



IDSALL SEND INFORMATION REPORT 2021

The Idsall SEND Information Report should be read alongside the Idsall Local Offer and other school policies including SEND, Behaviour, Bullying and Single Equalities policy which will give more detailed information

Idsall School

Idsall is a co-education 11-18 comprehensive school. It is a larger than average secondary school with 1350 students.

Idsall's Support for Learning Department (SEND) supports students within the mainstream setting with a variety of different and individual needs. Principally these needs can be categorised by the Code of Practice 2014

- Communication and Interaction – Speech, Language & Communication/ASD/Dyslexia
- Cognition and Learning – SpLD (Dyslexia) and learning *significantly* below their peers
- Social, Emotional and Mental Health – Social awareness, anxiety disorder, problems of mood, ADHD
- Sensory and/or Physical – Visual/hearing impairment, physical difficulties

Our school motto reflects our belief that we want everyone in our school to reach their full potential.

As a school community we value:

- Each other, ourselves and our differences
- Kindness, honesty and respect
- Hard work and determination to be the best we can be
- Independent learning, organisation and self-reliance
- Courtesy and good manners

As a school we aim to:

- Be a school where *everybody* feels safe and happy
- Be a school where students work hard to achieve their maximum potential
- Deliver high quality teaching and learning that is valued and enjoyed
- Monitor and assess progress regularly to improve performance and produce a positive culture of high achievement and celebration
- Offer students activities and opportunities that develop a sense of self-worth, healthy wellbeing, enjoyment and belonging

Identification and Assessment of Students with SEND

Criteria for identification and assessment at Idsall:

- Information from previous school, parents/carers, students and outside professionals will be used to identify specific learning needs
- Students entering the school in Year 7 will sit CAT tests
- Students entering mid academic year – students will arrive with school data or can be assessed if need arises
- All students undergo ongoing mentoring and assessment through their class teacher and the whole school termly monitoring process. Under performance identified by Learning Managers and through Raising Achievement Team
- All students complete the PASS (Pupil Attitude to School & Self) questionnaire on an annual basis to identify issues relating to relationships and self-esteem
- The school will assess internally (and, if necessary) with the support of external agencies, when parents raise concerns regarding their child's learning and/or social wellbeing
- Staff will actively employ intervention strategies within the classroom ensuring 'quality first teaching' to aim *to support the vast number of students*
- School works closely/liaises as necessary with any external agencies involved with our students
- Student Progress is reviewed termly when the SEND List is updated Learning Managers and SEND Department discuss students not making adequate progress and possible reasons, including SEND
- Parents and students are encouraged to discuss any concerns with:

Mrs L Barrass Support for Learning Co-ordinator (email lbarrass@idsall.shropshire.sch.uk)

Ms C Cork Assistant Headteacher, Pupil Support & Inclusion/SENDco

Ms M King, Headteacher

Mrs J Bull, SEND Trustee

Arrangements for working with parents

- Meet with parents in Years 5 and 6 prior to school placement as necessary
- Attend Year 6 Annual Reviews and arrange extra parental visit in Year 6
- Department open for Year 6 Open Evening
- Pupil Centred Plans/Pupil Profiles are drawn up – parents will be asked to comment/add to their child's profile
- Regular contact via email
- Regular telephone contact
- Parents are invited to attend each Annual Review of EHCPs
- The school SEND policy is published on the website
- The Annual SEND Report to Trustees is published on the website
- SEND Information Report published on the website
- School Local Offer and link to the Local Authority Local Offer is published on the website <https://shropshire.gov.uk/the-send-local-offer/>
- Support for parents of SEND students around Option choices
- We seek parental feedback in the Autumn term of Year 7 for their views on transition and ask for any suggestions to develop/improve our system

- Parents Evenings
- Monitoring Reports
- Data Analysis via 4 Matrix
- Parents will be involved in the development and reviews of their child's PCP
- Parents are invited to reviews of EHCPs
- Parental views and permission gained to enable contact with external agency for support/up to date advice
- Support for parents in making joint visits to Post 16 provision, help with application completion and interviews

Arrangements for working with students

- We ask for their feedback for EHCP Annual Reviews
- Students will be included in the development of Pupil Centred Plans
- Break/Lunchtime Support for Learning Base
- Through small PASS groups
- Through Social Stories
- Through Anger Management /Dysregulation strategy sessions
- Use of keyworkers
- Tutor Reviews
- Student's views are sought on their progress prior to an Annual Review/EHCP Review
- Students are involved in target setting through the Tutor Review process every term
- Student's views are sought with regard to referrals to external agencies where practicable
- Students are invited to join EHCP Reviews
- Students are spoken to directly if parents have expressed concerns/difficulties regarding either learning or social development
- Students involved in the development and review of their own PCP

Arrangements for assessing and reviewing children's progress towards outcomes

The following arrangements for assessing and reviewing children's progress towards individual outcomes are clearly identified in the 'Idsall Local Offer' and are broken down into the four broad areas of Special Educational Need as identified in the Code of Practice 2014

Communication and Interaction

a) Speech, Language & Communication needs

How we identify needs

- Pupil information for Year 6 students from primary schools
- Concerns expressed by parents
- Concerns expressed by staff

- Involvement of specialist outside agencies such as Speech & Language Therapy Team
- PASS survey

How we assess and review progress

- Progress reviewed through Whole School Monitoring
- Use of EHCP Review process to review progress
- We receive reports from Speech & Language Service
- PASS review
- Speech and Language Progression Tool
- Selective Mutism resource manual

b) Autistic Spectrum Disorder/Condition

How we identify needs

- Information from Year 6 meetings with primary schools
- Concerns expressed by parents
- Concerns expressed by staff
- Identified on SEND List and in SEND Booklet

How we assess

- Involvement of Woodlands Outreach Service
- Involvement of BEE-U
- Involvement of Educational Psychologist/Spectre
- Involvement of Autism West Midlands
- Completion of Webstar/CAF

How we review progress

- Use EHCP review to review progress
- Progress reviewed through School Monitoring

Cognition and Learning

a) General/Moderate Learning Difficulties

How we identify needs

- Pupil information for Year 6 students from primary schools
- Concerns expressed by parents
- Concerns expressed by staff
- Involvement of specialist outside agencies such as learning Support Advisory Team (LSAT) or Education Psychology Service
- PASS survey

How we assess and review progress

- Progress reviewed through Whole School Monitoring
- Use of EHCP Review process to review progress
- We receive reports from LSAT/Education Psychology
- PASS review

b) Specific Learning Difficulties ie Dyslexia/Dyscalculia

How we identify needs

- Pupil information from Year 6
- Parental concerns
- LSAT Reports

- Teacher/TA/staff concerns
- Private reports
- CAT Scores – significant discrepancy

How we assess

- Through GL Portfolio 'indicator' test
- Through LSAT
- Through Educational Psychologist
- Through private reports

How we review progress

- Through Whole School Monitoring process
- Through Annual Reviews/EHCP Reviews
- Through updated reading age assessments and spelling tests
- Use of the 'Toe by Toe' literacy scheme

Social, Mental and Emotional Health

How we identify needs

- Information from Year 6 meetings with primary schools
- Concerns expressed by parents
- Concerns expressed by staff
- Students identified by School Counsellor
- Students identified by Pastoral Team
- Through Webstar/CAF process
- Through contact by BEE-U
- Through contact by Safeguarding
- Through contact by Early Help Team
- Through PASS programme

How we assess

- Through School Nurse
- Through BEE-U
- Through School Counsellor
- Through Pastoral Team
- Through Liquid Logic assessment/CAF process
- Through Woodlands Outreach Team
- Through staff 'mental health champions'
- BEAM
- Zones of Regulation programme using CBT

How we review progress

- Through PASS programme
- Updated reports from BEE-U
- TAC Meetings/Webstar Review meetings

Sensory and/or Physical Difficulties

a) Hearing Impaired

How we identify needs

- Pupil information from Year 6
- Liaison with the Sensory Inclusion Service
- Information from GPs
- Information from parents
- Information from School Nurse
- Information from hospital
- Staff concerns

How we assess

- Through Sensory Inclusion Service
- Through Opticians
- Through GP
- Through hospital

How we review progress

- Updated reports from Sensory Inclusion Service
- Updated reports from hospital/GP

b) Visually Impaired

How we identify needs

- Pupil information from Year 6
- Liaison with the Sensory Inclusion Service
- Information from GPs
- Information from parents
- Information from School Nurse
- Information from hospital
- Staff concerns

How we assess

- Through Sensory Inclusion Service
- Through GP
- Through hospital

How we review progress

- Updated reports from Sensory Inclusion Service
- Updated reports from hospital/GP

c) Physical Difficulties

How we identify needs

- Pupil information from Year 6
- Information from GPs
- Information from parents
- Information from School Nurse
- Information from hospital
- Staff concerns
- Occupational Therapy/Physiotherapy reports

How we assess

- Through GP
- Through hospital

How we review progress

- Updated reports from hospital/GP
- Engagement in appropriate activities
- Meetings to update Diabetic care plans

Expertise and training of staff to support children as young people with SEND at Idsall

Idsall recognises the importance of ongoing, up to date and relevant training for both teaching and support staff.

Training is provided both in-house, utilising and sharing our own areas of expertise and good practice within the classroom and through accessing external experts or specialist advice, support and training as necessary. Examples of training teachers and support staff have had the opportunity to engage with are:

- The SEND Code of Practice 2014 (C. Cork) - completed with all new staff to school
- Autism (Woodlands Autism Outreach Service)
- ADHD (CAMHS)
- Specific Learning difficulties (Educational Psychology Service/C. Cork/LSAT)
- Dyspraxia/DCD (Occupational Therapy Service)
- Visual Impairment (Sensory Inclusion Service)
- Hearing Impairment (Sensory Inclusion Service)
- Working with EAL students (Multi Cultural Service)
- Working with Downs Syndrome students (Educational Psychology Service)
- Targeted Youth Service/Early Help
- Anger Management (School Counsellor)
- Social Stories (Haughton School)
- ASD transition (Woodlands Autism Outreach)
- Safeguarding/Child Protection (Local Authority/C Cork)

- Targeted Mental Health Programme for Schools (TAMHS)
- Differentiation in the classroom (staff)
- Attachment Disorder (Education Psychology Service)
- Diabetic Awareness – impact upon the classroom (School Nurse)
- Speech and Language team

Training for all staff is ongoing and is delivered by external agencies or via in school twilight sessions

Evaluating the effectiveness of SEND provision

All student's progress and attainment is monitored through the whole school monitoring system.

In addition, 2nd in departments in Core subjects (English, Maths and Science) have specific responsibilities for monitoring SEND student progress and discussing new and appropriate interventions to meet individual needs.

Where students are identified as having SEND or requiring SEND Support the Support for Learning Department also reviews academic progress as well as having discussions during Pupil Centred Plan reviews with students and parents - focusing on the successes and areas for development.

The Corrective Reading scheme withdrawal groups delivered by the Support for Learning Department are re-tested on approximately a 7-week basis to ensure the students are making progress on the programme to improve individual reading ages.

Students can be re-tested mid-year on the PASS system (after interventions) to develop and improve identified areas of emotional and social wellbeing.

SEND students in the vast majority of cases complete full options at GCSE/BTEC - the intended outcome being that all our students achieve or maybe even exceed their 'stretch target grade'.

How children with and without SEND engage in activities together

All children with and without SEND have a wide range of opportunities they can engage in via the curriculum, through after school activities and residential visits – these activities are available to all students and if necessary reasonable adjustments to itineraries or activities can be made (in discussion with either the student directly and/or the parent) as required. We encourage all students to work together, recognising the individual strengths of each other and understanding that they need to work collaboratively to help and support each other.

Support for improving emotional and social development including children including with SEND

The Support for Learning Department work closely with the pastoral team to meet the emotional and social development of all students including those with SEND.

All students complete the PASS (Pupil Attitudes to self and school) survey which helps us to identify areas that may require development and additional support. We run self-esteem, anger management, understanding and improving friendships sessions for any student who is identified.

In addition, all students can access the school CHAT Service run every Tuesday lunchtime with the nurse for a confidential conversation regarding any health/wellbeing issues, but TAs can support SEND students in these sessions if the student would like them to be involved.

All students can access the Student Support Manager/Learning Manager to discuss any concerns of a pastoral nature and we also employ school counsellors which students can be referred to or they can refer themselves for sessions.

The Support for Learning Centre is open and staffed during break and lunch time – some of our more vulnerable students with SEND choose to have their lunch in this area or join a TA in the main canteen – interaction between staff and students at these times is an important aspect of the Centre.

All students are made aware of key people (Tutor/Student Support/Support for Learning or ANY member of staff) to whom they can report any concerns - this includes any issues raised around bullying – a number of SEND students and all the Children in Care have identified key workers.

Involvement of external agencies to support SEND students and their families

We access a wide variety of services to support all aspects of development for SEND students.

These Services include:

- Educational Psychologist
- Learning Support Advisory Team (LSAT)
- Private Dyslexia Assessor
- ENHANCE
- Targeted Youth Service
- Sensory Inclusion Service – visually and hearing-impaired students

- Behaviour Support – Woodlands Outreach
- Autism support - Woodlands Outreach
- Occupational Therapy Service
- Speech, Language & Communication Service
- BEE-U
- Autism West Midlands
- Family Information Service
- Lifelines (Bereavement Service)
- Independent Careers Adviser
- Future Focus (Telford & Wrekin Careers service)
- Early Help Team/COMPASS
- Child in Need Team
- Diabetic & Epilepsy Nurses
- Young Carers
- Woodlands School
- Education Welfare Officer
- Family Support Worker
- Looked After Children Teams (Virtual schools)
- Multi-Cultural Service
- Relateen
- School Nurse

Please do not hesitate to contact Idsall and the Support for Learning department should you wish to discuss your child's individual circumstances – every child is unique, as are their needs, they will be treated as such at Idsall.

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