



**Townsend Primary School  
Special Educational Needs and Disability (SEND)  
Information Report for Children with SEND**

<b>Townsend Primary is a Maintained Primary School</b>	
<b><u>Specialist Provision on site</u></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Speech and Language Therapist (Full Time)</li><li>• Play Therapist (one day a week)</li><li>• School Nurse (once a fortnight)</li><li>• Dyslexia practices taken from Dyslexia Kite Mark</li></ul>	<b>Admissions made via the Local Authority admissions panel.</b>

Townsend Primary School and all maintained schools in Southwark have a similar approach to meeting the needs of pupils with Special Educational Needs and are supported by the Local Authority to ensure that all pupils, regardless of their specific needs, make the best possible progress in school. All schools are supported to be as inclusive as possible, with the needs of pupils with a Special Educational Need/s and or Disabilities being met in a mainstream setting wherever possible, where families want this to happen.

The school will meet the needs of children with the following SEND:

- Communication and interaction
- Cognition and learning
- Social, mental and emotional health
- Sensory /physical

The information below details the offer within **the school and ways in which parents, children and young people may access the support required.**

**A. PEOPLE WHO SUPPORT CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL EDUCATIONAL NEEDS/ AND OR DISABILITIES IN THIS SCHOOL:**

School based information	People	Summary of responsibilities
<p>Who are the best people to talk to in this school about my child's difficulties with learning/ Special Educational Needs/Disability (SEND)? And how can I talk to them about my child if I need to?</p>		
<p><b>Class/subject teacher</b> (s/he is recommended as the first point of contact if you have any concerns).</p>	<p><b>S/he is responsible for:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Making sure that all children have access to good/outstanding teaching and that the curriculum is adapted to meet your child's individual needs (also known as personalisation or differentiation).</li> <li>• Checking on the progress of your child and identifying, planning and delivering any additional help your child may need (this could be things like targeted work, additional support, adapting resources etc.) and discussing amendments with the SENCO as necessary.</li> <li>• Writing Personal Learning Plans (PLP) and sharing and reviewing these with parents at least once each term and planning for the next term.</li> <li>• Making sure that all members of staff working with your child in school are aware of your child's individual needs and/or conditions and what specific adjustments need to be made to enable them to be included and make progress.</li> <li>• Making sure that all staff working with your child in school are supported in delivering the planned work/programme for your child, so they can achieve the best possible progress. This may involve the use of additional adults, outside specialist help and specially planned work and resources.</li> <li>• Making sure that the school's SEND Policy is followed in their classroom and for all the pupils they teach with any SEND.</li> <li>• Ensuring contact is made with parents a minimum of once per half term to ensure continuity of partnership with the parents</li> </ul>	<p><b>Summarised by:</b> speaking to them at the end of a school day to arrange an appointment or telephoning the school.</p>

**The Special Educational Needs Co-Ordinator (SENCO)**

**is Alison Jones**

**Teaching Assistant (TA) may be allocated to support some pupils with SEN and or disabilities, or may be specialist in a particular type of support or intervention.**

**S/he is responsible for:**

- Coordinating all the support for children with Special Educational Needs and or Disabilities (SEND) and developing the school's SEND Policy to make sure all children get a consistent, high quality response to meeting their needs in school.
- Making sure that you are:
  - Fully involved in supporting your child's learning
  - Kept informed about the support your child is receiving
  - Fully Involved in reviewing how they are progressing
  - Fully involved with planning your child's support.
- Liaising with all the other people who may be coming into school to help support your child's learning e.g. Speech and Language Therapy, Educational Psychology etc...
- Updating the school's SEND record of need, (a system for ensuring all the special educational, physical and sensory needs of pupils in this school are known and understood) and making sure that there are excellent records of your child's progress and needs.
- Providing specialist support for teachers and support staff in the school so they can help your child (and other pupils with SEND in the school) to achieve their potential.
- Supporting your child's class teacher to write Personal Learning Plans (PLP), that specify the targets set for your child to achieve.
- Preparing an Education, Health and Care Plan where needed.
- Organising training for staff so they are aware and confident about how to meet the needs of your child and others within our school.
- Observing and working with children on the SEND register each term in class.

**Contacted by:** *asking the class teacher to arrange for them to contact you, or by telephoning the school to make an appointment.*

A Teaching Assistant (TA) may be allocated to work with a pupil with special educational needs and/or disabilities, or may provide specialist support in a particular area, for example literacy. Whilst they take a very valuable role in your child's education **we would prefer that questions regarding your child's learning and progress are directed to the staff members named above.** The class teacher and SENCO are fully involved in any support offered and make the decisions, in conjunction with the parents, on the type of support and interventions.

A child may receive support from a number of adults, and a conversation with the class teacher or SENCO will give you a fuller picture than may be obtained from a single supporting adult.

Of course, as a school we welcome regular dialogue between parents and all staff on how a child's day has been and we do actively encourage this continued feedback.

**Headteacher is Anne Stonell**

**S/he is responsible for:**

- The day-to-day management of all aspects of the school, this includes the support for children with SEND. S/he delegates responsibility to the SENCO and class/subject teachers but is still responsible for ensuring that your child's needs are met and that they make the best possible progress.
- S/he must make sure that the Governing Body is kept up to date about all issues in the school relating to SEND.

**Contacted by:** *a personal request made before school in the playground or telephoning the school for an appointment.*

**SEND Governor is Angela Dowell**

**S/he is responsible for:**

- Making sure that the school has an up to date SEND Policy
- Making sure that the school has appropriate provision and has made necessary adaptations to meet the needs of all children in the school
- Making sure that the school's SEN funding is appropriately spent.
- Making sure that the necessary support is made for any child who attends the school who has SEN and/or disabilities.
- Making visits to understand and monitor the support given to children with SEND in the school and being part of the process to ensure your child achieves his/her potential in school.

**Contacted by:** *writing to the SEN Governor via the school office.*

## B. HOW COULD MY CHILD GET HELP IN SCHOOL?

Children in school will get support that is specific to their individual needs. This may be all provided by the class teacher or may involve:

- Staff who will visit the school from the Local Authority central services such as the ASD Outreach Team or Sensory Services (for students with a hearing or visual need)

Types of support provided also showing the stage of the Code of Practice (the document that schools use to plan their SEND input), children will be at when receiving this input.	What would this mean for your child?	Who can get this kind of support?
<b>What are the different types of support available for all children, children with SEN and /or disabilities in this school?</b>		
<b>Class teacher input via good/outstanding classroom teaching.</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The teacher will have the highest possible expectations for your child and all pupils in their class.</li> <li>• All teaching is based on building on what your child already knows, can do and can understand.</li> <li>• Putting in place different ways of teaching so that your child is fully involved in learning in class. This may involve things like using more practical learning or providing different resources adapted for your child.</li> <li>• Putting in place specific strategies (which may be suggested by the SENCO or staff from outside agencies) to enable your child to access the learning task. This may include occasional Support from a Learning Assistant to help with a particular difficulty.</li> </ul>	All children in school receive this.
<b>Where the class teacher and the school SENCO, on the basis of high quality evidence conclude that a pupil needs the additional targeted support given by SEN Support.</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Your child's teacher will have carefully checked on your child's progress and will have decided that your child has a gap in their understanding/learning and needs some extra support to close the gap between your child and their peers.</li> <li>• You will be immediately informed and be a full partner in planning and reviewing additional support or interventions.</li> <li>• The class teacher will plan with you and the SENCO interventions to support your child's learning. These interventions will have clear targets to help your child make more progress.</li> <li>• Interventions may include small group work or individual sessions on a specific theme.</li> </ul>	Any child who has specific gaps in their understanding of a subject/area of learning.

<p><b>Specific small group work.</b> This group may be</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Run in the classroom or outside.</li> </ul> <p>Specialist groups run by outside agencies e.g. Occupational therapy groups and/or Individual support</p> <p>This may be from:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Local Authority central services such as the ASD Outreach Team or Sensory Service (for students with a hearing or visual need)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Where small group sessions are put in place they will be run by a Teaching Assistant/teacher or an outside professional (like a Speech and Language Therapist) using a recognised programme.</li> <li>• At this point you will be fully involved in discussions and decisions, and asked to come to a meeting to discuss your child's progress and help plan possible ways forward.</li> <li>• Where specialist professionals work with your child to understand their needs and make recommendations, these may include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Making changes to the way your child is supported in class e.g. some individual support or changing some aspects of teaching to support them better</li> <li>○ Support to set targets which will include their specific professional expertise</li> <li>○ Your child's involvement in a group run by school staff under the guidance of the outside professional e.g. Speech and Language Support.</li> <li>○ A group or individual work in school run by an outside professional.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• You will always be involved in decisions about how the support will be used and what strategies that will be put in place.</li> <li>• You will be provided with the contact details for any agencies or services outside the school who are or will work with your child.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>Support provided through an Education, Health and Care Plan (EHCP).</b> This means your child will have been identified by the class teacher/SENCO as needing a particularly higher level of individual and small group support which cannot be provided from the resources already delegated to the school.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• If, despite the good and outstanding classroom teaching, the intervention groups and referrals to outside agencies to advise and support that the school has provided from its own resources to enable your child to make progress, your child needs further or more specialist input the school, or you, can recommend that the Local Authority makes a statutory assessment for an Education, Health and Care Plan (EHCP). This is a legal process and you can find full details about this in the Local Authority (LA) based Local Offer, (Southwark) web site at <a href="http://www.southwark.gov.uk/">http://www.southwark.gov.uk/</a></li> <li>• This is done in full partnership with you and your child. After the school have sent in the request to the Local Authority (with a lot of information about your child, including some from you), the LA will decide whether they think your child's needs (as described in the paperwork provided), are sufficient to need a statutory assessment.</li> </ul>	<p>Children whose learning needs are more severe, complex and potentially lifelong</p>
<p>Usually, if your child requires this high level of support they may also need specialist support in school from professionals outside the school. This may be</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• If this is the case they will ask you and all professionals involved with your child to write a report, to which your child contributes, outlining your child's needs and how they will be met and the long and short-term outcomes that are being sought.</li> <li>• If they do not think your child needs this, they will ask the school to continue with the SEN Support in School and provide further support to you and the school to ensure</li> </ul>	

<p>from:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Local Authority central services such as the ASD Outreach Team or Sensory Services (for students with a hearing or visual need)</li> <li>Outside agencies such as the Occupational Therapy service, Physiotherapy and/or CAMHS</li> </ul>	<p>your child's needs are met.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>After the reports have all been sent in, an EHC Plan to which you and your child will contribute will be prepared. It is called an Education Health and Care Plan because it brings together all of the educational, health and social care needs that your child may have in one plan.</li> <li>The school must make its best endeavours to put in place the support identified in the plan.</li> <li>The progress your child makes with the support identified will be regularly reviewed and changed according to the progress your child makes.</li> </ul>	
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**How will we support your child with identified SEND starting at school?**

- If your child has been allocated a place in our school by the local authority and they have a SEND, please contact us as soon as you receive the offer as we may not have details of their needs at this stage.
- We will invite you to visit the school with your child to have a look around and speak to staff and meet the key person who will work with you and your child while they are in the school.
- If other professionals are involved, a team around the Child (TAC) meeting will be held to discuss your child's needs, share strategies used, and ensure provision is put in place before your child starts
- Your child's key person may make a home visit and also visit your child if they are attending another provision or school; this will automatically happen if your child is starting in the school Foundation Stage 1 class (nursery class) or is new to the school and starting in our Foundation Stage 2 class (Reception)
- We may suggest adaptations to the settling in period to help your child to settle more easily, but these will be agreed with you at the TAC meeting
- If they have not already visited, your child will be invited into school in advance of starting to meet the staff they will be working with and their peer group.
- Following the settling in period, the class teacher will arrange an early meeting with you to review your child's learning and progress.
- The staff will then hold regular meetings in school to monitor the progress of your child and invite you into school at least once a term to review this with you.

**How can I let the school know I am concerned about my child's progress in school?**

- If you have any concerns we recommend you speak to your child's class teacher initially, and at the earliest opportunity.
- If you are not happy that the concerns are being managed and feel that your child is still not making progress you should speak to the SENCO or Headteacher
- If you are still not happy you can speak to the school SEN Governor.
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### **How will the school let me know if they have any concerns about my child's learning in school?**

- When a teacher or you have raised concerns about your child's progress, and high quality personalised teaching has not met your child's needs, the teacher will raise this with the SENCO. If you have raised the concern the school will invite you in to discuss it and plan a way forward.
- The teacher will discuss your child's progress with you at our termly parents' evenings when you will be informed of your child's progress and any additional support being given.
- Schools also have regular meetings between each class teachers and a senior staff member in the school to ensure all children are making good progress. This is another way your child may be identified as not making as much progress as expected.
- If your child is then identified as not making progress the school will make a decision about whether to monitor this or set up an intervention group and will inform you. These groups may take place for a short period or over a longer period of time. However, please note that all children learn regularly in small groups in class (teaching assistants) in order to support their progress in learning
- If your child is still not making expected progress the school will discuss with you
  - Any concerns you may have
  - Any further interventions or referrals to outside professionals to support your child's learning
  - How we could work together, to support your child at home/school.

<b>Who are the other people providing services to children with SEN in this school?</b>	
<p>A. Directly funded by the school</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Learning mentor</li> <li>• Speech and Language Therapist (Full time)</li> <li>• Additional Educational Psychology input to provide a higher level of service to the school</li> <li>• Play Therapist (once a week)</li> <li>• 1:1 or small group teachers or tutors</li> </ul>
<p>B. Paid for centrally by the Local Authority but delivered in school</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Autism Outreach Service</li> <li>• Educational Psychology Service</li> <li>• Sensory Service for children with visual or hearing needs</li> <li>• STEPS (Assessment, advice and resources for children with literacy or numeracy difficulties including Dyslexia)</li> <li>• Occupational Therapy</li> <li>• Physiotherapy</li> <li>• Professional training for school staff to deliver medical interventions</li> <li>• Parent Partnership Service (to support families through the SEN processes and procedures).</li> </ul>
<p>C. Provided and paid for by the Health Service</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• School Nurse</li> </ul>
<p>D. Voluntary agencies</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• National Autistic Society</li> <li>• MENCAP</li> </ul> <p>The contact details for the support services can be found on the school website: <a href="http://www.townsend.southwark.sch.uk">www.townsend.southwark.sch.uk</a> and on the Southwark website <a href="http://www.southwark.gov.uk/">http://www.southwark.gov.uk/</a>  The Local Offer Web site contains full information of the services available to children, young people and their families under the (Southwark) Local Offer.</p>
<b>How are the adults in school helped to work with children with SEND and what training do they have?</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The SENCO's job is to support the class teacher in planning for children with SEND</li> <li>• The school has a school development plan, including identified training needs for all staff to improve the teaching and learning of children</li> </ul>	

including those with SEND. This may include whole school training on SEND issues or to support identified groups of learners in school, such as ASD, dyslexia etc. Dyslexia practices are taken from the Dyslexia Kite Mark awarded in 2012.

- Whole staff training to disseminate knowledge, strategies and experience, to ensure consistency of the school's approach for children with SEND.
- Individual teachers and support staff attend training courses run by outside agencies that are relevant to the needs of specific children in their class e.g. from the ASD Outreach service, Sensory service or medical /health training to support staff in implementing care plans.
- Individual training for an identified staff member linked with the needs of a child with special educational needs and/or disabilities or identified through the school's performance management process.

Training takes place on a regular basis. If you would like to hear about the training which is currently taking place or has taken place by the staff members in the school, please speak to the Headteacher or SENCO/ Inclusion Manager.

#### **How will the teaching be adapted for my child with SEND?**

- Class Teachers plan lessons according to the specific needs of all groups of children in their class and will ensure that learning tasks are adapted to enable your child to access their learning as independently as possible.
- Specially trained support staff can implement the teachers modified/adapted planning to support the needs of your child where necessary.
- Specific resources and strategies will be used to support your child individually, and in groups and in the classroom so that they can learn most effectively, and where necessary to be included in the full life of the school. These will be included in your child's learning plan.
- Planning and teaching will be adapted on a daily basis if needed to meet your child's learning needs and increase your child's access to what is on offer.

#### **How will we measure the progress of your child in school? And how will I know about this?**

- Your child's progress is continually monitored by his/her class teacher.
- His/her progress is reviewed half-termly and formally every term with a level awarded for reading, writing, numeracy and science as well as progress in other areas, as appropriate, such as attendance, engagement in learning and social and emotional development. This level consists of skills and knowledge expected for each primary year group, known as Age Related Expectation (ARE)
- Any child that is in Year 1 – 6 but is not achieving the expected age levels, a more sensitive assessment tool is used which shows their level in more detail and will also show smaller but significant steps of progress. The levels are called 'P levels', (this has been updated for maths, but we are awaiting new P levels for English)
- At the end of each key stage (i.e. at the end of year 2 and year 6) all children are more formally assessed. The school's strategy for doing this is through teacher assessment and children in receipt of SEND Support have a PLP which will be reviewed with your involvement, every term and the plan for the next term made.
- The progress of children with an EHC Plan is formally reviewed at an Annual Review with all adults, including parents, involved with the child's education.
- The SENCO will also check that your child is making good progress within any individual learning and in any group that they take part in.
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- A range of ways will be used to keep you informed, which may include:
  - Home/school contact book
  - Letters/certificates sent home
  - Additional meetings as required
  - Annual Reviews
  - End of Year Reports
  - Termly Parent/Teacher meetings

**What support do we have for you as a parent of child with SEN/and or disabilities?**

- We would like you to talk to your child's class teacher regularly, so we know what they are doing at home and we can tell you about what we are doing in school. This is to ensure that we are doing similar things to support them both at home and school and can share what is working in both places.
- The SENCO (or Head teacher) is available to meet with you to discuss your child's progress or any concerns/worries you may have.
- All information from outside professionals will be discussed with you by the person involved directly, or where this is not possible, in a report. The SENCO will also arrange to meet with you to discuss any new assessments and ideas suggested by outside agencies for your child.
- PLP's will be reviewed with your involvement each term.
- Home Learning will be adjusted as needed to your child's individual needs
- A home/school contact book may be used to support communication with you, when this has been agreed to be useful for you and your child.

**In addition:**

- We regularly hold workshops for parents of all children in the school, for example in relation to reading, phonics or maths. We will be happy to discuss any necessary adaptations for your child.
- The PLP will include ideas for how you can support your child at home, following the discussion with you.
- The external professionals involved with your child will be happy to meet with you on request.
- Our half termly newsletter includes ideas of ways in which you can support your child with learning; these are often practical ideas and can be easily adapted to suit the needs of children with special educational needs and/or disabilities.
- We will be happy to consider any ideas in order to support your child.

*If your child is undergoing statutory assessment for an EHC Plan you will also be supported by the Children's Services SEN Team. They will ensure that you fully understand the process.*

## How have we made this school physically accessible to children with SEND?

- Much of the school is accessible to children with physical disability via ramps.
- Class allocations can be adapted to ensure rooms are accessible for children with disabilities
- The school has a sensory area.
- We ensure that equipment used is accessible to all children regardless of their needs.
- The school has staff trained to suit children with a range of needs.
- The specialised provisions provide space for the identified needs for children with these difficulties e.g. workstations for children with ASD.
- The staff working in the specialised provisions are highly trained in these areas.
- If you have a specific concern, please make contact with the SENCO. *Contact telephone number 0207 703 2672*

## How will we support your child when they are leaving this school? OR when moving on to another class?

We recognise that 'moving on' can be difficult for a child with SEND and take steps to ensure that any transition is as smooth as possible.

- If your child is moving to another school:
  - We will talk with your child to identify how they are feeling about the move and discuss with them how to make it as positive an experience as possible.
  - We will contact the new school's SENCO and ensure s/he knows about any special arrangements or support that needs to be made for your child.
  - Where possible we will support a visit to the new school in advance of the move.
  - We will make sure that all records about your child are passed on as soon as possible.
- When moving classes in school:
  - You will be invited to meet with the new teacher before the move takes place.
  - Information will be passed on to the new class teacher IN ADVANCE and in all cases, a planning meeting will take place with the new teacher. All PLP's will be shared with the new teacher. You will be invited to the planning meeting.
  - If your child would be helped by a book to support them understand 'moving on' then it will be made for them.
- In Year 6
  - Our SENCO will attend the Primary Transition Day to discuss the specific needs of your child with the SENCO of their secondary school, and the specialist session for students with an ASD, as appropriate.
  - Your child will attend a small group in school, to support their understanding of the changes ahead. This may include creating a 'Personal Passport' which includes information about themselves for their new school.
  - Where possible your child will visit their new school on several occasions and in many cases staff from the new school will visit your child in this school.

<b>Specialist provision. Type of provision</b>	<b>Impact on provision</b>
Number of places	A quota of places available for each year group
Admission procedure	Criteria for admission to school/ faith/ distance/ siblings
Range of Needs – admission criteria	What a school can offer for different needs.
Teaching arrangements including staffing	Teaching environment and staff experience to meet all needs
Curriculum and outcome objectives including progress measures	How each child is assessed
Assessment arrangements	What assessments are used to meet the needs of all pupils
Communication with and involvement of parents	Level of communication expected and how to access information
Lead Teacher	SENCo/Headteacher
Contact details	020 7703 2672 / make appointments

### GLOSSARY OF TERMS

PLP	Personal Learning Plan
S	Statement stage of the SEN Code of Practice
SA/SA+	School Action stage of the SEN Code of Practice
SA+	School Action Plus stage of the SEN Code of Practice
SEN	Special Educational Needs
SEN Code of Practice	The legal document that sets out the requirements for SEN
EHC plan	Education, Health, Care Plan
SEN	Special Educational Needs
SEND	Special Educational Needs and or disabilities
SALT	Speech and Language Therapist
CAMHS	Child & Adolescent Mental Health Service
EP	Educational Psychologist
SENCO	Special Educational Needs Coordinator
ASD	Autistic Spectrum Disorder