



# SEND

## Information Report



*This report will be updated in September 2024*

Oasis is committed to meeting the needs of all pupils including those with special educational needs. There is a shared expectation that all pupils, regardless of their specific needs, should be offered inclusive teaching that will enable them to make the best possible progress in school and ensure they can actively participate in the wider aspects of school life.

The school will use its best endeavours to ensure the necessary provision is made for any pupil with SEN. In doing so, we will fulfil the statutory duties and best practice guidelines set out in the Department for Education Code of Practice for SEN.



***Oasis Academy Sholing***

***Meeting the needs of Pupils with  
Special Educational Needs and  
Disabilities***

## Who should I contact to discuss the concerns or needs of my child?

**Tutor**

**Key worker**

**Subject Teachers**

**Head of Year**



**They are responsible for:**

- High quality teaching, learning, and a commitment to personalising teaching.
- Adapting and refining the curriculum to respond to strengths and needs of all pupils.
- Checking on the progress of your child and identifying, planning and delivery of any additional support required to support progress

If you have concerns about your child, you should speak to your child's form tutor, key worker or Head of Year first.

Depending on the outcomes of these discussions, you may have a follow up meeting with the SENCO.



## Who should I contact to discuss the concerns or needs of my child?

### Special Educational Needs Coordinator (SENCo)



#### They are responsible for:

- Coordinating provision for children with SEN and developing the school's SEN policy
- Ensuring that parents are:
  - **Involved in supporting their child's learning and access.**
  - **Kept informed about the range and level of support offered to their child.**
  - **Included in reviewing the progress of their child.**
- Liaising with a range of agencies outside of school who can offer advice and support to help pupils overcome any difficulties.
- Providing specialist advice and facilitating training to ensure that all staff are skilled and confident about meeting a range of SEN needs.



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## Who should I contact to discuss the concerns or needs of my child?

### Principal

They are responsible for:

- The day-to-day management of all aspects of the Secondary school, including the provision made for pupils with SEN.

### Assistant to SENCo

They are responsible for:

- Supporting the school to evaluate and develop the quality and impact of provision for pupils with SEN across the school, through working with the Teaching Assistants.

### Assessment, Planning and Review

## How will the school decide if my child needs extra help? How can I find out about how well my child is doing?

We have a number of students with SEN needs across the four main categories of SEN:

1. Communication and interaction
2. Cognition and learning
3. Social, emotional and mental health difficulties
4. Sensory and/or physical needs



These needs are met by quality first teaching and, where additional support is required, through a range of interventions i.e. Speech & Language, literacy small group teaching, additional adult support provided by teaching assistants etc.

Where there are concerns that a pupil is not making expected progress or has a disability that prevents or hinders progress, additional provision will be put in place. Early identification is key in order to monitor the progress and development of all learners. Further assessments will take place as required, there will be discussions with key staff to plan for additional support to be in place, and the outcomes expected from this intervention. Intervention will be part of a graduated process and reviewed regularly. You will be invited to contribute to these discussions. If appropriate, your child will be involved too.

Difficulties in relation to social and emotional wellbeing may also trigger a need for additional support.

Intended outcomes and actions to help your child overcome any difficulties will be carefully recorded by the school in an individual SEN Pupil Passport which is produced on Provision Maps and linked to the Classcharts system for staff. If students have additional interventions this is recorded in the provision log (following the graduated response of Assess, Plan, Do and Review).

The impact of this additional support will be reviewed, and you and your child will be involved as part of this review. In some cases, it may be necessary to increase or change the nature and level of support to help your child make progress. This may involve seeking help and advice from specialist agencies such as the Educational Psychologist Service or Speech and Language Service. A referral for support from an outside agency will only be made with your consent.

If, despite increased level and nature of support, it is evident that the severity and complexity of your child's needs require provision beyond that which can be offered by our own resources a request for an Education Health Care Plan may be initiated. Education, Health and Social Care will work in partnership with parents to support these pupils to make progress, up to the age of 25 years, if required. This plan will set out the recommended funded provision for the pupil with objectives to be achieved within a time frame. There will be annual reviews and at these reviews, new objectives and targets will be set. Parents are fully involved in this process and will be consulted at all stages.

The SENCO will explain this process, show you how to find out more information about this and give details of parent support organisations that can support you.

## Tests and Examinations: Access Arrangements

For some pupils, additional arrangements and adjustments can be made to enable them to fully access statutory tests. This might include additional time, rest breaks, readers or use of a scribe.



## How will teaching be adapted to meet the needs of my child?

Our teachers take part in ongoing training and sharing of good practice providing them with support to enable them to teach effectively in meeting the diverse range of needs in each class. Staff are supported with information from Pupil Passports where the child has given their views on how they feel they can be best supported. Pupil Passports details the student's strengths, SEN needs, barriers and how to work with the student. Scaffolding is approached in a range of ways to support access and ensure that all pupils can experience success and challenge in their learning.



Grouping arrangements are organised flexibly with opportunities for both ability and mixed setting to maximise learning opportunities for all. Additional adults are used flexibly to help groups and individual pupils, with a long-term goal of encouraging and developing independent learning skills.

## Additional Support

We offer targeted literacy interventions including ReadingPlus and Phonics, which aim to improve reading skills. There are also speech & language interventions, guided by the Speech & Language Therapist.



**Other support includes:** Exit cards, access to Athena (SEND base) during social times, ELSA, additional numeracy support, access to our sensory room and referrals to our Clinical Psychologist.

At Key Stage 4, we also support with subject revision/intervention sessions.



# What arrangements are made to enable my child to benefit and take advantage of the full school curriculum and extra curriculum activities?



The academy offers full access to all areas for wheelchair users and for those with other disabilities. We have disabled toilets, and two buildings are serviced by a lift. Depending on the specific needs of your child, a more personalised access plan or medical plan will be drawn up in consultation with you. This will be reviewed and updated on a regular basis. Parents, carers and students with disabilities are welcome to make an appointment to look around the academy and assess our resources.

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## How skilled are staff in meeting the needs of my child?

An on-going programme of training is in place to ensure that all teachers and support staff have appropriate skills and knowledge to support provision for students with SEN. Training has been facilitated regarding SEN changes and staff training has been supported by our Clinical Psychologist.

The school also seeks advice and guidance from local special schools and other relevant agencies to help school staff meet the needs of your child to review, evaluate and develop provision for pupils who have the most complex needs.

We have staff with specialised expertise with either qualifications and/or experience including:



- **Strategies to support students with Autism through the Southampton Autism in schools' project**
- **Working with visually impaired students**
- **Working with hearing impaired students**
- **SALT training through Speaking Space (Romsey)**

## External Partnerships

# What support from outside does the school use to help my child?

The school works with a number of external agencies to seek advice and support to ensure that the needs of all students are fully understood and met.

## Educational Psychology Service

This Service provides support for students experiencing learning or behavioural difficulties within the school setting, formulating strategies to share with staff and providing input if an EHC Plan is requested.

## Speech and Language Therapy

This Service provides and supports students with communication difficulties.



## Visual Impairment Team

If a student has a visual impairment that is not corrected by wearing glasses, the Visual Impairment Service will become involved and give recommendations to staff so that the access is maximised.

## School Nurse

The academy works with the school nurse for guidance and training.



## What support from outside does the school use to help my child?

### **CAMHS**

The academy liaises with CAMHS for students who are supported by this Service or are referred to this service.



### **Supportive Professional Physiotherapists/ Occupational Health Therapists**

For those pupils with a physical disability, a physiotherapist OR Occupational Health Therapist may visit the academy to check on the setting and access to all areas. Some students need regular exercises to improve their mobility, and this can be provided during the academy day by staff if a specialist provides training.

### **Paediatricians**

Information from paediatricians is welcomed enabling parents to understand their child's needs more fully. School should be informed so that necessary adjustments can be made to support students.





## What support from outside does the school use to help my child?

### **SEN Team for Southampton Local Authority**

If a pupil undergoes Statutory Assessment, leading to an Education, Health and Care Plan (previously statements) a Local Authority Case Worker will be allocated to the student.

### **SIP – Southampton Inclusion Partnership**

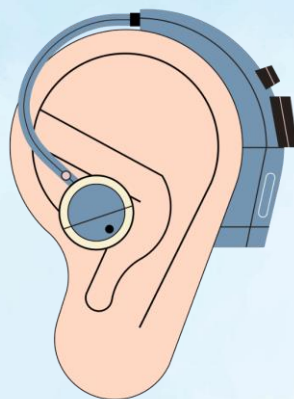
This service provides support for schools regarding individual students or aspects of classroom practice.

### **Virtual School for Children who are Looked After**

This service oversees and monitors provision for children who are in care of the Local Authority.

### **Hearing Impairment Specialist Team**

Use of specialist equipment such as Roger pen.





## External Partnerships

# How will the school help my child to move to a new class/year group or to a different school?

We know that children and young people with SEN can become particularly anxious about 'moving on' so we have several procedures to support successful transition.



### When moving to and from another school

We will contact the School SENCO and share information about special arrangements and support that has been made to help your child achieve their learning goals. We will ensure that all records are passed on as applicable as soon as possible.

### When moving between classes, key stages, phases

Information sharing will take place with relevant staff. Where appropriate, there will be opportunities for your child to meet the teacher and other key staff.

### When coming to secondary school

Our Head of Year 7, will make contact with the Year 6 teacher or transition leader once we know our school has been named to start planning for transition. Multi-agency meetings may be arranged to create a more detailed transition plan. Successful arrangements and interventions currently used to support your child can be shared with staff and additional visits to our school may be planned to help your child become familiar with the academy and to reduce any anxieties. Your involvement in this process will be essential to support a successful move. There is a social story for students to support transition and additional visits can be facilitated.

# Where can I get further information about services for my child?

Further information about support and services for pupils and their families can be found in:

[The Southampton Local Authority Local Offer](#)

[Southampton SENDIASS](#)

## Other arrangements to support inclusion of pupil with additional need and engagement with their families.

We undertake additional planning and risk assessments to ensure that pupils with SEN can take part in the wide range of extra-curricular activities the school offers, including school outings and residential trips.





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