

What do I do if I am concerned about my child?

The best first step is to talk to your child's class teacher.

You can contact the SENCO, Deputy SENCO or the Early Years SENCO:

Mrs Helen Pearce
Miss Gertrude Akurang
Mrs Louise Warland

SENCO
Deputy SENCO
Early Years SENCO

KS2 **Years 3 – 6**
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You can contact us by



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We will always look into any concern you have.

Our SEN & Pastoral Team are always here to help



Mrs Warland
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Mrs Pearce
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Miss Akurang
Deputy
SENCO



Miss Watts
Pastoral
Support
Co-ordinator



Mrs Batt
SEN Admin
Assistant



Mrs Davis
Family Support
Worker

Meet the SEN & Pastoral Support Team



Miss Hanmore
Learning
Mentor



Mrs Haygreen
Learning
Mentor



Mrs Kitchener
Reception Speech &
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Specialist LSA



Miss Leavens
Learning
Mentor



Miss Everett
ELSA



Ollie & Spot
Nuture Dogs

Special Educational Needs are split into four areas of need:

Communication and Interaction

- Speech, Language and/or Communication Needs
- Autistic Spectrum Disorder

Cognition and Learning

- Moderate Learning Difficulties
- Specific Learning Difficulties (including Dyslexia or Dyspraxia)

Sensory and/or Physical Needs

- Visual Impairment
- Hearing Impairment
- Physical Disabilities

Social, Emotional and Mental Health needs

- This category of need was previously known as Behaviour, Emotional and Social Difficulties
- It was changed to focus upon looking at the reason behind any behaviour difficulties
- This category includes pupils diagnosed with ADHD

How does White Hall Academy support a child with Special Educational Needs?

The type of support provided for your child will depend upon their area of need and support is personalised to meet their individual problems. There are many ways of supporting your child, including a Learning Support Assistant supporting within the classroom or working with your child on a specific intervention.

What are Education, Health and Care Plans (EHCPs)?

Education Health Care Plans (EHCPs) support a child when they are not making the expected progress and require a high level of support.

Please note: a medical diagnosis does NOT mean that a child is automatically entitled to an EHCP.

How is my child assessed for Special Educational Needs?

Once we receive a concern, we carry out observations and assessments. The areas assessed might include reading, writing, maths, working memory, speech and language, social, emotional and wellbeing needs.

We try to find out what could be stopping your child from making progress and what the next steps could be for supporting your child's needs.

If the assessments show that your child has a Special Educational Need, we will talk with you and your child's teacher to put together a One Plan/Personal Support Plan (PSP). We will involve your child by listening to their views and encourage them to think about how they can also help themselves, to develop their independent skills.

What is classed as a Special Educational Need?

A child has a Special Educational Need if they:

- **have a significant greater difficulty in learning than the majority of others of the same age**

or

- **have a physical or mental impairment which has a substantial and long-term adverse effect on their ability to carry out normal day to day activities.**

A child may be disabled and NOT have Special Educational Needs (SEN) and a child may have SEN and NOT be disabled.

Where can I find out more information about Special Educational Needs?

There are lots of websites where you can find out more about SEN.

You might find these helpful to start with:

www.essexlocaloffer.org.uk

www.extrasupportforfamilies.co.uk

www.autism-anglia.org.uk

www.youngminds.org.uk

Our school's SEN Information Report can be found on the White Hall Academy website www.whitehallacademy.co.uk. The support section can be found under the *Statutory Info – SEND & Wellbeing – Support including SEND* headings.