

# MEVAGISSEY COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL Our 'Local Offer' for Special Educational Needs and Disability (SEND)

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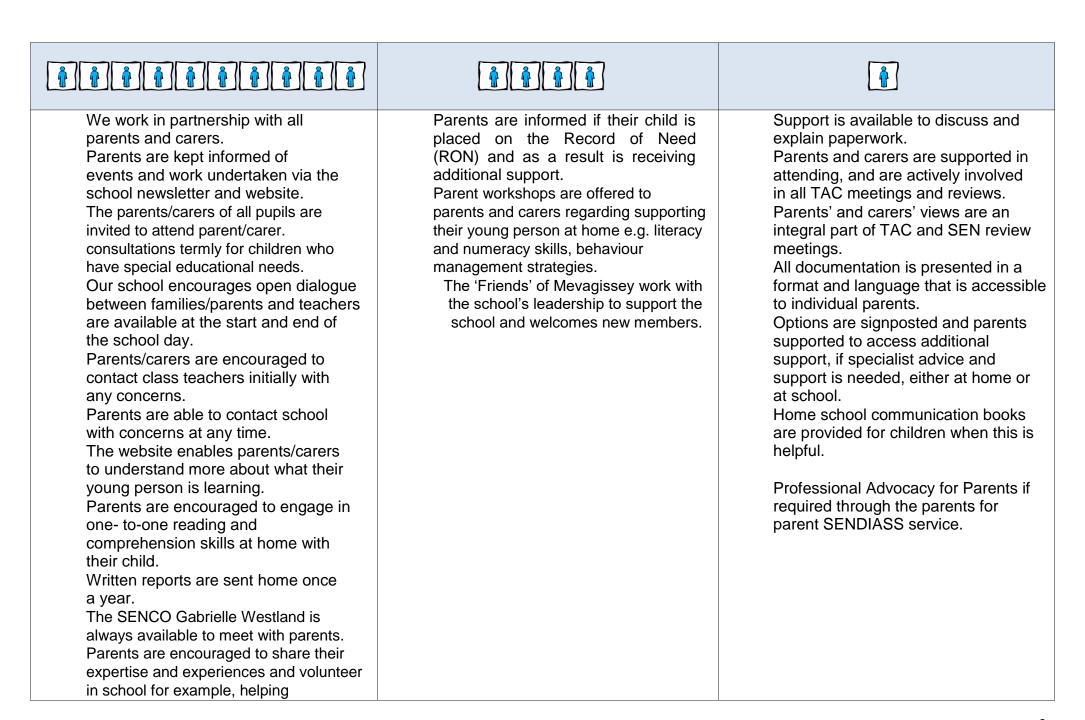
#### The levels of support and provision offered by our school

#### 1. Listening to and responding to children and young people

Whole school approaches The universal offer to all children and YP.	Additional, targeted support and provision	Specialist, individualised support and provision
The views and opinions of all pupils are valued. Pupil voice is heard through: Pupil conferencing, School Council and questionnaires. The views of all children are listened to and valued. Children's opinions are voiced to the school through: Pupil Interviews School Council The teachers and Head Teacher are always available to listen to and value pupils' experiences and views.	Pupils with SEND are included in all consultation groups. Additional provision is developed in light of pupil voice.	Individual support is responsive to the needs and views of the pupil. Pupil's views are an integral part of TAC meetings, SEN reviews and the development of EHC Plans. Pupils play a central part in reviewing Learning Passports (Individual Education Plans) and setting new targets.  Documentation is presented in a format that is accessible to the pupil The children have opportunities to meet and talk with the SENDco.

#### 2. Partnership with parents and carers

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The universal offer to all children and YP		provision



with cookery, art projects or hearing	
readers.	

#### 3. The curriculum

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The curriculum is designed to ensure the inclusion of all students.  Progress of all students is measured on a regular basis and summative assessments are monitored through pupil progress meetings every term.  All students, regardless of their ability, have full access to the curriculum.  Assessments (including dyslexia screening tests) are used to identify pupils who need specific interventions.  Our curriculum caters for all learning styles and we included outdoor learning as much as possible for meaningful learning in the natural environment to engage the children and enrich the curriculum.  All students are encouraged to develop independence in overcoming learning challenges such as using the 5 Bs (Brain, Board, Book, Buddy, Boss) and accessing resources such as phonic mats and Numicon.  Extra-curricular activities are actively	Interventions are specifically targeted to meet individual needs and to enable children to fulfil their potential.  The progress of students taking part in intervention groups is measured on a regular basis.  The intervention packages are adapted in light of pupil progress.  Small group interventions can include:  Literacy - phonics, reading, comprehension, spelling, writing etc Handwriting, Maths, Speech and Language, Social skills, Anger Management Skills and Fine motor skills and Gross motor skills.	Pupils are supported in following their interests regardless of their SEN and/or disabilities. For example, a pupil with a physical impairment is given the support they need to access sports clubs.  Pupils with special needs and/or disabilities can access the curriculum with adult support as appropriate.  An individualised curriculum is planned for some pupils in some areas of the curriculum based on their specific needs.  A few children with multiple and complex needs may access 1:1 support.  If additional advice and strategies are needed to support a pupil the SENCO in agreement with parents/carers will work with outside agencies and teachers to ensure pupils' have every opportunity to fulfil their potential to achieve and be happy at school.  Adjustments are made in order to

adjustments made to allow children to attend and participate in any out of school activities  Teachers and support staff work with all groups of children to ensure learning is appropriately supported, consolidated and deepened.	arrangements such as SATS these may include coloured backgrounds on paper, increased font sizes, movement breaks, access to a key board or scribe, access to a reader or additional time.
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## 4. Teaching and learning

Whole school approaches The universal offer to all children and YP	Additional, targeted support and provision	Specialist, individualised support and provision
Lessons are carefully planned to cater for different learning styles.  Depending on the activity, pupils may	Class teachers, Teaching assistants and the SENCO share information to ensure that pupils with SEND have	There are regular Learning Passport reviews and meetings with parents.
work independently, in ability groups or in mixed ability groups. Children may	targeted support and provision. Teaching assistants/ teachers work	Learning Passports are reviewed and targets and provision updated.
have 1:1 or small group support at times.	with small groups to: - ensure understanding	Multi-agency meetings are used to review areas of difficulty and levels of
Learning objectives are shared, displayed and discussed at the start of every lesson.	- facilitate learning - foster independence - keep pupils on task	support. Individualised learning intervention programmes to ensure progression
Success criteria are used and may be differentiated at times.	Teachers and Teaching assistants support all ability levels within the	against personalised targets.
Literacy is taught through a multi- sensory story telling approach.	class across the week. Pre-teaching of vocabulary may be	Daily contact with parents if helpful
Shared reading/writing and modelled	used to support understanding or	Different timetable and activities.
writing are used to support learning. Good work may be used to explore and	speech and language skills. Independent learning is supported by	One-to-one support is in place for pupils who need more intensive

exemplify good practise.

Pupils' work is regularly marked with next steps identified according to the school marking policy. Working walls are used to display key vocabulary and key terms to support learning.

Pupils have opportunities to record their learning in a range of ways. There is regular assessment of pupils' progress and attainment using Progression level data (P levels) and age related expectations.

Data is used to track progress and identify pupils and groups who will benefit from additional support or intervention.

There is regular contact with parents through home/school book/telephone contact/meetings/ open door policy. Whole school rewards/ behaviour policy is consistently implemented to support positive learning behaviours. Visual timetables are used in all rooms. ICT is used to enhance learning in all curriculum areas.

All children are encouraged to adopt a positive attitude to learning and independently access the resources they need to complete their work. the use of technology. For example; Laptops and iPads.

support.

Resources such as fidget toys, sloped desks or pencil grips are available to enable pupils to access learning successfully.

Outreach from special schools is requested for advice and teaching and learning.

Specialist support and advice is available from external agencies such as:

Educational Psychologists
Physiotherapists
Occupational Therapists
Autistic Spectrum Support Team.
Dyslexia Advisory Service
Visual and Auditory Specialist.
Early Support Tea

Special examination arrangements are made for internal and external tests (readers, scribes etc)

## 5. Self-help skills and independence

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Children are taught throughout the school to take responsibility for entering into class, putting away their reading folders and coats, changing independently for PE, taking care of possessions, being caring towards others and to take care of their environment.  Classrooms are accessible and resources are clearly labelled and available.  Children are taught and encouraged to take responsibility for their own learning through strategies like the 5 Bs (Brain, board, book, buddy boss)  Adults model expectations and appropriate interaction to support learning of social skills.  Whole school rewards and behaviour policy support good behaviour for learning.  All children are given opportunities to	Phonics Mats, Tricky word Mats Number Squares, Number ladders are accessible to support learning. Pupils have access to: visual timetables, task cards, prompt cards etc. Adults model play and supervise at play at unstructured times. Social Stories are used if needed to support understanding Social skills groups. Anger management groups Table Time.	Personalised task boards and timetables are in place to support independence.  Teaching assistants working 1:1 with pupils aim to develop pupil independence.  Intimate care plans following advice from professionals aiming towards independence.  Appropriate equipment is available to enable all pupils to access learning and communicate as independently as possible.  Reasonable adjustments are made to ensure trips and visits to ensure all pupils can access these experiences.  Specialist services provide advice and support regarding overcoming the barriers raised by physical disabilities. Pupils have personalised equipment to help them to learn such as sensory seat pads, coloured overlays

work independently. There are consistent routines	
and behaviour expectations.	
Pupils are involved in self –assessment	
of learning.	
There is a school buddies system.	
Regular PSHE lessons and teaching in	
response to events and school	
assemblies support the children's	
social and moral development.	
Intimate care plans (targets working	
towards independence) ensure	
children with additional physical needs	
are appropriately cared for.	
Medical protocols ensure	
safe procedures.	
Children are given responsibilities	
within class and school to develop their	
engagement with the school community	
and independence.	
An emotions coaching approach	
to unwanted behaviours develops	
children's ability to regulate their	
responses, Children are taught about safe	
behaviours in a range of situations	
from road to Online safety.	

## 6. Health, wellbeing and emotional support

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All staff receive regular safeguarding training and procedures and policies followed.

There is a Positive learning environment with excellent staff role models.

PSHE lessons Focus on developing confidence and self-esteem.

Pupil issues are dealt with as they arise. Incidents of adverse behaviour are recorded on behaviour incident forms which are analysed and support given where necessary.

A number of staff are trained in first aid to ensure the safety of students.

After school clubs are available for KS1 and KS2.

PE co-ordinator, Penrice specialist PE teachers deliver PE throughout the school.

Healthy Schools Co-ordinator.

Swimming lessons are provided for all year groups.

Risk assessments are undertaken for activities and trips involving pupils.

An Emotions Coaching approach to issues teaches pupils' emotional literacy and how to respond to problems.

The school works cooperatively with a range of medical professionals such as Epilepsy Nurse, school nursing service, physical disabilities officer to ensure that physical and medical needs are appropriately met.

Increased time allocated to emotional development and understanding. Specific medical routines and programmes fully implemented seamlessly throughout school day. Social stories used to develop understanding when helpful

Parent liaison.

Draw and talk interventions.

Anger management groups to develop understanding of how to regulate emotions.

Thrive Plans and Intervention are used to support social and emotional development.

Risk assessments are completed in instances of challenging behaviour.

Children who find the school environment challenging will have individual behaviour plans and safe handling plans in place.

Increased joint working between parents, school and multi-agencies. Individual health protocols and programmes drawn up.

TACs, Early support meetings and reviews are supported by a range of agencies including the school nurse Additional support for pupils can be requested from a range of external agencies.

Pupils with specific medical conditions have individual health care plans Adults supporting children with specific needs will access additional training in order for those needs to be safely met.

Thrive assessments completed.

Support signposted to parents and parents helped to access outside agencies if this is helpful.

Some children may have

resources which help reduce their anxiety and worry levels.

As needed additional support is requested from:

CAMHs (Children and Adolescent Mental Health Service) Social Care Dreadnaughts Penhaligons' Friends

	Community Nurses School Nurses CLEAR

#### 7. Social interaction opportunities

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All pupils have opportunities for social interaction regardless of need.	Buddies for vulnerable pupils. Social stories and social skills groups	Social stories are used to support individual pupils
All pupils are part of a class with named class teacher/s All pupils are invited on trips and visits. Opportunities to access residential trips. Opportunities to represent the school at outside events involving sport and music, All pupils have opportunities to attend a range of extra-curricular clubs. Adults leading play during lunch times	Thrive plans and interventions	Thrive plans and interventions  Sporting events such as sportability provide opportunities for social interactions.  TA's working with individual students support development of social skills and may deliver specific programmes such as Time for Talk Do You Have A Volcano in your Tummy?
<ul> <li>Our school council represent the children in meetings and are involved in meeting and greeting visitors.</li> </ul>		

## 8. The physical environment (accessibility, safety and positive learning environment).

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Access Plan in place and is revised regularly.  All areas of the school are accessible to everyone including those pupils with SEND.  There is wheel chair accessibility to classrooms.  There is a disabled toilet on site.  Pupils feel safe and in an environment where bullying is not tolerated.  There is a named Safe Guarding Lead and Deputy and a named Child in Care person.  All adults working with children are CRB cleared.  All areas of the school are positive and all classrooms support learning.  Teachers focus on rewarding desired behaviours to promote a positive environment.  The rewards and sanctions system is consistent and robust and it is displayed in each classroom across school.  Full appreciation and provision of access requirements for all children.  There are stimulating external play areas which reduce unwanted behaviours.  Children are taught how to keep	Quiet activities available to all children at break times.  Key staff are team teach trained to confidently diffuse challenging behaviour in a calm, positive manner.  Sloping desk stands are available for table tops.  Various sensory resources available such as fidget toys and coloured reading rulers.  Quiet areas in class rooms are provided when needed.	Vulnerable children have calming and re-energising breaks planned. Resources are made available support learning and inspire confidence.

themselves safe in a range of situations from handling fireworks to online safety. The individuality and uniqueness of all children is celebrated and recognised through reward assemblies and displays. Cyclewise Swimming	
Swimming	
First Aiders	

# 9. Transition from year to year and setting to setting

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We have strong links with 'Little Nippers' Pre-School situated on site. Pre-school children join us for lunch every day in our dinner hall, use our hall for PE sessions and join our break times on specific days. The children visit school regularly in the summer term before they start. We have close links with staff and share training when appropriate.  School staff visit other feeder nurseries and preschools to observe children and discuss their needs if children have not attended 'Little Nippers'.  Reception staff offer home visits during the summer term before reception children join us.  We have a meeting for new reception parents during the summer term. The	□Additional visits are arranged for pupils who are particularly vulnerable at transition within school and with external transition. Additional arrangements e.g. transition booklets.	SENCo attends all annual Statement/EHC Plan reviews and supports smooth transitions between year groups.  SENCo meets children, parents and key workers prior to transition days.  SENCo observes children in previous educational establishments prior to transition.  Individual transition visits with support staff.  Meetings with parents and colleagues from other settings.  SENCO meets with the Secondary SENCO prior to transition.

children join us in the classroom for the morning and parents and children then stay for lunch. We have particularly close links with Penrice our designated feeder school. Penrice PE specialists deliver PE across the school and children have the opportunity to visit Penrice to use their sports facilities. We liaise with Penrice throughout the year and children in KS2 visit for a variety of sessions across the curriculum. Secondary staff attend statement/EHC plan annual reviews during the autumn term. They visit pupils and staff early in the summer term to aid transition. Pupils in year 6 attend their secondary school for transition activities. Transition opportunities are provided in the summer term for children in the school to move to their new class and meet their new teacher. All staff complete transition forms for every child at the end of the year. We timetable meetings at the end of the summer term for staff to meet to discuss transition information. All children meet their new teacher

#### Services and organisations that we work with:

and class Teaching Assistant in their new classroom before the end of term.

Service/organisation	What they do in brief	Contact details
Speech and Language (SALT)	Referrals can be made through school to the speech and language therapist. This may lead to further assessment and support program to be delivered at school and at home. A few children will have direct support from a speech and language Therapist,	01208 834488 cpn-tr.enquirslt@nhs.net
Educational Psychologist	The Educational Psychologist works closely with the SENDCo covering a range of work such as observing children, supporting staff in school working with specific children and delivering training. Children have to be referred to the Educational Psychologist and this would only be after a period of intervention has taken place in school and at home	Referrals can only be made through school, however there is a telephone advice line (01872 322888) that is open on Wednesdays between 2:00 and 5:00 pm.
Behaviour Support	The behaviour support team may work with children in school. They will also support school staff and parents on a range of strategies when working with children with behavioural difficulties.	Please contact Mr Gynn or Ms Westland for more information as referrals can only be made through school.
CAHMS	Offer support to children to have complex mental health needs. A referral will have to be done by home, school or the school nurse.	http://www.cornwallfoundationtrust.nhs.uk/cft/OurServices/ChildrenAndYoungPeople/CAMHS.asp 01872 221400

School Nurse	The school nurse can help with a wide variety of issues such as eating, behaviour, bedwetting and sleep.	The Early Help Hub
Autistic Spectrum Team	Support children with Autistic Spectrum Disorder and only work with children who have an official diagnosis.	Sarah Fodden Autism Spectrum Advisor 01726 223356
Dyslexia Service	Provides support and advice for children who have specific difficulties with reading and writing and who need support which is additional and different to that which is readily available in school.	01579 341268
Early support Team	Provide coordinating support for children who have multiple areas of physical and educational need.	Early Support Co-ordinator - Nathan Wilce Tel: 01209 615650 nawilce@cornwall.gov.uk
Hearing Support Services	Support children with hearing difficulties.	01726 61004
Vision Support Service	Support children with visual difficulties.	Theresa Maunder Professional Lead Vision Support tmaunder@cornwall.gov.uk

#### **Answers to Frequently asked Questions**

1 How does your school know if children/young people need extra help?

The school has an Identification pathway and data and knowledge of the child is used to identify when a child needs additional or different support and provision in order to achieve their potential. All staff work closely with parents and parents are informed and consulted when we begin to have concerns about a child's behaviour or levels of achievement. The Head Teacher and SENDCo work closely with teachers and monitor pupil progress half termly. The SENco regularly discusses with teachers and closely monitors any children whose learning or behaviours may be beginning to raise concerns.

2. What should I do if I think my child may have special educational needs?

Make contact with the class teacher and/or the SENCO and share your concerns. We are keen to hear your views and ensure that we are doing everything possible to help your child succeed.

3. Who is responsible for the progress and success of my child in school?

The class teacher is responsible for the progress and success of all the children in their class.

4. How will the curriculum be matched to my child's needs?

This will depend upon the level of and type of need your child has. But the curriculum may be differentiated, a variety of ways of recording work and understanding may be used, extra support or intervention may be provided or additional resources may be used. There are times when children may need to work in an intervention group or and in some instances where needs are greater then 1:1 support may be provided.

5. How will school staff support my child?

The school staff will get to know your child as an individual and will support your child by using the most effective strategies to overcome their barriers to learning. This could involve using pre learning, and breaking instructions down into smaller steps, or revisiting learning to support memory difficulties.

6. How will I know how my child is doing and how will you help me to support my child's learning?

There are termly meetings between class teachers and parents and an end of year report. If your child has additional needs they will have a Learning passport with specific targets. You will review and set these in a termly meeting with the class teacher. Mevagissey has an open door policy and staff are happy to meet with parents on request to provide updates and feedback or to respond to questions,

#### 7. What support will there be for my child's overall wellbeing?

Mevagissey takes the wellbeing of its pupils very seriously and work closely with parents to ensure this. Staff form strong relationships with pupils which provides a strong supportive network which enables pupils to voice concerns. There is a strong focus on teaching children emotional literacy and how to manage and respond to feelings. In addition, there are a range of interventions which may be used to provide additional support should we agree this is needed such as: draw and talk, play therapy, a Volcano in my Tummy, Time for Talk and Thrive. If additional support is needed referrals can be made to a range of agencies.

#### 8. How do I know that my child is safe in school?

All adults working with children are CRB cleared (background checked) and have Safeguarding training. There are up to date policies on all areas related to health and safety in school and these are available on the school website or on request. There is a Safeguarding Lead and Deputy in school. There are members of staff who are first aid trained and the school site has regular safety inspections as does all electrical equipment. Any trips or visits are risk assessed prior to departure and the school educational visits policy is followed.

#### 9. What SEND training have the staff at school had or are having?

All teachers are teachers of children with Special Educational Needs. Teaching and support staff undertake specific courses as needed for example should a child be non-verbal appropriate staff may have Makaton or PECS training. The Head Teacher and SENCO oversees that staff have any specialised expertise they many need in order to support a specific disability. If you have any concerns whether the staff are able to meet a specific needs please come and discuss your concerns.

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

Reasonable adjustments will be made to arrangement in whatever form is needed to ensure that your child is able to take part in school visits and trips alongside their peers. If you have any concerns or anticipate difficulties regarding about your child's ability to access trips and visits please contact the Head Teacher or SENCO so that we can ensure your child has equal access to these important opportunities.

- 11. How accessible is the school environment?
- 12. How will school prepare and support my child through the transition from key stage to key stage and beyond?

The school liaises closely with feeder schools both for year R and year 6 but also between each class. Additional home visits or visits to nursery settings may be arranged by staff to get to know your child. Time is taken to listen to the parent and child's needs. Additional visits can be arranged to reduce anxiety and transition booklets are used to support children's understanding of the transition process. In years 5 and 6 if your child has a EHC plan the Secondary SENCO is invited to the transition meetings. SENCOs from different settings have meetings specifically to ensure an informed and successful transition occurs.

13. How are the school's resources allocated and matched to pupils' special educational needs?

The school receives funding to deliver education to all children. Where additional support is necessary, resources are provided where possible. If a child has profound and multiple needs the school can apply for top up funding, via an Education Health Care Plan from the SEN Provision and Assessment Team.

14. How is the decision made about what type and how much support my child will receive?

The type and level of support your child receives will be based upon what your child needs in order to overcome barriers to learning and make appropriate progress. Decisions will be based on our knowledge of your child, consultation with the parents/carers and any advice available from outside professionals.

15. Who can I contact for further information?

You can contact your child's class teacher, the Head Teacher Ben Ringrose or the SENDCO Suzanne Le-Doux-Lucas

16. What should I do if I feel that the Local Offer is not being delivered or is not meeting my child's needs?

In the first instance please discuss this with your class teacher. However, if you continue to have concerns make an appointment to see the Head Teacher Ben Ringrose or the SENDCO Suzanne Le-Doux-Lucas

Our School offer is a working, flexible document which will be updated as changes occur. It is routinely reviewed annually.

Cornwall's Local Offer can be found on The Cornwall Family Information Services (FIS) website: <a href="http://cornwall.childrensservicedirectory.org.uk">http://cornwall.childrensservicedirectory.org.uk</a>