

Oakwood primary school Special Educational Needs (SEN) Policy – summary for parents (2015)

At our school we are committed to meeting the learning needs of **all** pupils, raising pupil self-esteem, building confidence and independence. Some children will have Special Educational Needs (SEN) at some time during their time at school. This means they may have difficulty with:

- Reading, writing, mathematics**
- Managing their behaviour**
- Sensory perception or physical mobility**
- Making friends or relating to adults**
- Organising themselves**
- Understanding others and expressing themselves**

These difficulties cause barriers to the child's learning.

We check the progress of every child carefully in a variety of ways, for example through observation, looking at behavioural, emotional and social development, Foundation Stage profile results, or National Curriculum levels. If a child is not doing as well as they should be, then their Class Teacher and the Special Needs Co-ordinator (SENCO) will talk to the parents about their child's strengths and needs and what support is needed. This may involve:

- Support within the class through different work, equipment and resources, or teaching styles.
- Support in class (as above) and additional support in small groups or on a 1-1 basis with a teaching assistant (TA). (**'SEN Support'**)
- Advice from outside specialists such as Speech Therapy, Educational Psychology, Behaviour Support, Health Nurse or Fitzwaryn Special School, which may lead to more support.
- When needs are complex and severe then our school will try its best to seek professional help and assistance for the parents.

At 'SEN Support' the child has a **Pupil Profile** with targets to work towards both in class and in any small group or 1-1 sessions. We talk to parents about how they can support their child at home and they are involved in the reviewing and setting of targets at least 3 times a year. If a child makes very good progress then additional support is no longer needed.

If you would like to discuss any of this, or have any questions please contact Dr. Arshad Jamal (Head teacher) on 01582 518800 in the first instance.