

SEND information report - Hemyock Primary School 2018-2019

What sort of a school is Hemyock Primary School?

Hemyock Primary School is a mainstream primary school which is proud of its inclusivity with Special Educational Needs & Difficulties (SEND) and disabilities. There are 226 children currently on role, from 2-11.

What type of special educational needs do pupils currently at St David's have?

We currently have 23 children on the SEN register with varying needs. Primary needs are approximately 22% with social, emotional and mental health difficulties (SEMH), 4% with physical and sensory needs, 17% with communication and interaction needs (including Autism) and 56% with cognition and learning needs (specific learning difficulties such as dyslexia/dyspraxia or moderate learning difficulties over more areas).

How does the school identify pupils needing additional support?

The staff within the school closely monitors the progress of all children in the school on a regular basis. The school tracks children's progress on the National Curriculum, and uses the THRIVE approach to assess social and emotional development.

The Head teacher and SENDCo have a termly meeting with each class teacher and the class teaching assistant in which each child's progress is discussed in detail. Children requiring support and/or intervention are identified and a plan of action drawn up to be discussed with parents, this is known as a 'My Plan'. Some children may need extra help for only a short period of time, whilst some may have longer term difficulties. The progress of children already receiving extra help is checked to ensure they are making good progress and any changes to provision are discussed and agreed.

The school has a close relationship with many other agencies and professionals and in some cases may seek additional advice for children with SEND.

We work closely with a range of outside agencies including:

- Educational Psychology Service
- Advisory Teachers for children with visual or hearing needs
- DIAS
- SALT (Speech and Language Therapy)
- Communication and Interaction Team
- Behaviour Support Team

Health Provision delivered in school

- Portage (pre-school)
- School Nurse
- Occupational Therapy
- Physiotherapy
- CAMHs (Child and Adolescent Mental Health)

Help will only be requested from outside agencies after consultation with parents/carers.

What should I do if I think my child needs more help in school?

Teachers are available at the beginning and end of the school day to talk to parents about any concerns. A separate time can be arranged to have a longer discussion if necessary. The Head teacher and SENDCo can be contacted by e mail hemyock@ventrus.org.uk or by phone (01823 680240) and are happy to meet with parents to discuss any concerns and agree the best way forward.

How will I know about support planned for my child?

At termly parents' evenings, teachers discuss progress with parents and agree plans for extra support. The Head teacher and SENDCo also attend the parents' evenings and meets with parents as necessary. Some children will have a more detailed Individual Education Plan (IEP) agreed with parents and other professionals in Team around the Family meetings (TAF meetings). The IEP will be reviewed regularly with all involved to ensure that the child is making as much progress as possible. Children with an Education, Health and Care plan (EHCP), or a statement, have an Annual review meeting where progress over the year is discussed in detail, and plans for the next 12 months agreed with parents and children. At times of transition to other schools additional meetings and support plans are put into place for children and their families. In all the above meetings the support of parents in their child's learning is welcomed and seen as an important part of helping the child make as much progress as possible.

What sort of extra support might my child have?

The school aims to include every child in as much learning as possible alongside their peers in the mainstream classroom. It provides a wide range of additional support to enable children to achieve this. The curriculum may be adapted to meet individual children's special educational needs. It is recognised that some children may need additional or different provision for varying amounts of their timetable. The school uses a THRIVE approach to support additional social and emotional needs. The school has two qualified THRIVE practitioners.

How will I know if my child is doing well?

In addition to parents' evenings, the school encourages informal conversations between staff and parents so that success can be celebrated quickly and problems discussed at an early stage. The children and their parents are seen as key players in ensuring successful supporting children with SEND and regular contact is seen as important. Some children may have a home-school book to keep parents in touch with daily events and all children receive an Annual Report on their progress.

How will my child be included in school activities?

All children with SEND are taught within a mainstream class and are involved in all aspects of school life; this includes: class assemblies, outings, residential trips and after school clubs. Children with SEND play a full and active part in school life.

Who supports children with SEN and disabilities at Hemyock?

All staff at Hemyock support children with SEND but the following may be particularly involved in supporting your child;

Special Educational Needs Co-ordinator (SENDCO): Kerensa Scillitoe
Governor with responsibility for SEND: Jonathan Hillman
Educational psychologist: Julie Cozens
Speech and Language therapist : Samantha Crispin

The SENDCO at Hemyock has a degree in Education, gained the SENDCO National Award for SEND and has over 20 years' experience of working with children with SEND children with a variety of needs. Staff at Hemyock are skilled in meeting the needs of a wide range of SEND and receive regular training to extend and update their knowledge.

How is the school equipped to meet the needs of children with SEN and disabilities?

- The school is fully compliant with Disability Discrimination Act (DDA) requirements.
- The school has double doors where appropriate.

- There are two disabled toilets and changing facilities.
- We ensure wherever possible that equipment used is accessible to all children regardless of their needs.
- After-school provision is accessible to all children, including those with SEND.
- Extra-curricular activities are accessible for children with SEND.
- Quiet areas and calming down zones in the form of designated spaces are provided for children who need a space to support their emotional needs.

How are parents involved in the school?

At Hemyock we regularly invite parents and carers to join us in a range of events including assemblies, celebrations and special events. We are keen to develop our PTFA and welcome parental involvement. We are keen to explore parental skills and talents so that we can work well as a team to support and develop the whole school community.

- The SENDCo is available to meet with you to discuss your child's progress or any concerns/worries you may have.
- All information from outside professionals will be discussed with you with the person involved directly, or where this is not possible, in a report.
- IEP's will be reviewed with your involvement on a 10 week cycle.
- A home-school contact book may be used to support communication with you when this has been agreed to be useful for you and your child.

How can I get more information about SEND in Exeter and Devon?

Devon Information Advice and Support (DIAS) <http://www.devonias.org.uk/> provides general advice and support on many aspects of education of children with SEN and disabilities and can be of particular help at times of transition from primary to secondary school.

The support provided by Devon Local Authority (the 'Local Offer') for children with SEN and disabilities can be found in at <https://new.devon.gov.uk/educationandfamilies/>. Teachers and the SENDCo can direct parents to other organisations and services that can provide additional support for SEND.

What should I do if I am worried or unhappy about the support my child is receiving in school ?

Parents are encouraged to talk to the teacher or the SENDCo in the first instance. If a parent still feels concerned, the Governor responsible for SEND (Jonathan Hillman) can be contacted via the school's email address hemyock@ventrus.org.uk. DIAS (see details above) can advise parents on how to proceed if they feel their concerns are not being adequately addressed by the school or the Local Authority.