



SEN Information Report / Local Offer Submission 2023/2024 (all schools)

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Government Legislation requires all schools to publish the SEN Information Report / Local Offer (clause 65 of the Children's Act). This report is co-produced by the Headteacher, Governor's and parents. It is a lengthy document and its aim is to outline the provision that the school provides for children with SEND.

***School to provide a general statement about what the school provides in box below**

General Statement -

The Heights welcomes the rich and diverse range of strengths and needs of all its pupils. We work to ensure that each pupil is valued and that all are included in the curriculum and the life of the school. We recognise a child's right to an inclusive, personalised, broad, balanced, relevant and challenging curriculum, which is appropriate to their individual abilities, talents and personal qualities. By the appropriate identification, assessment and monitoring of pupils with special educational needs, we aim to ensure that all pupils are included in a secure environment where all can maintain their self-esteem and confidence and achieve their full potential.

Regulations		School Response	
1	The kinds of special educational needs for which provision is made at the school	<p>Do you have children with SEND in your school?</p> <p>What kinds of SEND do those children have?</p>	<p>We are a proudly inclusive school with a higher proportion of children on the SEN register and with EHCPs than the national average.</p> <p>The four categories of SEN needs are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cognition and learning • Sensory and/or Physical development • Communication and interaction • Social, emotional, mental health difficulties <p>Provision is made for a wide range of special educational needs such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Autism Spectrum Condition (ASC) • Attention Deficit and Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD) • Specific Learning Difficulties (SpLD), such as Dyslexia or Dyspraxia • Social, Emotional, Mental Health (SEMH) • Speech, Language & Communication • Hearing Impairment (HI)
2	Information related to mainstream schools about the school's policies for the identification and assessment of pupils with SEND	<p>How do you know if a pupil has SEN?</p> <p>How will I know if my child is receiving SEN support?</p>	<p>Teachers are responsible for the early identification of pupils with SEND through the school's approach to monitoring the progress and development of all pupils.</p> <p>We track the progress of all our learners and as professionals we regularly discuss any concerns we have as well as celebrate achievements. We also have systems in place to use data to support tracking.</p> <p>When a need is identified the class teacher will plan and deliver appropriate interventions to support the child. This is documented on the class provision map.</p>

			<p>When a significant need is identified, a Pupil Profile is developed by the class teacher and one of the SENCOs and discussed with the pupil and parents.</p> <p>These Pupil Profiles are reviewed every term. Parents of pupils are involved in the process of setting targets, where appropriate.</p> <p>If parents have concerns about their child's progress they will be encouraged to speak to the class teacher in the first instance and then one of the school SENCOs. We have some very good in-house expertise in special educational needs.</p>
3.	Information about the school's policies for making provision for pupils with SEND whether or not pupils have EHC plans	Where can I find information about the school SEN Policy?	<p>Information about the school's SEND policy can be found on the school website.</p> <p>A powerpoint presentation explaining SEND provision and policy at The Heights is shared with parents via Parentmail.</p> <p>Having identified needs, we seek to match provision to need. We define expected outcomes of interventions and monitor the impact through regular meetings and tracking of pupil progress. This information is also shared with governors.</p>
3a.	How the school evaluates the effectiveness of its provision for such schools	<p>How do you make sure that the SEN provision is helping pupils make better progress?</p> <p>How do you check other outcomes for children with SEND, such as independence and well-being?</p>	<p>Our staff receive regular training to help them provide a high standard of pastoral support including supporting children with anxieties.</p> <p>Relevant staff have been trained to support different medical needs. We have a First Aid & Management & Administration of Policy in place.</p> <p>We regularly monitor attendance and take the necessary actions to prevent prolonged unauthorised absence. Learners' voices are central to our ethos and this is encouraged in a variety of ways, in both curricular and extra-curricular activities and experiences.</p> <p>All staff strive to enable our learners to develop greater independence and resilience. Senior leaders, including the SENCOs, continually set aspirational targets for all children and monitor the impact of all interventions. This is done through class provision maps, Pupil Profiles and during Annual Review meetings for pupils with EHCPs.</p>
3b.	The school's arrangements for assessing	How do you check and review the	We have an open door policy so parents can discuss any concerns with staff before and after school.

	<p>and reviewing the progress of pupils with special educational needs</p>	<p>progress made by pupils with SEN?</p> <p>How will I find out about the progress my child is making?</p> <p>How will I be involved in those reviews? Who else will be there?</p>	<p>We offer two parent consultations a year and one full annual report for every pupil. Children with EHCPs have meetings with the classroom teacher and one of the school's SENCOs every term to review, reflect upon and set targets.</p> <p>We produce a weekly newsletter (<i>The Heights Highlights</i>) sharing and celebrating our learners' activities and achievements and weekly class overviews in all year groups which show what the children are learning each week.</p> <p>Pupil Profiles are reviewed and updated every term. These documents contain all relevant information about the child and are shared with all professionals working within The Heights.</p> <p>The school holds a range of information sessions for parents throughout the year on issues such as 'How to support your child with Phonics, Reading, Writing and Maths' & how PSHE is taught in school.</p> <p>The SENCOs host half termly SEND coffee mornings in which guest speakers are invited to talk.</p> <p>The school website pinpoints links to different sites that help parents to support their child(ren) across different areas of their school life.</p>
3c	<p>The school's approach to teaching pupils with SEND</p>	<p>How do your teachers help pupils with learning difficulties or disabilities to learn?</p> <p>How can I find out more about what my child is learning at the moment?</p>	<p>Every teacher is responsible for making their lessons accessible to all pupils in their class by providing work at an appropriate level through differentiation and varied teaching styles. High quality well differentiated teaching is embedded in our practice.</p> <p>Learning experiences are led by the pupils' interests and cultures therefore supporting their aspirations.</p> <p>Pupils' views on this are gained through a variety of different ways including through the School & Eco-councils.</p> <p>Teaching covers the various styles of learning and learners; kinaesthetic, visual and auditory. As a result of this all learners are able to access the curriculum.</p> <p>Visual timetables and visual prompts are used to support 1:1, small group & whole class teaching. We nurture an open dialogue of two-way feedback and therefore welcome ideas and suggestions from parents. This is also reinforced by generic updates on the curriculum which we share through <i>The Heights Highlights</i>, our newsletter, and/or our website. We host a number of curriculum evenings/ learning events</p>

			to help families understand what learning is expected and how they can best support their child's/young person's need. Should more regular contact be required, our staff make suitable arrangements to ensure this is put in place. We believe in supporting the development of parenting skills and as such aim to deliver workshops on-site working in collaboration with other agencies.
3d	How the school adapts the curriculum and learning environment for pupils with SEND	<p>How have you made the school buildings and site safe and welcoming for pupils with SEN or disabilities?</p> <p>How will the curriculum be matched to my child's needs?</p>	<p>We have an accessibility plan and as such make every effort to make reasonable adjustments where possible.</p> <p>Our accessibility plan demonstrates our commitment towards all learners and towards providing an inclusive learning environment. We have a nurture room, a sensory garden, a learning resource centre and multiple smaller break out rooms that are timetabled for use by children across the whole school.</p>
3e	Additional support for learning that is available to pupils with SEND	<p>Is there additional support available to help pupils with SEND with their learning?</p> <p>How are the school's resources allocated and matched to children's special educational needs?</p> <p>How will I know if my child is getting extra support?</p> <p>How is the decision</p>	<p>We buy in an Educational Psychologist service to advise our staff and support the needs of our children with SEND.</p> <p>We have Play Therapist who comes into school 1 day a week and works with children who may benefit from this form of therapy.</p> <p>We have Canine Assisted Learning every Monday for children who may benefit from this form of therapy.</p> <p>We have Art Expression groups running every Thursday which explore creative therapeutic activities.</p> <p>We have access to Speech and Language Therapists and Occupational Therapists via Berkshire Health Services for Children, Young People and Families.</p> <p>We are also working closely with a practitioner to provide Music Therapy for some of children with the most complex communication needs.</p> <p>Our SENCOs, Headteacher and Deputy</p>

		made about how much/what support my child will receive?	<p>Headteacher are very experienced and always available to support and advise parents.</p> <p>Our SENCOs draw on support from different specialists who offer advice and strategies.</p>
3f	Activities that are available for pupils with SEND in addition to those available in accordance with the curriculum	<p>What social and extra-curricular activities are available for students with SEND?</p> <p>How can my child and I find out about these activities?</p> <p>How will my child be included in activities outside the classroom, including school trips?</p>	<p>Our Equal Opportunities & Inclusion Policies promote involvement of all our learners in all aspects of the curriculum including activities outside the classroom. Where there are concerns of safety and access, further thought and consideration is put in place to ensure needs are met; where applicable parents/ carers are consulted and involved in planning.</p> <p>We offer a wide range of after school clubs including netball club, running club, multi-skills, Art Pod, Musical Theatre, Science Club, Code Club and Create n Make. The school work in close collaboration with providers of after school clubs to ensure that all staff are aware of any additional needs allowing all children to fully participate and enjoy these extracurricular activities.</p> <p>Our outdoor areas & indoor ground floor rooms are accessible from a wheelchair and are fully supportive of children who have physical needs.</p>
3g	Support that is available for improving the emotional and social development of pupils with SEND	<p>What support will there be for my child's overall well-being?</p>	<p>We are a Therapeutic Thinking School. This means that we value all pupils and have a therapeutic approach. Pupils feel a sense of belonging and are able to seek emotional and well being support from practitioners. All children across the school practice mindfulness every day. Therapeutically beneficial activities are timetabled into the personalised provision of our SEN children and all children experience protected time each fortnight.</p> <p>We have an Emotional Well-being Practitioner employed in the school who is able to offer 1:1 or small group supports.</p> <p>We have Canine Assisted Learning support for selected students each week. Every Thursday a Play Therapist works with children on a 1:1 basis.</p> <p>As a school we have bought into the Schools Link project and we have half-termly Mental Health Surgeries. These are run by one of the SENCOs in collaboration with the school's Educational Psychologist and Primary Mental Health Worker.</p>

			The Deputy Head is the school's trained Senior Mental Health Leader. The Deputy is leading a group of school staff who are all committed to supporting the mental health needs of all of our children and staff.
4.	In relation to mainstream schools, the name and contact details of the SEN Co-ordinator	<p>Who should I contact if I want to find out more about how the school supports students with SEND?</p> <p>What should I do if I think my child may have a special educational need or disability?</p>	<p>Our SENCOs, Headteacher and Deputy Headteacher are very experienced and always available to support and advise parents. An appointment with the SENCOs can be made by contacting her directly through the school office.</p> <p>In the first instance, parents/carers are encouraged to talk to their child's class teacher. Further information and support can be obtained from the school's SENCOs.</p>
5.	Information about the expertise and training of staff in relation to children and young people with SEND and how specialist expertise will be secured	What training have the teachers and other staff who support children and young people with SEND had?	<p>Our SENCOs, Headteacher and Deputy Headteacher have significant experience of learners with SEND. The SENCOs are both trained Emotional Wellbeing Practitioners. Our staff will continue to receive a high level of training and go on a variety of SEND courses and conferences.</p> <p>We have invested in staff training covering a range of special needs, including Autism Awareness, Sensory Needs and Deep Pressure Massage, Anxiety in children, Meditation and Yoga for Kids.</p> <p>The SENCOs hold regularly open door training sessions for TAs sharing best practice for supporting learners with SEN.</p> <p>Headteacher, Deputy Headteacher and SENCOs have all completed Therapeutic Training.</p>
6.	Information about how equipment and facilities to support children with SEND will be secured	What happens if my child needs specialist equipment or other facilities?	Our Equal Opportunities & Inclusion Policies promote involvement of all our learners in all aspects of the curriculum including activities outside the classroom. Where there are concerns of safety and access, further thought and consideration is put in place to ensure needs are met; where applicable parents/ carers are

			<p>consulted and involved in planning.</p> <p>If a child has an EHCP any Specialist equipment or facilities can be paid for using allocated funding from Brighter Futures for Children.</p>
7.	<p>The arrangements for consulting parents of children with SEND about, and involving such parents in, the education of their child</p>	<p>How will I be involved in discussions about and planning for my child's education?</p> <p>How will you help me to support my child's learning?</p>	<p>We whole-heartedly believe in partnering parents in a two-way dialogue to support a child's/young person's learning, needs and aspirations. We operate an open door policy.</p> <p>We take every opportunity to strengthen this dialogue. Parents are invited to contribute though a number of means. Parent Class Reps meet with the Headteacher every month. Our Governing Body includes Parent Governors/representatives.</p>
8.	<p>The arrangements for consulting young people with SEN about, and involving them in their education</p>	<p>How will my child be involved in his/her own learning and decisions made about his/her education?</p>	<p>Students with EHCPs are always invited to attend their Annual Review meetings. As well as being given the choice to attend the meetings, TAs and classroom teachers work with the child to ensure that their voice is captured and shared with all stakeholders.</p>
9.	<p>Any arrangements made by the governing body relating to the treatment of complaints from parents of pupils with SEND concerning the provision made at the school.</p>	<p>Who can I contact for further information?</p> <p>Who can I contact if I am not happy about the SEN provision made for my child?</p>	<p>Please refer to the School Complaints Policy & Procedure.</p> <p>External to the school, Reading IASS (Information Advice and Support Services) can provide impartial support to parents of children with SEND.</p> <p>The Brighter Futures for Children SEN Case Officer for The Heights Primary School is Gemma White.</p>
10.	<p>How the governing body involves</p>	<p>Who else provides services in</p>	<p>Information regarding external agencies is communicated via the following:</p>

	<p>other bodies including health and social care, LA support services and voluntary organisations, in meeting the needs of pupils with SEND and in supporting the families of such pupils</p>	<p>school for children with SEN or disabilities?</p> <p>How can my family get support from these services?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • School website • Noticeboards • Weekly newsletter (<i>The Heights Highlights</i>) • SENCOs • Class teachers <p>In addition to our notice board, website and updating our staff regularly, our SENCOs supports families accessing services through the Local Offer. An appointment with either of the SENCOs can be made by contacting them directly through the school office.</p>
11.	<p>The contact details of support services for the parents of pupils with SEND including those for arrangements made in accordance with clause 32.</p>	<p>Who should I contact to find out about other support for parents and families of children with SEN or disabilities?</p>	<p>A wide range of support services are detailed on the Brighter Futures for Children Local Offer page. https://brighterfuturesforchildren.org/send/</p> <p>A link to this can also be found on our school website. http://www.theheightsprimary.co.uk/special-education-needs</p> <p>Please find below links to local and national charities and organisations that support SEN. https://www.parentingspecialchildren.co.uk/ https://www.autism.org.uk/ https://www.adhdfoundation.org.uk/ https://www.bdadyslexia.org.uk/ https://youngminds.org.uk/ https://www.cwmt.org.uk/</p>
12.	<p>The school's arrangements for supporting pupils with SEND in transferring between phases of education</p>	<p>How will you help my child make a successful move into the next class or secondary school or other move or transition?</p>	<p>Induction is important to us and we invest time in welcoming our learners in a way that makes them feel a part of our setting. We work well with our pre-school settings and partner schools.</p> <p>Before your child joins The Heights we plan transition visits for pupils and parents and a summer induction session so that all pupils get the opportunity to become familiar with their new setting, the staff and other children.</p> <p>The Early Years Foundation Stage staff visit children in their preschool settings. A welcome booklet for children is given to each preschool setting to help children</p>

			<p>become familiar with the school site, classrooms and staff.</p> <p>All About Me booklets are sent to all children for them to complete with their parents and return to the school.</p> <p>We offer home visits by our staff before your child starts in our Reception class. Any SEND needs are discussed with one of our school's SENCOs and the class teacher.</p> <p>The Senior Leadership Team, including the SENCOs have good links with local Secondary schools. The SENCOs will have transition meetings with the SENCOs of all Secondary Schools that children from The Heights transition to so that their new schools have a deep understanding of the provision necessary to allow pupils to thrive as they enter KS3.</p>
13.	Information on where the LA's SEN Information Report / Local Offer is published ORDINARILY AVAILABLE statement - Provision the local authority expects to be made available by schools, early years and post-16 providers)	Where can I find out about other services that might be available for our family and my child?	<p>The Brighter Futures for Children Local Offer.</p> <p>https://brighterfuturesforchildren.org/send/</p>
14.	Arrangements for assessing and reviewing children and young people's progress towards outcomes. This should include the	What opportunities will we as parents and our child have to review our child's progress towards the agreed outcomes?	<p>We regularly share progress feedback with all our learners and their families. In addition, we have a number of opportunities where parents/carers can meet with staff to discuss learner progress. At such meetings (and through other means) we clearly share what can be done by families at home to support the learning at school. We nurture an open dialogue of two-way feedback and therefore welcome ideas and suggestions from parents. This is also reinforced by generic updates on</p>

	opportunities available to work with parents and young people as part of this assessment and review	How often will these reviews happen?	<p>the curriculum which we share through <i>The Heights Highlights</i>, our newsletter, and/or our website. We host a number of curriculum evenings/ learning events to help families understand what learning is expected and how they can best support their child's/young person's need. Should more regular contact be required, our staff make suitable arrangements to ensure this is put in place. We believe in supporting the development of parenting skills and as such aim to deliver workshops on-site working in collaboration with other agencies.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We have an open door policy so parents can discuss any concerns with staff before and after school. • We offer two parent consultations a year and one full annual report for every pupil. • Children with Pupil Profiles have their targets set/reviewed/updated with the help of Parents and teacher/SENCo every term. • We produce a weekly newsletter (<i>The Heights Highlights</i>) sharing and celebrating our learners' activities and achievements and weekly class overviews in all year groups which show what the children are learning each week. • Weekly Parent Planners are sent to all parents, informing them of what the children in each year group will be focussing on. • The school holds a range of information sessions for parents throughout the year on issues such as 'How to support your child with Phonics, Reading, Writing and Maths' & how PSHE is taught in school. <p>All staff strive to enable our learners to develop greater independence and resilience. Senior leaders, including the SENCOs continually set aspirational targets for all children and monitor the impact of all interventions. This is done through class provision maps, Pupil Profiles and during Annual Review meetings for pupils with EHCPs.</p>

15	Who can I contact for further information?	The Heights Main Office: 0118 357 0123
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		Mrs Annalisa Mullaney (SENCO) and Mrs Tanja Van Schie (SENCO) sencoAM@theheightsprimary.co.uk sencoTVS@theheightsprimary.co.uk
What is the complaints procedure?		Please refer to the School Complaints Policy & Procedure.

Our external partners are
Educational Psychologist
Speech & Language Therapist
Social Care
Canine Assisted Learning
Play Therapy
Primary Mental Health Workers
Occupational Therapy
Berkshire Hearing Consortium
Reading Play, Play Rangers
Wholestep Music Therapy
Art Expression Sessions

In the space below, include any additional provision/resources developed in the year (e.g. physical/environmental/training for staff etc.)

Is there any additional provision you have developed during the year?	The SENCOs have started running SEND coffee mornings again this academic year. They have hosted SEND coffee mornings each half term and external speakers have been invited. Jenna Redmond recently held two sessions for parents including delivering AET training called Making Sense of Autism.
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Has the school added a link to the SEN Information Report /Local Offer on the Reading Services Guide and a link to the SEN Information Report on the School's own website?	https://brighterfuturesforchildren.org/send/ http://www.theheightsprimary.co.uk/special-education-needs
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