



**A Guide to Special Educational
Needs and Disability**
(SEND)

Information for Families

Introduction:

At some stage during a child's life in school they may need some extra support academically, socially, emotionally, with their physical development or with communication and language.

In order to ensure that appropriate support is put in place we may, through consultation with yourselves as parents/carers, provide support through an intervention.

An intervention group will be organised to meet their needs which means that your child will receive support that is additional to or different from the usual quality first teach.

Your child's progress will continue to be monitored by your child's class teacher and the school SENDCo (Special Educational Needs and Disability Coordinator). The class teacher will provide feedback on progress over the course of a term.

If you or your child's class teacher continue to be concerned about progress, school are able to access specialist assessments in order to ensure further appropriate support can be put in place. You will be invited to discuss this with your child's class teacher and/or SENDCo and these assessments will only occur with your permission. You will always be invited to discuss the results of the assessments and next steps for your child.

Education Health Care Plan (EHCP)

This is where a child has been assessed and/or diagnosed with specific learning or health needs. Specialist professionals will be involved with your child to support them whilst in school, alongside class teachers and teaching assistants. An Individual Educational Care plan (IEP) will be put in place. This identifies specific areas for development, who will support, how often and how it will be achieved.

Regular IEP meetings are arranged to share progress from both school and home.

All professionals involved and parents meet for an Annual Review meeting during the course of the year where the Education Health Care Plan is discussed, relating to the needs of a child.

Care Plan

If your child has a medical need we may need to discuss putting a Care Plan in place to support the child and adults working with them. We work with yourselves and the School Health Team to ensure all school colleagues are trained and aware of medical needs as appropriate.

Intervention Groups:

We operate a number of programmes which are tailored to suit children's specific needs. Your child may have the opportunity to be involved in the following groups:

- **MOVES-Supporting Gross Motor Development**
A program designed by Physiotherapists to aid the development of gross motor skills.
- **Fine Motor Group - Finger Bobs**
A programme designed by Occupational Therapists to develop fine motor co-ordination.

- **Speech and Language Support**

Targets will be provided by Speech and Language specialists and will be followed through intervention in school.

Rainbow (Nurture) Group

Nurture group is available for those children who may need support with social interaction skills or need a self-esteem and confidence boost.

- **Counselling**

Our counselling sessions are run by Paula Glascott from Snowford Grange Counselling and Psychotherapy. The aim of the counselling sessions is to support children with any anxieties or insecurities they may have, large or small. These might include:

- * moving house
- * reluctance to come to school
- * friendship worries
- * changing school
- * a new sibling in the house
- * divorce
- * any other changes in their family life.

There is a heavy emphasis on play, and the sessions are very gentle and relaxed and child-led.

- **Drawing and Talking**

A programme designed to support the development of emotional literacy ,self-esteem and self-confidence.

If you require further information about these groups or have any questions, please see your child's class teacher or the school's Special Educational Needs and Disability Coordinator (SENDCo) or a member of the Intervention Team.

For more information on SEND at Telford Infant School please see the School Information Report available on our school website.

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