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SEND and Inclusion Update



All parents and carers are welcome to contact me for advice, support and information regarding their child's needs. As SENDCo I share these monthly 'SEND and Inclusion Updates' with all parents, aiming to...

- Give you an overview of SEND support at Southbourne Junior School, including explaining common educational 'jargon'.
- Identify support available within school and further afield.
- Develop further opportunities for you to be involved in your child's school journey.

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How will I know how my child is doing at Southbourne Junior School?

You will be able to discuss your child's progress at Parent Consultations. Appointments with the SENDCo are also offered, 1:1 or with class teachers.

Outside of these consultations, class teachers will sometimes give informal 'check in' updates during drop off and pick up time if asked. However, if you would like more detailed feedback, appointments can be made to speak in more detail to the class teacher or SENDCo by visiting the school office.

The annual school report also provides parents with progress and attainment information as well as the personal development of your child.

How does Southbourne Junior School know if children need extra help?

Teachers and senior leaders are continuously engaged in assessing pupil needs and adapting teaching to support this. Ways we identify children who need additional support include

- Concerns raised by parents/carers, teachers, TAs, the pupil's previous school or healthcare professionals
- A lack of progress is identified through regular assessment & monitoring
- There is a change in the pupil's behaviour or attitude
- The pupil asks for help or there is a drop in self-esteem and confidence

My child has special educational needs, how will you help me support my child's learning?

All pupils on the SEN register have a personal Learning Passport showing planned support and provision. Learning Passports will be shared and reviewed with parents and carers during parent consultations twice a year. Strategies for you to support at home can also be discussed at Parent Consultations. Pupil school reports summarise the impact of this provision and parents are asked to help this review process by completing their contribution to their child's Learning Passport.

If outside agencies have been involved, suggestions and programmes of study are normally provided that can be used at home. Throughout the year we hold workshops and meetings for parents on how the children learn in school and how you can support them at home. I also provide monthly SEND and Inclusion updates which include topics to help parents and carers support their child.

For children with EHCPs, Annual Review meetings are held to consider the impact of current provision and future plans.

What should I do if I think my child has special educational needs?

Class teachers are the best place to start. They are available at the end of the school day for a 'check in' . For conversations which require more time or privacy please contact the office:

Telephone: 01243 375878 **Email:** office@southbournejuniors.co.uk

Mrs Cowdry, the school **SENDCo and Inclusion Lead** can be contacted by all parents via the office telephone or email: senco@southbournejuniors.co.uk

The **School Senior Leadership Team** are available at the beginning and end of the school day to offer advice and support.

Who else can I contact for advice and support?

- If you are worried about the safety of a child please visit the **West Sussex Safeguarding Children Partnership** www.westsussexscp.org.uk
- You can also text the **School Nursing Team** on 07480635424 for confidential advice and support on a wide range of issues:
 - Behaviour
 - Continence
 - Emotional health
 - Self-harm
 - Sleep
 - Minor accidents and illnesses
- If you live in West Sussex you can get support via the local **Early Help Hub**
Email: WSChildrensServices@westsussex.gov.uk Tel: 01403 229900
- If you live in Hampshire, you can access the **Barnardos Specialist Parenting Support Service**, [contact details and the self-referral form are available here](#)

For Parents /Carers of pupils with SEND

- West Sussex SEND Information, Advice and Support Service. (**SENDIAS**) Helpline: 0845 075 1008
- The West Sussex Parent Carer Forum (WSPCF) offers support and advice for parents of children with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities. www.wspcf.org.uk
Tel: 01903 726188 Email: parent.partnership@westsussex.gov.uk

In the next SEND and Inclusion Update

What support is available for my child's overall wellbeing?