

Our SENDCo –Mrs Charlotte Irving

As SENDCo my role is to work with yourselves and the teaching staff to help support your child with their additional needs.



What is SEND?

Some children find learning more challenging than others and may need extra support to achieve their full potential.

They may have difficulty expressing themselves, interacting with others, reading, writing and maths, controlling their emotions or a sensory or physical mobility.

These difficulties can be barriers to learning. Schools assess all children to identify their strengths and needs and how they can be best supported.

Children who receive extra help with learning may receive additional support under one of the following categories: SEN Support or an EHC plan.

What Is SEN Support?

SEN Support describes the additional help that assists children to access the curriculum. This might include extra help in the classroom, small group or one-to-one teaching or support from specialists such as speech and language therapists.

We work with parents when agreeing what support to provide and what it will achieve. We complete a SEN Support Plan termly that documents your views as well as what works best for your child and we review the outcomes termly.

What are EHC Plans?

If your child has more complex needs, he or she might already have an EHC Plan or be in the process of being assessed for one.

How will the school decide what type of support my child receives?

We believe every child's needs are different and may change over time. We will assess your child's needs closely to identify which support suits him/her best.

How will I know if my child needs SEN Support?

If your child is not making expected progress s/he may need SEN support. We will discuss your child's needs with you before placing your child on SEN Support.

I can be contacted by email using the address:

senco@hawthorns.wokingham.sch.uk on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and part days Thursdays and Fridays. I am looking forward to meeting you and your children and wish them a positive and successful transition to school.

A helpful link for you which explains the role of the School Nurse:

<https://www.berkshirehealthcare.nhs.uk/3142>

Another helpful link is the "School Years Toolkit" which offers a range of advice on health matters and developmental concerns:

<https://www.berkshirehealthcare.nhs.uk/5098>

A useful link which explains what is on offer supporting children with additional needs and their families: the Wokingham Local Offer website

<http://www.wokingham.gov.uk/local-offer-for-0-25-year-olds-with-additional-needs/>

Please refer to the school website for our SEND policy and the school's Local Offer

https://www.hawthorns.wokingham.sch.uk/website/send_report_local_offer/69645