



## GERRANS SCHOOL

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### Our 'Local Offer' for Special Educational Needs and Disability (SEND)

Gerrans is a very small rural Primary School on the Roseland Peninsula. We are proud to be part of The Roseland Multi-Academy Trust. We see learning as being a never ending journey which continues beyond primary school into adulthood. On this journey, learners may travel on different modes of transport, making different stops on route on different tracks.

All learners are taught how to and encouraged to take ownership of their learning by identifying both next steps and potential barriers.

We like parents to share the journey of learning with their child. Being a small school, with an established staff, the needs and interest of every learner, is considered in curriculum planning, delivery and resourcing.

We aim to provide a curriculum which gives opportunity for practical engagement and real life experiences as well as learning environments which are both stimulating and safe.

We acknowledge that not every learner has the same needs and teaching is adapted to the learner, not the learner to the teaching.

Ofsted acknowledged in October 2018, 'While you have high expectations of pupils' academic achievement, you do not lose sight of developing important life skills, such as team building, independence and resilience.'

We have strong transitional links with both Portscatho Playgroup and The Roseland Academy for all our pupils and build in additional transitional support where required.

Gerrans is an 'Inclusive, Dyslexic Friendly School'. Staff audit their level of expertise and are receptive to training and updating skills. We seek guidance from a range of experts in making assessments and planning provision.

Headteacher and Special Educational Needs and Disability Co-Ordinator is Julie Elvy



## The levels of support and provision offered by our school

### 1. Listening to and responding to children and young people

| <p>Whole school approaches<br/>The universal offer to all children and YP.</p>   | <p>Additional, targeted support and provision</p>   | <p>Specialist, individualised support and provision</p>   |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The views and opinions of all pupils are valued.</li> <li>• Pupil voice is represented in all aspects of school.</li> <li>• The school has a school council which is chaired and minuted by pupils. Each class is represented.</li> <li>• Pupil voice is heard through :                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Questionnaires</li> <li>Pupil conferencing</li> <li>Written and oral feedback on learning</li> </ul> </li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pupils with SEND have equal opportunity to be part of consultation groups</li> <li>• Pupils are involved in setting and reviewing their ISP targets</li> <li>• Additional provision is developed in light of pupil voice.</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Individual support is responsive to the views of the pupil where appropriate.</li> <li>• Pupils' views are an integral part of TAC and SEN progress meetings</li> <li>• All documentation is presented in a format that is accessible to the pupil and family.</li> </ul> |

## 2. Partnership with parents and carers

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Gerrans School works in partnership with all parents and carers and often other family members.</li> <li>• All parents and carers are invited to attend parent meetings.</li> <li>• All parents and carers have access to staff members at the beginning and end of each school day, allowing for verbal dialogue daily.</li> <li>• Attainment and progress is shared with parents and carers termly.</li> <li>• Parents and carers know exactly who to contact if they have concerns.</li> <li>• We produce a fortnightly newsletter</li> <li>• The virtual learning environment and website enables parents and carers to understand more about what their young person is learning.</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Parents are kept up to date with progress against specific ISP targets through termly meetings.</li> <li>• Families are invited to attend extra-curricular clubs and activities where appropriate.</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Parents/carers are supported in attending, and actively involved in, all TAC meetings and reviews.</li> <li>• Parents/carer's views are an integral part of TAC meetings and SEN reviews.</li> <li>• Parents are involved in evaluating impact of provision.</li> <li>• All documentation is presented in a format that is accessible to individual parents.</li> </ul> |

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The school shares a Parent Support Advisor with other cluster schools.</li><li>• All families are invited to attend information sessions re supporting their young person at home e.g. parenting skills, literacy and numeracy skill, e – safety.</li><li>• Parents are able to contact the school re concerns at any time.</li><li>• Parents are encouraged to become learning partners sharing the learning of reading, phonics and number</li></ul> |  |  |
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### 3. The curriculum

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The curriculum is designed to ensure inclusion of all pupils.</li> <li>• All pupils regardless of their ability and / or additional needs have full access to the curriculum.</li> <li>• All pupils are encouraged to become independent learners.</li> <li>• On-going assessments take account of all learning styles.</li> <li>• Learning objectives are clearly stated and success criteria are differentiated.</li> <li>• All pupils self evaluate their learning and progress against SC throughout lesson.</li> <li>• Learning objectives are phrased 'I am learning to ...'</li> <li>• Gold and Pink system of marking is very visual for all pupils. Golds=SC achieved. Pink- for think – how further</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Intervention packages are bespoke and needs led</li> <li>• The progress of pupils taking part in intervention groups is measured on a regular basis.</li> <li>• The intervention group or 1:1 provision is adapted in light of student progress.</li> <li>• Small group intervention includes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➢ Phonics</li> <li>➢ Numertime</li> <li>➢ Social skills</li> <li>➢ Handwriting</li> <li>➢ ICT skills</li> <li>➢ Memory skills</li> <li>➢ Speech and language</li> <li>➢ Literacy</li> <li>➢ Numeracy</li> <li>➢ Motor skills</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Access to alternative methods for recording.</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All pupils are given appropriate support to access the curriculum sometimes with adult if required.</li> <li>• Exceptional circumstances disapplication from statutory testing.</li> <li>• On-going review of ISP.</li> <li>• Multi agency meetings</li> <li>• Personalised timetables</li> <li>• Home/school contact book.</li> </ul> |

progress can be made

- Curriculum statements and P levels are analysed.
- Numeracy and literacy resources are freely accessible during all lessons.
- Pupils learn independently, in pairs, in groups as a whole class.
- Talk time with partners is encouraged
- Both classes are well supported by teaching assistants for both academic and emotional needs.

## 4. Teaching and learning

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The whole school uses a ‘dyslexia friendly’ approach to teaching and learning, where differentiated teaching and outcomes are used to ensure the progress of all pupils.</li> <li>• The school is accredited with ‘Inclusive, Dyslexic Friendly School Status’.</li> <li>• The lessons are carefully planned to include clear stages, regular progress checks and different learning styles.</li> <li>• Teaching assistants / class teachers work with small groups to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ensure understanding</li> <li>Facilitate learning</li> <li>Foster independence</li> <li>Keep pupils thinking about their learning</li> </ul> </li> <li>• If the class teacher is working with a small group the teaching assistant</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Additional visual clues and guidance as required.</li> <li>• Individualised questioning</li> <li>• Special arrangements in place for statutory testing</li> <li>• Homework support is available</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Personalised and highly differentiated work is provided enabling independent learning</li> <li>• 1:1 support is in place for pupils who need more intensive support: e.g. for those with physical disabilities, sensory loss, speech and language, autism, severe literacy difficulties.</li> <li>• Outreach from Specialist provision</li> </ul> |

supports the class with tasks already set by the teacher

- Planning is shared amongst teachers and TAs
- Independent pupil learning is supported by the use of ICT, for example:
  - Laptops
  - Netbooks
  - IPADS
  - Dictaphones
  - Pen scribbles
- Differentiated success criteria are displayed
- Learning objectives are displayed and discussed 'I am aiming to...'
- Pupil/Teacher response policy is adhered to
- Personalised and differentiated work is provided enabling independent learning.
- Daily phonic activities groups set by ability
- Regular learning opportunities off site
- 'real life' experiences used

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• High expectations made explicit</li><li>• VAK multi-sensory teaching approaches</li><li>• Literacy/Numeracy is a priority for all staff: key vocabulary and key terms should be displayed and discussed</li></ul> |  |  |
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## 5. Self-help skills and independence

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Literacy and numeracy resources freely accessible for all.</li> <li>• Assessment for Learning</li> <li>• Resources clearly labelled with words and visual clues</li> <li>• Adult modelling of expectations and interactions</li> <li>• Regular PSHE</li> <li>• Constant routines and behaviour expectations</li> <li>• Team point rewards</li> <li>• Headteacher awards at end of week</li> <li>• Achievements celebrated in assembly and publically on newsletter</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All adults facilitate independence</li> <li>• Specialised equipment such as overlays, talking tins, timers</li> <li>• Access to PSA</li> <li>• Memory training intervention</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• TAC, Early support meetings are attended by range or agencies</li> <li>• Boxall profiling</li> <li>• Intimate care plans following advice from professionals</li> <li>• Now and Next boards</li> <li>• Individual timetables</li> <li>• Additional support is shared to build resilience in the young person, so that they have self –coping strategies when a situation becomes challenging.</li> </ul> |

## 6. Health, wellbeing and emotional support

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• School operates on values rather than rules. 'Rules can be challenged, values can be respected.'</li> <li>• PSHE lessons include all pupils</li> <li>• Positive learning environment with excellent staff role models.</li> <li>• Mixed aged classes support the emotional needs of all pupils.</li> <li>• Pupils and parents have access to school nurse.</li> <li>• Bereavement counselling is available through Penhaligans Friends</li> <li>• Variety of after school clubs</li> <li>• Wrap around care</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Base available for 'time out' and 'cool down' time</li> <li>• Time limited and monitored groups address               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Self esteem</li> <li>Social skills</li> <li>Life skills</li> <li>Anger management</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Access through cluster to multi skill sports events to aid resilience</li> <li>• Additional provision such as Bishops Forum, Woodland Valley</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• TAC, Early support meetings are attended by range of agencies</li> <li>• Boxall profiling</li> <li>• Additional support for pupils can be requested from:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>CAMHS</li> <li>Social Care</li> <li>Dreadnoughts</li> <li>Aspires</li> <li>Music therapy</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Pupils with specific medical conditions have individual health care plans</li> <li>• Individual risk assessments.</li> </ul> |

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Risk assessments</li><li>• Trained staff first aiders</li><li>• Pupil issues dealt with by trained staff</li><li>• Sporting events encourage resilience and perseverance</li></ul> |  |  |
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## 7. Social interaction opportunities

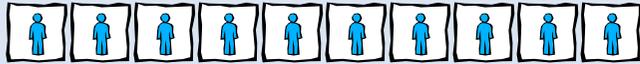
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All students are encouraged to have a balance of social interaction regardless of need.</li> <li>• All pupils are taken on trips and visits</li> <li>• All pupils are expected to interact socially and appropriately at the lunch table.</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• PSA provides opportunities for additional social interaction opportunities</li> <li>• Additional transitional opportunities</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pupils attend clubs supported by TAs</li> <li>• PSA or TAs use social stories with individual pupils</li> </ul> |

8. The physical environment (accessibility, safety and positive learning environment).

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All areas of school are accessible to everyone on one level.</li> <li>• Pupils feel safe and in an environment where bullying is not tolerated</li> <li>• Classrooms are well lit</li> <li>• Accessible toilet</li> <li>• Stimulating outside areas</li> <li>• Appropriately sized furniture</li> <li>• Named Safeguarding Officer and named Child in Care teacher.</li> <li>• All areas of school are uplifting, positive and support learning.</li> <li>• Teachers focus on rewarding good behaviour and promote a positive learning environment.</li> <li>• Water available</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Non slip, no breakable equipment.</li> <li>• Adapted PE equipment</li> <li>• 2 members of staff are 'team-teach' trained.</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Adjustable chairs available from OT for dining hall and classroom</li> <li>• Specialist equipment</li> <li>• Specialist communication aids</li> </ul> |

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## 9. Transition from year to year and setting to setting

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• There are strong links with other Roseland primary schools and The Roseland Community College.</li> <li>• Pupils visit TRCC regular</li> <li>• TRCC staff visit Y6 pupils and parents</li> <li>• Taster days for Y6 to TRCC</li> <li>• Taster days into Nursery</li> <li>• All Y6 invited to attend summer school at TRCC ( PP pupils free)</li> <li>• Transition information shared between Gerrans and TRCC staff</li> <li>• Nursery invited to attended full days in summer term</li> <li>• KS1 links with Portscatho playgroup</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Additional transitional support for pupils who have been identified KS1-2 KS2-3</li> <li>• ‘Buddy’ system in place for vulnerable pupils during transition including on bus</li> <li>• Strong communication with TRCC PAS team</li> <li>• Communication passports</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• SENCO from TRCC attends AR of Y6 pupils.</li> <li>• Structured and integrated transition package</li> <li>• 1:1 transitional visits</li> <li>• Advice from other agencies</li> <li>• Individualised photo maps</li> </ul> |

## Services and organisations that we work with:

| Service/organisation     | What they do in brief   | Contact details  |
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| Educational Psychologist | Offer the following support: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Consultations with parents and staff</li> <li>- Assessment for individual pupils</li> <li>- Advice on strategies to support children and young people</li> <li>- Attendance at multi-agency meetings and review meetings</li> <li>- Contributing to statutory assessments and Single Education and Health Care Plans</li> <li>- Training for school staff, other professionals, parents and young people</li> <li>- Individual, family and group therapeutic interventions</li> <li>- Coaching/supervision for teachers and other staff</li> </ul>  | A free telephone advice line (01872 32288) for parents, carers and young people on Wednesday afternoon from 2-5pm term time<br><br>Katy Neve |
| Occupational therapist   | Occupational Therapy (OT) aims to support children and young people in getting the most from their lives and achieving their potential. The OT will assess your child's functional and sensory needs and will work with you and your family to enable your child to become as independent as possible. This is likely to include activities designed to increase range of movement, co-ordination and sensory awareness. The OT will give advice on personal care, play, schoolwork, and leisure activities. Hand splints may be supplied for comfort and development of skills. Specialist equipment to promote function and learning may be provided to help your child at school or home. This may | Lynne Cossier 01209 213927   |

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|   | include specialist seating.   |   |
| Speech and language Therapist               | Speech and language therapists specialise in the diagnosis, evidence based treatment and management of communication and oro-pharyngeal swallowing disorders. Therapists work directly with patients, their carers, families and with ward staff and other health care professionals.   | 01726 291201                            |
| Alternative augmentative communication Team | Support the use of PECs / Makaton / visual communication environments and Alternative and Augmentative Communication (AAC) and give support to parents /carers and local settings in how to take these systems forward.   | Anne Williams 07837311604               |
| Social Care                                 | The children's social care offices are open from 8.45-5.15pm on Mondays-Thursdays and from 8.45-4.45pm on Fridays.  | 03001234101                             |
| Behaviour Support Service                   | The Education Behaviour Support Service (BSS) offers frontline support with pupils and helps build capacity in schools to support challenging behaviour. We are available to support the analysis of behaviour data, development of policies, risk assessments, writing comprehensive behaviour management plans via casework and Staff development | Penny Hermes<br>phermes@cornwall.gov.uk |
| Area SENCO                                  | The Senior Locality SENCOs (SLS) process all referrals to the Early years Inclusion Service (EYIS). They coordinate services within the EYIS  |   |



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| EAL Diversity                                      | The Equality and Diversity Service works strategically across Children, Schools and Families and in partnership with schools and other agencies to promote Equality and Diversity in Cornwall. We are committed to the principle that everyone is entitled to equal rights regardless of age, race, gender, disability, sexual orientation, religion or belief, marriage and civil partnership, maternity and pregnancy and gender reassignment. (The 9 protected characteristics described in the Equality Act 2010.)  | 01872327529 |
| Penhaligon Friends                                 | We are a Cornish charity supporting bereaved children, young people, parents and carers throughout the county. We offer children and young people the chance to meet others and share their experiences, as well as practical resources for children and parents.   | 01209210624 |
| Child and Adolescent Mental Health Service (CAMHS) | <p>The service helps children and young people deal with emotional, behavioural or mental health issues. These include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Emotional problems e.g. anxiety, depression, anger, mood swings, low self-esteem.</li> <li>- Problems with your behaviour e.g. violence, destructiveness, self-harm, hyper-activity, over-sexualisation and obsession.</li> <li>- Relationship problems, including difficulties in the family, with friends or colleagues, in school or the community, as well as difficulties associated with attachment and loss.</li> <li>- Problems with development or disability e.g. bed-wetting and difficulties with eating, sleeping or talking.</li> <li>- Emotional problems linked to physical health issues e.g. difficulties with taking medication as prescribed by a doctor.</li> </ul> | 01208834600 |

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|  | <p>We offer lots of different kinds of support and have a wide range of people who are trained to help. These include social workers, doctors, nurses, psychologists, mental health workers and other therapists.</p> |  |
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**Any questions or concerns regarding the Local Offer please don't hesitate to speak with Mrs Elvy.**