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SEND Information Report

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Exceptional Educational Experience



SEND Information Report for Pondhu Primary school

(Aligned with the SEND Code of Practice 2015, updated 2020)

Introduction

This report explains how Pondhu Primary School, part of Cornwall Education Learning Trust (CELT), supports learners with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND).

- Our SEND policy is available [SEND Policy](#)
- Cornwall's Local Offer can be accessed [here](#)
- The SEND Code of Practice can be found [here](#)
- Our accessibility plan is available [Pondhu Primary School - Inclusion](#)

Our approach to SEND and Inclusion

At Pondhu Primary School we are committed to ensuring that every learner is known, valued and supported to achieve their potential.

As part of Cornwall Education Learning Trust (CELT), our ambition is for every learner to receive an exceptional educational experience. We recognise that learners may experience barriers to learning or participation at different points in their education and that early identification, high-quality teaching and the right support at the right time can make a significant difference. We have high expectations for learners with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND). Our approach is based on inclusion, belonging and participation. Wherever possible, learners with SEND learn alongside their peers and access the full curriculum and wider life of the school.

This SEND Information Report explains how we identify and support learners with SEND at Pondhu Primary School, and should be read alongside our SEND Policy, Accessibility Plan and the Cornwall SEND Local Offer.

What types of SEND do we support?

We support learners across the four broad areas of need identified within the SEND Code of Practice:

1. Communication & Interaction
2. Cognition & Learning
3. Social, Emotional and Mental Health (SEMH)
4. Sensory and/or Physical Needs

These broad areas help us to understand and plan provision but do not define a learner. Needs can overlap and may change over time. We consider each learner's individual strengths, needs, circumstances and aspirations.



Area of Need	Description	Relating to difficulties with:
Communication & Interaction	Learners with speech, language and communication needs (SLCN) and or autism spectrum disorder (ASD) may have difficulty in communicating with others. This may be because they have difficulty saying what they want to, understanding what is being said to them or understanding use of social rules of communication.	Attention / Interaction skills: • May have difficulties ignoring distractions. • Need reminders to keep attention. • May need regular prompts to stay on task. • May need individualised motivation in order to complete tasks. • Difficulty attending the whole class. • Interaction will not always be appropriate. • May have peer relationship difficulties. • May not be able to initiate or maintain a conversation. Understanding / Receptive Language: • May need visual support to understand or process spoken language. • May need augmented communication systems • May have frequent misunderstandings. • Repetition of language and some basic language needs to be used to aid their understanding. Speech / Expressive Language: • May use simplified language and limited vocabulary. • Ideas / conversations may be difficult to follow, with the need to request frequent clarification. • Some immaturities in the speech sound system. • Grammar / phonological awareness is still poor and therefore their literacy can be affected.
Cognition and Learning	Support for learning difficulties may be required when learners learn at a slower pace than their peers, even with appropriate scaffolding. This could include areas of need such as Specific learning difficulties (SpLD) eg dyslexia, Moderate learning difficulties (MLD), Severe learning difficulties (SLD) or profound and multiple learning difficulties (PMLD)	• Language, memory and reasoning skills • Sequencing and organisational skills • An understanding of numbers • Problem-solving and concept development skills • Fine and gross motor skills • Independent learning skills • Exercising choice • Decision making • Information processing



Area of Need	Description	Relating to difficulties with:
Social, Emotional, Mental Health (SEMH)	Learners may experience a wide range of social and emotional difficulties which manifest themselves in many ways. These may include becoming withdrawn or isolated, as well as displaying challenging, disruptive or disturbing behaviour.	• Social isolation • Behaviour difficulties (ODD/EBD/PDA) • Attention difficulties (ADHD/ADD) • Anxiety and depression • Attachment disorders • Low self esteem • Issues with self-image • Emotional based school avoidance (EBSA)
Sensory or Physical	Learners with medical/genetic conditions or physical/sensory impairments.	• Specific medical conditions • Gross / fine motor skills • Visual / hearing impairment • Accessing the curriculum without adaptation • Physically accessing the building(s) or equipment. • Over sensitivity to noise / smell / light / touch / taste / Toileting / self-care.



Graduated Approach



The graduated approach ensures every learner receives support that is proportionate to their individual strengths and needs. It begins with high-quality inclusive teaching for all learners and progresses, where required, through increasingly personalised support. At every stage, provision is informed by the Assess – Plan – Do – Review cycle, ensuring support remains responsive, evidence-informed and focused on improving outcomes.

Families and learners are active partners throughout the process, with decisions informed by professional judgement, learner voice and ongoing evaluation of impact. Support is fluid rather than linear. As barriers reduce, learners may successfully return to universal provision alone. Likewise, where needs become more complex, provision may become increasingly personalised through coordinated support and specialist involvement. Movement through the graduated approach is responsive, not permanent.

Universal Provision

All learners are entitled to high-quality teaching in an inclusive classroom environment.

- High-quality teaching through the Learning Chronicles
- Adjusted Teacher Toolkit (ATT)



Targeted Provision

Learners require additional interventions or adjustments beyond universal provision to address identified barriers to learning.

- Targeted interventions
- Student Success Plan (SSP)
- Pastoral support or academic interventions



Targeted Plus Provision

Learners require increasingly personalised provision, enhanced assessment and support from professionals.

- Bespoke intervention programmes
- External agency involvement
- Enhanced Assess–Plan–Do–Review
- Multi-agency planning



Specialist Provision

Learners require highly specialist assessment, provision or statutory support:

- Multi-agency coordinated support
- Specialist provision
- Highly personalised curriculum





Key Questions:

Who is the Special Educational Needs Coordinator (SENCO)?	SENDCo: Kate Rose-Lean Contact details: Tel: 0172674550 Email: primarysend@celtrust.org
How accessible is the school site?	Pondhu Primary School is committed to providing an inclusive, welcoming and accessible environment for all pupils, parents, carers, visitors and staff. Our School Building The site is spread across one floor which has accessible entrance and exits. Adjustments in place: corridors are kept clear, acoustic flooring is fitted in the main hall, access ramps where necessary, Library shelves at wheelchair-accessible height, Disabled parking bays, Disabled toilets and changing facilities. Accessibility Plan: Pondhu Primary School - Inclusion



How will school staff support my child?	• A class teacher is the first point of contact for all questions regarding SEND. • All teachers are responsible for SEND and adapt lessons using the CELT Chronicles and Adaptive Teaching Toolkit Please see the graduated response for further details. Parents/carers are informed at three times per year via the Assess–Plan–Do–Review cycle.
How will the school identify if my child has SEND?	• Following completion of baseline assessments, the results will be analysed by the team as the 'Assess' element of the graduated approach. • From these assessments, it will be identified if they require specific support or further assessments using the CELT identification toolkit. • The team will use the Entry and Exit criteria along with statutory assessments, staff observations, parent/carers input, and external agency advice. • Use of the graduated response to monitor progress and decide on additional support. Every term, Multi Agency Meetings between external agencies (Educational Psychologists, Speech and Language Therapist, Occupational Therapist, Autism Team and any other professionals required) take place with a focus to look at children that require support and interventions from outside agencies. As a result of these meetings, time is planned throughout the year to support specific children or staff development.
How are resources allocated and matched to children's needs?	• CELT schools allocate resources based on learner need, using SEND funding and delegated budgets. We ensure that learners with SEND have their needs met to the best of the school's ability with the funds available. • Regular review of provision to ensure resources meet needs.
How will I know how my child is doing?	• Progress evenings, annual reports, SEND Assess Plan Do Review (APDR) meetings with the class teacher. • SENCO meetings can be booked throughout the year. • Learners with an EHCP: Annual Reviews plus interim reviews with parents/carers. We consider that the parents/carers' views are a vital part of the review and therefore request parental/carers attendance at the meetings and the completion of parental paperwork prior to the meeting.



How will my child be able to contribute their views?	- We value and celebrate learners being able to express their views on all aspects of school life. Learners are encouraged to share their thoughts with their class teacher, SENCO and via a range of learner voice activities (surveys, councils, SEND champions and forums). - Opportunities for involvement in Student Success Plan creation, target setting and review meetings.
What support will there be for my child's wellbeing?	- All staff receive training to deliver high-quality pastoral care. The school adopts a whole school approach to ensuring that all learners make excellent academic progress and their individual needs are catered for. - Attendance is rigorously monitored, and support put in place where needed. If attendance falls, you will be contacted by the attendance champion and, where necessary, additional support will be implemented to boost attendance. - The school is mindful of the need to safeguard the wellbeing of all learners and management of first aid arrangements will be undertaken in such a way as to ensure there is adequate training of staff, provision of first aid equipment and recording of first aid treatment. - Interventions (e.g. ELSA, pastoral support, nurture groups). - Where needed, Health Care Plans are overseen by Kate Rose-Lean (SENCo) and shared with staff. - Safe/quiet spaces are available where possible.
What specialist services are available or accessible?	CELT has an internal inclusion panel where members of the following team can be requested to gain advice / guidance: - Educational Psychology - Speech and Language Therapy (SALT) - Occupational Therapist - Autism Support Service In addition, we can refer to the local authority's support for - CAMHS / mental health services - Cognition and Learning Team - Specialist Teachers for sensory/physical needs - Other local authority and voluntary sector services
What training have staff had?	- All teachers trained in High-Quality Teaching and use CELT Chronicles and the Adaptive Teaching Toolkit. - Ongoing SEND CPD delivered across CELT by SEND Team. - Learning Support Induction and training programme. - New staff induction focuses on SEND and adaptive teaching. - Specialist input from external agencies are shared with staff.



How will my child be included in trips and extra-curricular activities?	• All clubs and trips are open to all learners in line with suitable risk assessments being carried out. • Reasonable adjustments made to ensure participation. • Where a learner has a physical/medical need/s, any issues around trips and activities will be discussed in advance and addressed with parents/carers. This includes overnight and residential visits.
How will the school support transition?	For learners transitioning to a new educational phase, we liaise with previous schools/settings and/or teachers and provide additional transitional support if it is needed. This is arranged on an individual basis and tailored to the needs of the learner/s. • Extra transition visits, enhanced handovers from previous settings. • Meetings with specialist SENDCo for new starters with an EHCP. • Liaison with receiving schools/colleges for Year 3 and Y6 transition. • Attendance at EHCP transition reviews.
Who can I contact for more information?	• The class teacher is the first point of contact for concerns. • If needed they can refer to the specialist SENDCo for support and guidance. • Complaints: Follow CELT Complaints Policy – Complaints Policy
How else can we be involved?	We need you to support us by encouraging your child to fully engage with their learning and any interventions offered by: • Helping them to be organised for their day (including bringing the right equipment and books) • Above 97% attendance and good punctuality • Supporting reading at home • Completion of homework • Attending progress evenings • Attending any meetings specifically arranged for your child • Ensure that any interventions to complete at home are encouraged and supported
What support is there for behaviour, attendance and avoiding exclusion?	As a school, we have a very positive approach to all types of behaviour with a clear reward and sanction system that is followed by all staff. Please see our behaviour policy for further information. Personalised behaviour co-regulation plans where required. Attendance monitored and support provided if concerns arise.



How is CELT governance involved?	• SENCo reports to the Headteacher. • CELT ensures compliance with statutory SEND responsibilities. • The Director of Inclusion reports to the Quality of Education committee on a termly basis. • The Director of inclusion meets regularly with the SEND trustee to report on statutory duties.
How do I raise a concern or complaint?	• Please contact our SENCo in the first instance. • A copy of the full complaints procedure is available on the school website.