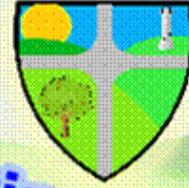


Portesham C of E VA Primary School



Special Educational Needs and Disability

(SEND)

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Every school needs to have a designated lead for the work they do to support children with additional needs. This person is known as the SENCo; Special Educational Needs Co-ordinator.

Mr Brown stepped down as our SENCo at the end of the last academic year. The Governors and I are exploring options for replacing this key role in our school, however until we have put a long term solution in place I will be covering the role.

We have a range of support and interventions available for children in school, the SENCo's role is to ensure that need is prioritised and resource is targeted accurately to best support the children in school.

I will be continuing with the SEND 'Drop Ins' for parents to call into school to see me, and will be offering the parents of children receiving support the opportunity to discuss their child's Child Centred Progress Plan later this half term.

If you have any questions or queries regarding the progress that your child is making in school, your child's Class Teacher needs to be your first port of call. Parent Evenings are coming up, but equally you can call them or ask to see them at the start or end of the school day.

Thank you for your continued support of the school, we will let you know as soon as arrangements have been put in place for long term SENCo provision.

Kind regards

Mrs Vicky Prior
Headteacher

SEND Drop In

I will be available for parents to pop into school to see me at the following times:

Thursday November 22nd 9.30-10.30

Friday December 21st 9.30-10.30

You don't need to make an appointment, please let Mrs Whitehead in the School Office know when you arrive.

Just some of the support available in school:

- Targeted support from the Class Teacher
- Support in class from a Teaching Assistant
- Time with Mrs Aldridge on a Monday
- Time with a Dorset Reading Partner
- Speech and Language Programmes
- Visits from support agencies such as an Educational Psychologist or Vision Support Service.

ELSA

Emotional Literacy Support Assistant

Lots of children have benefitted from the work of ELSAs in school. Since Mrs Whitehead took up her new post in the School Office we have not had an ELSA in school. The Governors and I are looking closely at the school budget and are hoping to have ELSA provision back in school for the start of the Spring Term –January 2019. We will keep you informed about how we are progressing.