be adapted for my child with learning needs (SEN/ and or disabilities)</p>	<p>Class Teachers plan lessons according to the specific needs of all groups of children in their class, and will ensure and will ensure that learning tasks are adjusted in order to enable your child to access their learning as independently as possible..</p> <p>Specially trained support staff can implement the teachers modified/adapted planning to support the needs of your child where necessary.</p> <p>Specific resources and strategies will be used to support your child individually and in groups.</p> <p>Planning and teaching will be adapted on a daily basis if needed to meet your child's learning needs and increase your child's access to what is on offer.</p>
<p>How will we measure the progress of your child in school? And how will I know about this?</p>	<p>Your child's progress is continually monitored by his/her class teacher.</p> <p>His/her progress is reviewed formally 4 times a year and a level given in all subjects. The type of level is dependent on year group with Key stage three classes being assessed using the ASP curriculum and KS4 classes being assessed using the examination assessment criteria in each subject.</p> <p>In addition reading and spelling progress is tested twice annually to inform literacy targets.</p> <p>Children at Additional Need level will be reviewed with your involvement, every term and the plan for the next term made.</p> <p>The progress of children with an EHC Plan is formally reviewed at an Annual Review with all adults involved with the child's education.</p> <p>The SENCO will also check that your child is making good progress within any individual work and in any group that they take part in.</p> <p>A range of ways will be used to keep you informed, which may include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Phone calls home</li> <li>Letters/certificates sent home</li> <li>Additional meetings as required</li> <li>Reports</li> </ul>

<p>What support do we have for you as a parent of child with an SEN/and or disabilities?</p>	<p>We would like you to talk to your child's class teacher regularly so we know what they are doing at home and we can tell you about what we are doing in school. This is to ensure that we are doing similar things to support them both at home and school and can share what is working in both places.</p> <p>The SENCO (or Head teacher) is available to meet with you to discuss your child's progress or any concerns/worries you may have.</p> <p>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 SENCO will also arrange to meet with you to discuss any new assessments and ideas suggested by outside agencies for your child.</p> <p>Support plans will be reviewed with your involvement each term.</p> <p>Homework will be adjusted as needed to your child's individual needs</p> <p>In addition: If you child is undergoing statutory assessment you will also be supported by the Children's Services SEN Team. They will ensure that you fully understand the process.</p>
<p>How have we made this school physically accessible to children</p>	<p>The ground floor of the school is accessible to children with physical disability</p> <p>We ensure that equipment used is accessible to all children regardless of their needs.</p>
<p>How will we support your child when they are leaving this school?</p>	<p>We recognise that 'moving on' can be difficult for a child with SEN/and or disabilities and take steps to ensure that any transition is as smooth as possible.</p> <p>If your child is moving to another school: we will contact the new school's SENCO and ensure he/she knows about any special arrangements or support that need to be made for your child.</p> <p>We will make sure that all records about your child are passed on as soon as possible.</p>

## Glossary of TERMS

IEBP	Individual Education and Behaviour Plan - targets for behaviour, literacy and numeracy
EHCP	Education, Health, and Care Plan - Statutory assessment stage of the SEN Code of Practice
SP	Support plan stage of the SEN Code of Practice
ASP	Additional Support plan stage of the SEN Code of Practice
SEN	Special Educational Needs
SEN Code of Practice	The legal document that sets out the requirements for SEN
SEND	Special Educational Needs and or disabilities
SALT	Speech and Language Therapist
CAMHS	Child & Adolescent Mental Health Service
EP	Educational Psychologist
SENCO	Special Educational Needs Coordinator
ASC	Autistic Spectrum Condition
ADHD	Attention Deficit Hyperactive Disorder
SPLD	Specific Learning difficulties - such as dyslexia
ODD    OPD	Oppositional Defiance Disorder                  Oppositional Personality Disorder