

Special Educational Needs (SEND)

Young people at Parrs Wood with SEND may need extra help because of a range of needs.

The government sets out four areas of SEND:

- Communicating and Interacting, e.g. difficulties understanding information
- Cognition and Learning, e.g. difficulties with reading, writing or mathematics
- Social Emotional and Mental Health Difficulties, including managing relationships and/or behaviour
- Sensory and/or Physical Needs, for example, visual and/or hearing impairments or a physical need

SEND Support

The support your child gets from our school should meet their needs. They will be able to access help from school called SEND Support. It is part of what is known as the 'graduated approach' and works as follows:

- You will be contacted if we think your child needs SEND support.
- Or you can approach our SENCo if you think your child might have SEND. You will be involved and your views will be needed.

The four stages of SEND Support are:

Assess: The Inclusion Faculty and teaching staff can assess your child to identify their strengths, needs and extra support they may require.

Plan: We will agree, with your involvement, the outcomes the SEND support is intended to achieve

Do: We will put the planned support into place

Review: We will review the support and consider any changes that need to be made.

Other Facilities and Resources

We can also access advice and support from staff at Lancasterian, the Grange and Piper Hill Specialist Schools whose staff can advise us on supporting pupils with more complex needs.

We have an Inclusion Classroom that provides a calm, nurturing environment to complement the curriculum.



If you have any concerns that your child may have some Special Educational Needs please contact the school and make an appointment to meet with our SENCO - Ruth Sheldrake.

If you would like advice from professionally outside of school you may find these numbers useful:

Parent Partnerships 0161 245 7300

School Admissions 0161 234 7188

School Nurse Service 0161 215 2012

SEND Families Support 0161 755 3482

Supporting Special Educational Needs and Disability at Parrs Wood High School



This leaflet is designed to inform you of the types of support available for your child at Parrs Wood.

It will help you to understand who can help and how this support can be accessed.

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School Support

Our school will do its best to give your child the support they need. This may include making adjustments and providing additional resources. We will use a range of teaching styles and set appropriate learning objectives.

SEND support can take many forms.

At Parrs Wood, it may include:

- A special learning programme for your child
- Extra help from a Learning Support Assistant
- Making or changing materials or equipment
- Working with your child in a small group
- Observing your child and keeping records
- Helping your child take part in the class activities
- Helping other students to work or socialise with your child
- Supporting your child with physical or personal care difficulties

A student may also receive extra help and/or assessment from professionals such as:

- A Speech and language therapist
- A Hearing impaired teacher
- A Health Professional
- An Educational Psychologist

Education Health and Care (EHC) Needs Assessments

If your child needs a more intensive level of specialist help that cannot be met from the resources we have available, we may consider asking the Local Authority for an EHC needs assessment which might lead to an EHC Plan. We would discuss this with you.

This Plan will set outcomes which the school are legally obliged to meet. We would hold meetings on a regular basis throughout the year, involving all those involved with the pupil to assess and review progress.



Our SEND Policy and our SEND Information Report are available on our website. This includes:

- The kind of SEND support the school provides
- Our approach to teaching young people with SEND
- The arrangements we have for consulting parents and involving them.

Staff

At Parrs Wood we have a highly experienced team of staff who may be involved in supporting your child.

- **Subject Teachers** who will make sure that tasks set are appropriate and accessible for your child.
- **Form Tutors** who will be a point of contact for parents to liaise with.
- **School Nurse** works closely with us and can advise any medical needs.
- **Educational Psychologist** can be advise school on meeting pupils' needs and deliver diagnostic assessments.
- **Learning Support Assistants** support pupils with SEND in class or work one-to-one or in small groups.
- **The Special Educational Needs Co-Ordinator (SENCO)** manages the provisions of SEND in school.
- **Parent Liaison Officer** works with parents and carers to support their children.
- **SEN Link Governors** meet frequently with the SENCO and monitor the school's SEND provision.