



Hoyland Springwood SEND Report **Written October 2024**



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Overview of Hoyland Springwood Provision that is offered

Hoyland Springwood Primary School is a mainstream academy which is part of the Every Child Matters trust of which Mrs Gerry Wilson is the CEO and Ms Jen Clarke is the Headteacher.

Hoyland Springwood is for children from 4-11, with 146 on roll at the time of writing, with 2 specialist provisions. The first being a 15 place Mainstream integrated Resourced Provision for children with Communication and Interaction difficulties, which is currently supporting 16 children and the second being as Specialist unit for children with Complex and Communication interaction difficulties which was built for 10 children but currently supporting 12 children.

The average class size is 27, with a total of 5 classes of mixed year groups. The school currently at the time of writing, 33 children on an EHCP and 24 on SEN Support for various needs, 13 children being monitored

There is a class teacher and 1 teaching assistant within each class which is dependent on the needs of the children within that class. The school curriculum is based on the National Curriculum subjects and is taught using a thematic approach based around topics which are alternated every half term.

A school prospectus for Mainstream school is available from the school office and you can gain more information about the school from the school website <https://www.hoylandspringwood.org/> There is also a prospectus available for both provisions, available from the office or school website.

New starters are encouraged to arrange a visit to come and look around the school and all it has to offer; these can be arranged by contacting the school office.

The SEN Policy is also available on the website which will offer a greater insight into what our school offers in relation to SEND and additional needs.

Our current provision for children with SEND and Additional Needs:

- Autism and Social Communication Difficulties
- Speech and Language Difficulties
- Pathological Demand Avoidance
- Dyslexia and Dyslexic Traits
- Dyscalculia
- Dyspraxia
- Moderate Learning Difficulties
- ADD / ADHD
- Hearing Impairment
- Visual Impairment
- Mental Health Difficulties
- Medical Needs which do not require a specialist setting.
- Physical disabilities which do not require a specialist setting.

How does Hoyland Springwood Identify learners with SEND?

In our school we know and understand that children learn at different rates and in different ways, which is what makes children unique. Our progress tracking is continuous both within marking books and half termly progress meetings. These will be done with Headteacher, Class Teacher and SENCO to ensure a consistent approach is used.

If a child is making less than expected or less than usual progress, or is noticeably below age-related expectations we will put extra support in place and monitor this child over a four-week period. If this does not have the impact, we will arrange a meeting with parents to discuss concerns and how support has been provided. At this point we would then ask parents if the child could be put on the Special Educational Needs register and support them with an individualised SEN support plan. This plan will be created with parents by class teacher and SENCO to ensure no areas are missed. Please see SEN process on SEND section of website.

External agencies we currently seek support from and are involved in school are:

- Speech and Language therapist
- Educational Psychologists
- Art Therapy
- Paediatric Therapy
- Children's Disability team
- Compass BE & CAHMS
- Behaviour support and Social communication is covered internally by support within the trust.

We use their expertise and advice to ensure that we are correctly identifying those students with SEND.

Accessibility at Hoyland Springwood

Hoyland Springwood is a ground level school with entrances into school either level with the ground outside, or have steps or a ramp.

There are specific adaptations that have been put in place to support children with auditory or visual impairments, these are tailored to individual children's needs as directed by Hearing Impairment and Visual Impairment team.

All classrooms and learning environments use visual timetables using communicate in print symbols to ensure a consistent approach through school and these are used on a daily basis. Each class has 2 toilets, with two disabled access toilets located near the front entrance.

The playground is secure and is fully surrounded by a fence. The doors that lead onto the yard secured with flip latches which are above child height. The main entrance to the school building can only be opened by staff using a key fob and to exit a button is in place which again is out of child height.

Quiet spaces are available for children who struggle with noisy environments. These are found in between a joining classes and are also used as intervention support rooms. There is also a sensory room available for sensory breaks and chill out time.

How we teach children who may have additional needs:

The curriculum which the school delivers is differentiated for all learners including those with SEND. We believe our teachers are teachers of pupils with SEND and to support this all staff have extra training on ASD, Sensory Issues, Hearing/Visual Impairment and Dyslexia. When planning all needs are taken into account, with work and lessons differentiated to the required levels for each child. Children in the Resourced Provision will receive the same content of work either within the mainstream classroom or Resourced Provision but this will be delivered in a way to suit their learning style.

Children with identified SEND have the same access to activities within school as all other children who attend. Teaching assistants and support staff are in all year groups to ensure the correct levels of support are available to those who need them. As part of this Teaching assistants run intervention groups that help develop skills which may be behind expected levels for their age. These support groups are:

- Maths Intervention
- Daily Readers
- Read, Write, Inc Phonics
- Speech and Language (Following packages from NHS)
- Time to talk – Social Skills
- Lego Therapy
- Incredible Me
- Life Skills
- Motor Skills – to develop children’s fine and gross motor skills.

The half termly Pupil progress meetings inform staff on which interventions are required and the effectiveness of these.

Staff training to support learners with SEND:

As part of school approach is that quality first teaching is embedded throughout school and this is a first intervention as a school to help all students feel supported with or without additional needs. Due to the small natures of the school staff can receive training within school on different intervention types and approaches. These include:

- Incredible Me
- NHS- Fine and Gross motor skills
- Sensory Processing awareness
- TEACCH
- Autism awareness
- Dyslexia awareness

All staff are trained in the use of Team Teach ethos. The focus of this training is the use of de-escalation and a small proportion focusing on handling techniques to allow staff and children to be kept safe within the school environment. There are a number of staff that are first aid trained with designated signs displayed around school.

Communication with parents/carers and families

Hoyland Springwood prides itself on communication with families, using a variety of communication methods such as email, phone, text message and letter. Some students use a home school book and all students have a reading record to help track home support for reading and as evidence for the reading scheme that the school takes part in.

Parents involved at every stage of the SEND process which includes – Cause of monitoring, School Support plans, EHCP applications and annual reviews. Parents work with staff to set new targets for children and provides a chance for parents to voice their opinions on which approaches may work with their children. This also allows parents to support their children in achieving their targets and share responsibility and ownership.

Parents evenings happen twice per year to discuss pupils progress but parents are encourage to arrange meetings in between these with class teachers if they have any concerns surrounding their children.

Currently parents are invited to an SEND support group which is organised by the locality SENCO group to help share support and strategies for children with Autism. There is also a link to the local offer which can be found on the school website. In terms of SEND we offer support in the form of Webster Stratton course and help direct parents to Early bird, Cgynet and Branching minds. Parents also receive support and training with Phonics to help support for reading with their children.

How do we evaluate the effectiveness of support and provision for learners with SEND? Effectiveness of teaching, interventions and support is done on a regular basis including children with SEND. Regular observations of lessons, work and planning scrutiny, learning walks and reviews help evaluate the provision within school. Pupil progress meetings happen every half term with class teachers, SENCO and Head teacher and this helps to identify specific actions for vulnerable children including those identified as having SEND.

As a school and a trust regular monitoring visits ensure that the provision is effective that is being delivered for the children and that achievement is being made, applicable to the needs of each student.

Each child who is identified as having SEND or additional needs has a SEN Support plan which is reviewed termly by parents, the SENCO and class teacher, with a discussion about how the child has or has not met their target, which support needs to be put in place and what new targets will be. Some children may also be on a specific programme set by NHS agencies such as Speech and Language, Physiotherapy and Occupational Therapy.

Support for learners' holistic wellbeing

Pupils will take part in weekly PSHCE linked to One Life as well as Incredible me and Books Beyond words where they will develop social skills, social and emotional wellbeing and developing life skills. The leadership team and class teachers will identify children who may need more support with their emotional and social needs and signpost them to intervention groups which are run by trained staff within school.

Within each pupil progress meeting which is held each half term, children's needs/ behaviour/ home circumstances. Any changes in behaviour or attendance will be reported sooner if this is a major concern. If a Multi Agency Support Approach (MAST) is deemed necessary then parents will be informed and a meeting arranged to

allow a cohesive approach. Hoyland Springwood is part of a MAST initiative which is called Early Help and Support. Our parent Liaison officer also offers support with multi agency support.

Behaviour Interventions to help support Learners

Due to the small nature of the school all teachers and support staff are responsible for behaviour within school, with behaviour issues being discussed with Behaviour lead - Rachel Parker. Approaches will be agreed and shared within staff briefings and structured interventions put in place for children who need these.

We have a structured behaviour system (Rainbow and Cloud for Foundation, Behaviour steps system for KS1 and KS2, reflective time for Resourced Provision and The Hub children) within school. These systems involve reflection and discussion for negative behaviour and inappropriate actions, as well as rewards issued for positive behaviour.

Many staff have had Team Teaching training to learner de-escalation techniques and positive handling of children to keep both staff and students safe within school. As a school we have two team teach trainers within the trust to keep teachers and support staff updated on a regular basis.

A proactive approach is taken surrounding attendance with an attendance officer working within Hoyland Springwood and working closely with both the Parent Liaison Officer and Educational Welfare officer. Rewards are given to children for weekly, termly and yearly attendance to celebrate and promote positive interaction within school. Pupils who demonstrate extreme behaviour on more than two occasions within 6 months, which requires physical intervention will be provided with a Positive handling plan, which will be produced by the behaviour lead and class teacher. This will then be shared with staff to ensure a consistent approach is taken by all and also shared with parents to explain why this is in place.

Access to extra-curricular activities for children with SEND

All children who have identified SEN and additional needs have access to the same activities as other children as much as their needs allow them to. Parents/carers of children with SEND/ additional needs and vulnerable children are involved in the planning of visits and school trips to ensure every possible support is put in place to allow them to access the facilities to the best of their ability. Breakfast club, lunchtime activities and after school clubs are available for all children to attend.

Transition for pupils with SEND

We understand that transition points e.g. moving to a new class, moving to a new school etc. can be difficult times for any child and particularly a child who may have additional needs. We also know that this can be a worrying time for parents. Wherever possible, we start to plan for transition early; this planning includes parents, children and school staff.

The needs of all children in relation to transition will be very different and a personalised plan will be developed to ensure that the transition will be as smooth as possible. This may include:

- Meetings between old and new staff
- Additional visits for the child to his/her new setting
- New staff invited to meet the child in his/her current setting
- Opportunities for parents to meet with new staff
- Learning opportunities linked to the new setting/staff e.g. opportunities for children moving to high school to practice using timetables and preparing their own resources
- Multiagency meetings to ensure a joined-up transition plan is in place

Complaints

If parents/carers feel they need to complain then they are encouraged to discuss concerns with the head teacher at the earliest opportunity. Our school aims to resolve all complaints and work with families to find the best possible solution. This is an informal stage of the process, however if you feel your complaint has not been dealt with appropriately or fairly please see the "complaints policy" as found on the school website for more information.

