



## SEN Information Report 2021

### The White Horse Federation – Grange Infant School

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**School opening hours for the children:** 8:20 – 15:00 Monday - Thursday and 8:20-13:10 on Friday

#### **Point of contacts:**

**SENDCO:** Mrs Rebecca Edgcumbe [senco@grange-inf.swindon.sch.uk](mailto:senco@grange-inf.swindon.sch.uk)

**SEN Governor:** Mrs Rachel Addis [RAddis@gov.twhf.org.uk](mailto:RAddis@gov.twhf.org.uk)

**Type of Provision:** Infant Education

**Age range:** EYFS-Y2 (4 years old-7 years old)

**Admission arrangements:** The White Horse Federation subscribes to the Swindon Borough Council admissions procedures and policies. Parents can apply through Swindon Borough Council for Infant School admissions.

**Referrals:** Children can be referred to the school if they are accommodated by the Local Authority or if they have an Education Health and Care Plan on parental request.

#### **Identifying Children with Special Educational Needs and Disability**

We refer to the term “**Special Educational Needs**” if a child:

1. Has a significantly greater difficulty in learning than the majority of others of the same age.
2. Has a disability which prevents or hinders them from making use of educational facilities of a kind generally provided for others of the same age in our mainstream school setting.

The difficulty or disability may relate to:

- Communication and interaction
- Cognition and learning
- Social, emotional and mental health difficulties
- Sensory and/or physical needs

These four broad areas give an overview of the range of needs and the purpose of identification is to work out what action the school needs to take.

Special Educational Provision is that which is **additional to, or different from** that which is made generally for most children in school. The table below shows a 3 year trend for SEN at Grange Infant School.

Number of children on SEN register	2018/2019	2019/2020	2020/2021
Grange Infant	10%	9%	12.4%
Swindon Average (Primary)	15.8%	15.3%	17%
National Average (Primary)	14.2%	14.6%	12.2%

**Partnership agencies:** We work with;

- Educational Psychologists
- Speech and Language Therapists
- Occupational Therapist
- Cognition and Learning Advisory Support Service (CLASS)
- ASD Advisory Service (ARC)
- TaMHS (Targeted Mental Health Support), CAMHS (Child and Adolescent Mental Health Support)
- Visual impairment advisory services
- Hearing impairment advisory services
- Assistive Technology Service
- Advisory Teacher for Physical Disabilities
- Health Care professionals (School Nurse, Community Paediatrician and Physiotherapists)
- SIAS (formally Parent Partnership/SENDIASS)
- MASH (Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub)
- Early Help Hub and Swindon Parenting Hub
- Virtual School (for Looked After Children)
- Statutory SEND Service (formerly SENAT)
- Education Welfare Officer
- SEMH Outreach Team (Social Emotional and Mental Health)
- Young Carers

**Curriculum:** The Early Years Foundation Stage Curriculum is followed as is the National Curriculum. The needs of the child could influence the curriculum they receive and this will be tailored to individual need.

**Assessment:** We assess the pupils' progress and attainment throughout the year as identified in the school assessment calendar. Parents will receive a written report on their child's progress and attainment at the end of the year. Parents are invited to regular meetings to discuss their child's progress and attainment.

In addition to this, parents are also invited to annual reviews for children with an Education Health Care Plan for Special Educational Needs. If situations occur where the child's behaviour is of concern or needs the assistance of Positive Handling, these are reported to the parents the same day and recorded in a Bound and Numbered Book.

Any health concerns are reviewed as is appropriate and necessary and children with a care plan have these reviewed annually with the support of the School Nurse and other professionals as appropriate.

**Transition:** Conversations with other professionals through formal meetings will happen prior to children starting at the school and on leaving the school. At these meetings with other professionals we will check funding, write any necessary plans and look at ways of employing staff. There is a bespoke pathway for children coming into school dependent on their need, recognising the strength of parental knowledge and the information that they can share; parental views are essential in the process. Pupils visit the school with their parents at least once before their start date.

Any child moving on to another school from us will have a carefully structured plan based on individual need. There is appropriate support given to the receiving school and our Year 2 pupils have a structured transition plan in place in Term 6. If child has an Education Health Care Plan then transitional review will take place in Year 1 and possible school options are discussed.

**Staff Expertise:** The SENDCO is a fully qualified teacher and is undertaking the National Award for Special Educational Needs Coordination (NASENCO). The WHF expectations are that all teachers are responsible for children with SEN in their classes and have the support of the SENDCO to ensure good progress and attainment of all children. All teachers are expected and committed to having a good understanding and awareness of SEND. This is achieved through on-going CPD. Through the school year, a number of staff training sessions are spent on SEND and new practices. Teaching Assistants are employed to support the learning needs of all the children with the exception of targeted support for children with high needs to enable them to access a mainstream curriculum. We also have pastoral support for all pupils when appropriate.

**Monitoring of the effectiveness of the provision:** There are robust systems in place for SENDCO to monitor the effectiveness of the school provision which include;

- book scrutiny,
- progress meetings,
- monitoring the quality of provision for SEN children
- monitoring of planning and assessment
- provision mapping
- data analysis
- case studies

The SEN Governor will meet with the SENDCO and quality assure both procedures and practices are exemplary for children with SEND. Subject leaders also monitor the delivery of their subject and the progress made. The Principal monitors and quality assures the impact of the SEN action plan/School improvement plan. Ofsted and the Local Authority moderate as part of a cycle for KS1 phonics monitoring/KS1 SATs monitoring/ visit and end of EYFS data to validate or challenge.

**Equal Opportunities:** All pupils have equal access to all facilities, activities and resources, regardless of SEND, race, religion, culture, gender, sexuality or disability determined by a thorough rigorous risk assessment procedure.

**Spiritual, Moral, Social and Cultural Curriculum:** The WHF is a values based organisation and therefore recognises the contribution that all children can make to all aspects of school life including representation on:

- School council (to which all pupils contribute)
- Pupil voice
- Pupil governance
- Community events
- Special school days
- Measures to prevent bullying
- National initiatives, such as eco-weeks, charity events, religious celebrations.

This list is not exhaustive

**From the parent carer's point of view:**

**1. How does the school know if children need extra help and what should I do if I think my child may have special educational needs?**

- Once your child has settled into school, it may seem to the teacher that s/he needs extra help. This may be clear to them from observation, or they may do some assessments. It maybe that later on s/he does not make the progress expected.
  - If your child has been to a preschool, nursery or another school, they will pass on information.
  - If you have concerns yourself, please talk to your child's class teacher. We have an open-door policy at Grange Infants and you are welcome to express your concerns to the class teacher. An after-school discussion is preferred to the morning, if this is not possible, please phone the school to make an appointment.
  - If we in school identify any special educational needs, we will talk to you about it and tell you what support will be put in place. We may or may not ask your permission to involve one or more of the Partnership Agencies.

**2. How will the school support my child?**

The school has many options to enable your child to access mainstream learning, these include the following:

- A provision map that states how and when a child is supported with what resources are required to enable successful delivering of the support (see Appendix A - Provision Map)
  - Specialists TAs that are specifically trained in supporting specific and high needs children.
  - Qualified and trained teaching staff including the SENDCO who can advise on strategies to support and help your child to progress
  - Access to other professionals for advice

**3. How will the curriculum be matched to my child's needs?**

The curriculum is carefully differentiated to meet the needs of every child. That is, it is individually tailored to each pupil. The child is then able to learn at their own level and make the progress s/he needs to make. Children learn in different ways and such learning styles are also catered for. For example, multisensory approaches are often used, and some children work on a personalised curriculum that is time bound and reviewed regularly.

**4. How will I know how my child is doing and how will you help me to support my child's learning?**

School will communicate regularly with you and this may include:

- Informal conversations between parent/carers with the teacher
- Discussions around the child's individual learning needs and provision in place
  - Formal parent/teacher interviews twice a year with discussions around how to support and help your child at home
- Regular reports sent home every term with a full written report at the end of the academic year, including targets for your child to support their progress
- TA conversations with parent/teacher/school
- Home school diaries/informal reporting as required
- School website with helpful links and strategies to support your child's learning This list is not exhaustive

**5. What support will there be for my child's/young person's overall well-being?**

We are a fully inclusive school, and all staff are passionate about the well-being of each child. Our Values Curriculum, in which all adults try to model good behaviour to children, is used throughout the school by all members of staff. Health, safety and well-being are also taught through lessons and assemblies. Continuous care, support and guidance in class and around school may also include:

- PSHE curriculum
- Fully inclusive school where every child matters,
- Enrichment activities (clubs, Pupil Premium activities, residential trips)
- Medical care plans/ personal care plans
- Some staff are trained in First Aid
- Some staff are trained in positive physical intervention (Team Teach). (Note: Any physical intervention is recorded appropriately according to safeguarding and LEA guidelines and is reported to parents. Physical intervention is a last resort in order to maintain the safety of a child and others around them. It is always deemed to be reasonable and proportionate to the circumstances they were intended to prevent.)
- Learning Mentor / Pastoral care

**6. What specialist services and expertise are available at or accessed by the school?**

- SENDCO
- Educational Psychologists
- Speech and Language Therapists
- Occupational Therapist
- Cognition and Learning Advisory Support Service (CLASS)
- ASD Advisory Service, (ARC)

- TaMHS (Targeted Mental Health Support), CAMHS (Child and Adolescent Mental Health Support)
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### 7. What training are the staff supporting children with SEND had or are having?

The academic years 2019-20 and 2020-21 have been challenging due to the global pandemic. Children with additional needs were risk assessed and phone calls were made by the SENDCO to offer further support to parents during home learning. Some children were provided with work packs as they found it difficult to access the work on an electronic platform.

As well as our normal programme of CPD, staff completed further training with reference to Special Educational needs whilst the school was open to key worker children only and they also kept close contact with pupils and parents through email on Purple Mash to offer support where necessary.

All staff have access to CPD which is tailored to the needs of the children. In the last year these include:

Training Programme	When	Who
SENDCO conference	November 2020	SENDCO
TWHF SENDCO network meetings.	Oct 2020, Feb 2021 and July 2021	SENDCO
CP training and safeguarding updates	Yearly updates 2 hours	All staff
First aid training	Yearly updates and 3 year cycle for fully trained staff.	Some identified support staff.
Medical update training	Sept 2020, due Sept 2021	All staff
Team teach and positive handling/de-escalation	Reviewed every 2 years. 6 or 12 hour course depending on level.	Some teaching staff and TA's.
SEND updates from Swindon Borough Council	Termly update meetings/forums.	SENDCO
CPOMS (safeguarding and behaviour monitoring system) training	Ongoing	For new starters and refreshers for all staff.

SEN staff meetings	1 per term	All staff
Speech and Language support EYFS	December 2019	EYFS TA's and Year 1 TA's
Talkboost training – Speech and Language.	February 2020	All support staff
Signalong Training – Speech and Language	June 2021	All support staff
Prevent training online	May 2020	All staff
Phonics support	April 2020	All staff
Supporting learners in the classroom	April 2020	All staff
Language Development	May 2020	All staff
SEND Gateway ADHD	May 2020	All staff
SEND Gateway Autism	May 2020	All staff
SEND Gateway SEMH	May 2020	All staff
SEND Gateway Dyslexia	May 2020	All staff
SEND Gateway SEMH	May 2020	All staff
SEND Gateway Dyslexia	May 2020	All staff
SEND Gateway Hearing Impairment	May 2020	All staff
SEND Acquired Brain Injury	May 2020	All staff
ELSA training	2019-20  2020-21	2 support staff 1 in EYFS 1 in Y2 1 support staff

**8. How will my child be included in activities outside the classroom including school trips?**

We are a fully inclusive school, however, access to activities outside of the classroom / school trips will be determined through a rigorous risk assessment procedure.

**9. How accessible is the school environment?**

The school is wheelchair accessible and there is a disabled toilet. Reasonable adjustments are made for children who have a physical, hearing, visual or sensory impairment. Accessibility plan available on request.

**10. How will the school prepare and support my child to join the school or transfer to a new school?**

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primary school we transfer records and have meetings/ conference calls as needed and appropriate

**11. How are the school's resources allocated and matched to children's special educational needs?**

The school has funding for all children including children with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities. In addition, additional funding can be requested to support higher needs children, children with Education Health and Care Plan. The Principal and the SENDCO will discuss each child's needs in detail and then ensure that school-based provision meets the needs of each child as detailed in the EHCP. This may include access to:

- Additional resources
- Additional learning support
- Support from outside agencies
- Other support (detailed throughout or through discussion with parents)

**12. How is the decision made about what type and how much support my child will receive?**

- Through initial assessments and provision mapping
- Where appropriate assessments may be sought from partnership agencies
- Meetings with teacher/parent and other professionals (where appropriate)

**13. Who can I contact for further information?**

SENDCO, Mrs Rebecca Edgcumbe 01793 822357 or [senco@grange-inf.swindon.sch.uk](mailto:senco@grange-inf.swindon.sch.uk).

If you wish to discuss the curriculum offer, please contact the SENDCO, if you wish to discuss your child contact the class teacher, if you have queries or concerns, please contact the Principal who will be happy to meet with you or refer you to other agencies if they may be more helpful.