

Preston Manor Lower School Parent Information: SEND offer and SEND information Report

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Introduction

Welcome to our SEN information report. All Brent maintained schools have a similar approach to meeting the needs of children with special educational needs and/or disabilities (SEND). We are supported by the local authority to ensure that all children, regardless of their specific needs, make the best possible progress in school. All schools are supported to be Inclusive, with the needs of children with SEND being met in a mainstream setting wherever possible.

Brent Council provides a local offer for pupil's with SEND. You can find this at: <https://www.brent.gov.uk/localoffer>

Preston Manor Lower School is a good mainstream primary school which admits pupils from Reception (age 4) through to their last year in the lower school at Year 6 (age 10-11).

At Preston Manor Lower School, we believe that every child has the right to be challenged and to be successful. Inclusion runs through the heart of our learning and teaching, to ensure that every child receives Quality First Teaching to achieve to their full potential; personally, socially, emotionally and academically - in all areas of the curriculum (regardless of their gender, ethnicity, social background, religion, physical ability or educational needs). Preston Manor Lower School is welcoming and caring, and we continually consider friendship, respect and happiness in order that we build confidence.

All children are valued and they are guided to develop confidence in their abilities and strengths, throughout their experience here. Support is provided for any child who requires additional or different provision to help them achieve success.

This includes those identified as having special educational needs, and we refer to and take into account the revised **SEND Code of Practice 2015 (0-25)**

Children are identified as having SEN when their progress has slowed or stopped and the interventions and resources put in place do not enable improvement over time. Once this occurs, we have specific needs based plans which help support their development and accelerate progress.

Currently there are 35 pupils on the SEND register. 5 children have an Educational Health Care Plan (EHCP) and 1 has a statement of Special Educational Need. There are 29 children at SEN Support. The Department for Education defines 4 broad categories of need: communication and interaction; cognition and learning; social, emotional and mental health difficulties and sensory and physical difficulties. Within these, at Preston Manor Lower School, the needs catered for include: autism, attention deficit hyperactive disorder, moderate learning difficulties, hearing impairment, speech and language difficulties, working memory difficulties, global delay, sensory processing difficulties and epilepsy.

This document is intended to give you information regarding the ways in which we ensure we support all of our pupils, including those with SEN and disabilities. It may not list every skill, resource and technique we employ in order to achieve this, as these are continually developed and used to modify our provision to meet the changing requirements for individual children.

You will find our Inclusion and SEND policies, as well as the Accessibility plan for Preston Manor Lower School on our school website.

If you would like to know more about the support available at Preston Manor Lower School then please do contact us through the Lower School office on 02083854089.

You can ask to speak to Mrs Sandra Solanki (Assistant Head teacher for SEND and Inclusion) and/or Mr Kevin Atkinson the school's Head teacher.

Preston Manor School's SEND governor is Mr Jonathan Bach.

Please see below the Preston Manor Lower School SEND Local Offer.

1. How can I let the school know I am concerned about my child's progress in school?

Please come and talk to the school. We welcome working with parents to support the learning of the children in our care.

In the first instance, meet with your child's class teacher about any concerns you have.

Class teachers regularly discuss the children in their classes with the Assistant Head teacher for SEND and Inclusion, Mrs Sandra Solanki and the Senior Leadership team who are also Phase leaders. Mr Kevin Atkinson (Head teacher)

is leader for the Foundation Stage; Mrs Dee McLoughlin (Assistant Head teacher for Assessment) is leader for Key stage 1; Mrs Sandra Solanki is leader for Years 3 and 4; Ms Qudsia Siddique (Deputy Head teacher) is leader for Years 5 and 6.

If you continue to have concerns, then please contact the school office to arrange to meet with the school's Head teacher Mr Kevin Atkinson.

2. How does Preston Manor Lower School know if children need extra help?

Children are identified as having SEN/D through a variety of ways, including the following:

- Concerns raised by parents about development, behaviour or progress
- Concerns raised by a teacher including behaviour or confidence which is affecting performance in class.
- The child attaining below age expected levels or not making expected progress.
- Through contact with external agencies
- A health diagnosis through a paediatrician
- Discussions at nursery visits prior to joining the reception classes.

If your child is identified as not making the expected progress, the school will contact you, to discuss this with you in more detail. This can be to plan further additional support and may also involve discussions for referrals which may need to be made to outside professionals to support your child's learning.

3. How is extra support allocated to children and how do they move between the different levels?

The school budget, received from Brent LEA, includes money for supporting children with SEND. The school allocates all funding received from the LEA for children with Statements and/or EHC plans, to provision for those children.

The Assistant Head teacher for SEND and Inclusion, Head teacher and senior leadership team at the school regularly discuss all of the information they have about SEND in the school. The team works with class teachers at Pupil Progress meetings to consider:

- the children getting support already
- the children needing extra support
- the children who have been identified as not making as much progress as would be expected

The Assistant Head teacher for SEND and Inclusion works with the Deputy Head teacher to decide what resources/ training and support is needed.

4. Who are the other people providing services to children with SEND in this school?

Directly funded by this school:

Attendance Officer
Speech and Language Therapist
Learning Support Assistants
Teaching Assistants
Independent Educational Psychologist

Paid for centrally by the Local Authority but delivered in school:

Brent Educational Psychology Service
Brent Child and Adolescent Mental Health Service (CAMHS)
Brent Inclusion Support Team
Brent Autism Outreach Team (BOAT)
Brent Hearing Impaired Service (BDHIS)

Paid for by the Health Service (NHS Trust) but delivered in school:

School nurse
Occupational Therapist

5. How are the teachers in school helped to work with children with SEND and what training do they have?

The Assistant Head teacher for SEND and Inclusion oversees all the interventions and progress of any child requiring additional support across the school. Currently the school continues to deliver SEND training to staff through CPD. All student teachers and NQTs will engage with a full induction programme to include training on teaching students with SEND. The school also provides training on school INSET (training) days. This has recently included training courses run by outside agencies such as the school nurse. Individual teachers and support staff attend training courses run by agencies outside of school as needs are identified.

6. How do we adapt the curriculum and learning environment to support children's needs?

In class, teachers support children through high quality teaching. They plan lessons according to the specific needs of the children in their class. It is always the class teacher's responsibility to plan the learning and they may draw on advice from their learning support assistants, the Assistant Head teacher for SEND and Inclusion and from external agencies as needed. Teachers adopt a

range of teaching styles and employ a variety of practical resources and visual aids such as pictures and symbols to support all learners. Specific resources may be used to support your child (including but not limited to -coloured overlays, visual timetables, key words and writing frames) as appropriate. Good practice will be disseminated to staff through weekly phase meetings. Interventions, specially planned teaching for small groups and individuals, are used where additional help with learning is required. They may be carried out in the class room as part of the timetabled day, or in an additional class room or teaching area in the school. They may be taught by a Learning Support Assistant, a teaching assistant or a teacher. Most interventions are taught in small groups.

7. How will we measure the progress of your child in school?

Your child's progress will be monitored on an on-going basis by her/his class teacher and the Assistant Head teacher for SEND and Inclusion.

Staff at Preston Manor Lower School use the Assess, Plan, Review, Do approach. If your child is receiving an intervention, it will start with an assessment and at the end progress is checked and fed back into the next steps of planning. Where a child has received an intervention, class teachers can use information from this to help plan for the child in the class room. The Assistant Head teacher for SEND and Inclusion also evaluates the impact of the interventions each term to plan for future support for the needs of the children in the school.

The school will produce progress data each term and will identify when a child is not making expected progress. Further action is taken and provision is discussed when children are not making the expected progress given their individual starting points and alternative provision may be put in place.

Children who have SEND support will have a support plan. Each term, your child's class teacher will contact you to invite you to review the previous targets and set new ones for the coming term. The support plan will have concise targets that are SMART (Specific, Measurable, Achievable, Realistic and Time-bound). The School will request for your child's name to be added to the SEND register. In the same way, a child's name can be removed from the register if you and the school feel that enough progress has been made.

The progress of children with a Statement of SEND/EHC Plan will further be formally reviewed at an Annual Review meeting. All adults involved with your child's education will be invited to attend this meeting.

8. What support do we have for you as a parent of a child with SEND?

Class teachers, Key Stage Phase Leaders, and the Assistant Head teacher for SEND and Inclusion are always available to discuss your child's progress or any other concerns that you might have. You can make an appointment to see us

through the school office.

The school will make every reasonable effort to keep you informed of any issues that arise. There will be several opportunities during each school year when you will be invited to attend school to discuss your child's progress. If your child has an Individual support plan, we will organise an additional meeting to the parent's evening. We will help you to support shared goals at home.

We may invite particular services to provide parent workshops and hold meetings at the school to support the needs of the children with an EHCP. This also enables parents and carers to get to know each other, support each other and develop a knowledge of the services available in Brent and London.

We consider the needs of individual children when planning support. Siblings of children with SEND can be supported by the teaching assistant running the Wellbeing group when this is thought appropriate by their parents and the school.

9. What support is there for my child's overall wellbeing?

We are an inclusive school that welcomes and celebrates diversity, and we believe that high self-esteem is crucial to the well-being of your child. We have a caring, understanding team looking after our children. The class teacher has overall responsibility for the care of every child in their class, so should always be your first point of contact. If further support is required, the class teacher will liaise with the Assistant Head teacher for SEND and Inclusion.

We run Friendship and Confidence groups and Talkabout groups throughout the year which is run by Teaching Assistants, organised by the Assistant Head teacher for SEND and Inclusion.

The school offers a Wellbeing group to further support children's emotional and social skills and referrals can be made through the Assistant Head teacher for SEND and Inclusion. The Assistant Head teacher for SEND and Inclusion may also work one to one with your child and can refer on to CAMHS with parental permission.

10. How does the school manage the administration of medicines?

The school has a policy regarding the administration and managing of medicines. This is published on the Preston Manor Lower School website. Medical records are kept to inform staff of any child's medical needs, including action to be taken. Confidentiality is respected and only pertinent information is shared. Trained first-aid support staff over-see the storage and administration of any medicines. The school ensures that a number of staff

have up to date first aid training. Staff who support pupils with SEND are given updates on medical conditions as appropriate.

11. How is Preston Manor Lower School accessible to children with SEND?

All children with SEND are assessed on entry to the school. All floors of Preston Manor Lower School are accessible to those with a physical disability. Teaching resources and equipment are accessible to all children, including those with SEND.

There is a disabled space in the car park.

12. How will we support your child when they are leaving this school or moving to another class?

We recognise that transitions can be difficult for a child with SEND and take steps to ensure that any transition is as smooth as possible.

When admitting children with special educational needs or a disability, we will adapt our usual transition procedures to meet their needs, if this would be beneficial. This may include a phased transition to acclimatize them to their new surroundings.

When entering the Reception Year, Early Years staff meet with all parents of new children to the school to help plan together for the children's success in learning and happiness in their new school environment.

If your child is moving to another school:

We will contact the school's SENCO and ensure that he/she knows about any special arrangements or support that needs to be made for your child

When your child moves to another class, information about how to support your child is shared with the new teachers. All support plans are passed on to the next teacher.

In Year 6: When we are informed which secondary school your child will be attending, we begin to plan for your child's transition to their new school. The Assistant Head teacher for SEND and Inclusion and/ or the Deputy Head teacher will attend transition meetings to discuss the specific needs of your child. Your child will participate in focused learning about aspects of transition. This will support their understanding of the changes ahead. Where possible, your child will visit their new school. In some cases, staff from the new school

will visit your child in this school. We liaise closely with staff when receiving and transferring children to different schools, ensuring that all relevant paperwork is passed on and all needs discussed and understood. If your child has an EHC Plan, an Annual Review may be planned as a transition meeting.

Transition booklets can be provided to support and help plan for these changes in all year groups.

13. How will my child be able to contribute their views?

We believe that children should be involved in all aspects of planning and reviewing their progress. Your child will be involved in Individual Support Plan meetings where targets are set and reviewed. In between each meeting, each child works with the class teacher to monitor their own progress towards their targets. Parents and school will each have a copy of the Plans.

If your child has an EHC Plan/Statement of Special Educational Need, we invite all the people needed in order to review the progress made against the outcomes in the EHC Plan/ Statement of SEN/D. The pupil is always invited to attend the Annual Review meeting to share their view and parents are also able to share up to date information at this meeting. Some children prefer to prepare their view beforehand and then bring this to the meeting, so we provide them with the opportunity to do this. This is very important as it gives your child the time to consider future stages of their learning and all invited attendees to help plan for transition to adulthood. Your child can be present for the whole of the meeting if they choose to do so.

14. What support is there for behaviour, avoiding exclusion and increasing attendance?

As a school, we have a very positive approach to all types of behaviour with a clear rewards and consequences system that is followed by all staff and pupils. If a child is struggling to follow our behaviour rewards system, a behaviour chart and a behaviour support plan may be written alongside the parents to identify the specific issues, put relevant support in place and set targets. This is always shared with the child. After any behavioural incident, we will expect a child to reflect on their behaviour according to the established school policy. This may help to identify why the incident occurred and what the child may need to do differently next time to change and improve their behaviour.

Attendance, lateness and absence are monitored on a daily basis by our school Attendance Officer. Please see the Attendance Policy on the Preston Manor

Lower School website for further details.

15. How will my child be included in activities outside the classroom including school trips?

All pupils are included in all parts of the curriculum and we aim for all children to be included on school trips. We will provide the necessary support to ensure that this is successful. A risk assessment is carried out prior to any off-site activity to ensure everyone's health and safety will not be compromised. In the unlikely event that it is considered unsafe for a child to take part in an activity, then alternative activities which will cover the same curriculum areas will be provided in school. Parents and carers may be invited to attend outings and school trips if this enables equal access for their child.

16. How are the school's resources allocated and matched to children's SEND needs?

We ensure that all pupils who have SEND have their needs met to the best of the school's ability, with the funds available. Some staff and programmes are funded from the SEND budget. The budget is allocated on a needs basis. The children who have the most high level and complex needs are given the most support.

17. What specialist services and expertise are available at or accessed by the school?

We work in partnership with a variety of external agencies that we feel are relevant to individual children's needs within our school.

Services which regularly support our school include:

Educational Psychologist

Specialist Services for Hearing impaired

Inclusion Support Team

Speech & language therapist

Occupational therapist

The school also works with other professional services involved with a child such as – GPs, school nurses, clinical psychologists, physiotherapists, paediatricians and social services.

18. What training has the staff supporting children with SEND had/ or is currently having?

All staff at Preston Manor Lower School are involved in continuing professional

development. All learning support assistants are involved in specific training that is relevant to their role and specific to children's needs such as speech and language programmes and targets provided by the Speech and Language therapist with weekly update training where relevant. Similarly, the Brent Outreach for Autism Team and Teacher for the Hearing Impaired train learning support assistants and provide supportive reports and advice for school staff to follow in between visits.

All staff have had training in identifying speech and language needs and training from the Teacher for the Hearing Impaired.

All learning support assistants and teaching assistants have had training in some of the Wave 2 and 3 interventions found on our Provision Map.

Staff at Preston Manor Lower School possess considerable experience teaching children with a variety of SEND; one class teacher has worked in a special school.

The Assistant Head teacher for SEND and Inclusion has over 20 years of primary school teaching experience. Over the last eight years she has been an accredited specialist 'Numbers Count' teacher and supports children to overcome significant difficulties in their understanding of mathematics. She has also worked as an accredited 'Every Child Counts' Consultant Trainer to schools. She draws on advice from the Brent SEND consultant and has received new SENCO training. She has been a governor for SEND in a local school. She is currently studying for the National Award for SENCO during the academic year 2017-2018.

Both the Head teacher and the Deputy Head teacher have previous experience as SENCOs.

19. What if I am not happy with the provision made for my child?

We always encourage parents to come and talk to staff if they have concerns. In the first instance please talk to your child's class teacher or the Assistant Head teacher for SEND and Inclusion. If there are still concerns, speak to the Head teacher, Mr Kevin Atkinson, to resolve the issue. The school's Complaints Policy and Procedure can be found on the school website.

Parents have the following rights of redress, should the school, governors or LA fail in its duty to provide, or if the parent disagrees with a decision or feels that

there is discriminatory practice:

- The school complaints procedure
- The disagreement resolution service (for disagreements between parents/YP and the LA or parents/YP and the educational provider)
- Complaints to OFSTED (about whole SEN provision rather than in relation to individual children and where the complaints procedure has not resolved the complaint)
- An appeal to the SEND First-Tier Tribunal about EHC assessments/plans and/or disability discrimination. This must follow mediation, unless it is a complaint over the naming of a school placement
- A complaint to the LA Ombudsman (for complaints against LAS - if not resolved through the LA complaints procedure)
- Complaint to the Secretary of State (against schools or LAS).