

SCHOOL OFFER: MARDEN PRIMARY ACADEMY

Type of school	Mainstream
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A. PEOPLE WHO SUPPORT CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL EDUCATIONAL NEEDS/DIFFICULTIES WITH LEARNING 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/ Additional Learning Needs (ALN)?</p>	<p>Class teacher</p>	<p>He/she should always be your first port of call if you have any concerns about your child's progress/learning/wellbeing. He/she is responsible for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensuring 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 differentiation) • 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 ALNCo as necessary. • Writing Individual Provision Maps (IPM), and sharing and reviewing these with parents at least once each term and planning for the next term. • Ensuring 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. • Ensuring that all staff working with your child in school are helped to deliver 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. • Ensuring that the school's ALN Policy is followed in their classroom and for all the pupils they teach with any ALN.

	<p>Mrs Beecham (Additional Needs Coordinator – ALNCo)</p>	<p>She is responsible for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coordinating all the support for children with special educational needs (ALN) and developing the school’s ALN Policy to make sure all children get a consistent, high quality response to meeting their needs in school. • Ensuring that you are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • involved in supporting your child’s learning • kept informed about the support your child is getting • involved in reviewing how they are doing • involved in planning ahead for them. • 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 ALN Records of Need (a system for ensuring all the ALN needs of pupils in this school are known) and making sure that there are excellent records of your child’s progress and needs. • To provide specialist support for teachers and support staff in the school so they can help your child (and other pupils with ALN in the school) achieve the best possible progress in school. • Conducting additional assessments where appropriate, in order to determine your child’s specific areas of strength and difficulty then providing the class teacher with strategies and resources to meet each individual need.
	<p>Teaching Assistants (TA)</p>	<p>He/she is responsible for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Supporting children within the whole–class environment under the guidance of the class teacher. TAs will often work with all the children in the class at one stage or another, not necessarily just those with ALN. • Supporting small groups of children, either within the classroom or in a quieter area outside the classroom. In these situations the TA may give targeted support to enable children to achieve the lesson objective, or they may deliver a specific intervention programme tailored to meet the needs of the group.

	<p>Head teacher– Maggi Newton</p> <p>ALN Governor – Heather King</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Supporting individual children with complex and/or significant needs. In a very small number of cases a child may benefit from 1:1 support from a teaching assistant, either for short periods of time during the week or on a more continuous basis. In these cases support is highly targeted to meet the child’s individual needs and this will be closely monitored and regularly reviewed by the ALNCo. Although we recognise that this type of intervention can be beneficial, there will always be a focus on developing the child’s independence as far as possible in order to prevent over–reliance on the child’s part. <p>They are responsible for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The day to day management of all aspects of the school, this includes the support for children with ALN. • They will give responsibility to the ALNCo, Assistant Head and class teachers but are still responsible for ensuring that your child’s needs are met. • They must make sure that the Governing Body is kept up to date about any issues in the school relating to ALN. <p>She is responsible for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Making sure that the school has an up to date ALN 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 necessary support is made for any child who attends the school who has ALN and/or disabilities • Making visits to understand and monitor the support given to children with ALN in the school and being part of the process to ensure your child achieves his/her potential in school.
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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:

- Other staff in the school
- Staff who will visit the school from the Local Authority central services such as the Educational Psychology Team or Sensory Service (for students with a hearing or visual need)
- Staff who visit from outside agencies such as the Speech and Language Therapy (SALT) Service or Occupational Health Team.

	Types of support provided including information about the school's graduated response to ALN.	What would this mean for your child?	Who can get this kind of support?
What are the different types of support available for children with ALN in this school?	Class teacher input via excellent targeted classroom teaching also known as Quality First Teaching.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensuring that the teacher has the highest possible expectations for your child and all pupils in their class. • Ensuring that all teaching is based on building on what your child already knows, can do and can understand. • 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 • Putting in place specific strategies (which may be suggested by the Inclusion Manager/Deputy Head or outside staff) to support your child to learn. 	All children in school should be getting this as a part of excellent classroom practice when needed.

	<p>Specific group work with in a smaller group of children. This group may be</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Run in the classroom or outside. • Run by a teacher or most often a Teaching assistant who has had training to run these groups. <p>These are often called Intervention groups by schools.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Your child’s teacher will have carefully checked on your child’s progress and will have decided that your child has gaps in their understanding/learning and needs some extra support to help them make the best possible progress. • He/ She will plan group sessions for your child with targets to help your child to make more progress. • A Teaching Assistant/teacher or outside professional (like a Speech and Language Therapist) will run these small group sessions using the teacher’s plans, or a recommended programme. <p>If your child is receiving input which is additional to or different from the usual classroom teaching, the school has a statutory duty to keep a record of their needs and the provision being made to support them – this is called the ALN register.</p>	<p>Any child who has specific gaps in their understanding of a subject/area of learning.</p>
	<p>Specialist groups run by outside agencies e.g. Speech and Language therapy or Occupational therapy groups</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If your child has been identified as needing more specialist input instead of or in addition to excellent class room teaching and intervention groups, referrals will be made to outside agencies to advise and support the school in enabling your child to make progress • Before referrals are made you will be asked to come to a meeting to discuss your child’s progress and help plan possible ways forward. 	<p>Children with specific barriers to learning that cannot be overcome through Quality First Teaching and intervention</p>

- You may be asked to give your permission for the school to refer your child to a specialist professional e.g. a Speech and Language Therapist or Educational Psychologist. This will help the school and yourself understand your child's particular needs better and be able to support them better in school.
- The specialist professional will work with your child to understand their needs and make recommendations, which may include:
 - 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
 - Support to set better targets which will include their specific expertise
 - A group run by school staff under the guidance of the outside professional e.g. a social skills group
 - A group or individual work with outside professional
- The school may suggest that your child needs some agreed individual support in school. They will tell you how the support will be used and what strategies will be put in place.

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	<p>Specified Individual support for your child</p> <p><i>This is usually provided via a Statement of Special Educational Needs or an Education, Health and Care Plan (EHCP).</i> This means your child will have been identified by the class teacher/Inclusion Manager as needing a particularly high level of individual or small group teaching .</p> <p>Usually your child will also need specialist support in school from a professional outside the school. This may be from:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Local Authority central services such as the Social Communication Team or Sensory Service (for students with a hearing or visual need) Outside agencies such as the Speech and Language therapy (SALT) Service. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The school (or you) can request that the Local Authority carry out a statutory assessment of your child’s needs. This is a legal process and you can find more details about this in the Local Authority (LA) based Local Offer, on the Herefordshire Council website (https://www.herefordshire.gov.uk/education-and-learning/local-offer) After the school have sent in the request to the Local Authority (with a lot of information about your child, including some from you), they will decide whether they think your child’s needs (as described in the paperwork provided), seem complex enough to need a statutory assessment. If this is the case they will ask you and all professionals involved with your child to write a report outlining your child’s needs. If they do not think your child needs this, they will ask the school to continue with the current support being provided. After the reports have all been sent in the Local Authority will decide if your child’s needs are severe, complex and lifelong and a significant degree of additional support in school to make good progress. If this is the case they will write a Statement of Special Educational Needs or 	<p>Children whose learning needs are severe, complex and lifelong</p>
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<p>How will we support your child with identified special needs starting at school?</p>	<p>We will first invite you to visit the school with your child to have a look around and speak to key staff (ALNCo, Assistant Head, Pastoral and Safeguarding Manager)</p> <p>If other professionals are involved, a multi-agency meeting may be held to discuss your child's needs, share strategies used, and ensure provision is put in place before your child starts</p> <p>Your child's teacher may make a home visit and also visit your child if they are attending a nursery.</p> <p>We may suggest adaptations to the settling in period to help your child settle more easily.</p>		
<p>How can I let the school know I am concerned about my child's progress in school?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If you have concerns about your child's progress you should speak to your child's class teacher initially. • If you are not happy that the concerns are being managed and that your child is still not making progress you should speak to the ALNCo, Assistant Head or Headteacher • If you are still not happy you can speak to the school ALN Governor. 		

<p>How will the school let me know if they have any concerns about my child's learning in school?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • When a teacher or a parent has raised concerns about your child's progress, and targeted teaching has not met the child's needs, the teacher must raise this with the ALNCo. • The ALNCo also monitors the progress of all children within the school and identifies any children who may be having difficulties. She will discuss these children with the class teacher and may decide to monitor the child's progress more closely for a period of time. • If your child is then identified as not making progress the school will set up a meeting to discuss this with you in more detail. The purpose of this is: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ To listen to any concerns you may have ○ To plan any additional support your child may receive ○ To discuss with you any referrals to outside professionals to support your child's learning
<p>How is extra support allocated to children and how do they move between the different levels?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The school budget, received from Herefordshire LA, includes money for supporting children with ALN. • The Head Teachers decide on the budget for Special Educational Needs in consultation with the school governors, on the basis of needs in the school. • The Head Teachers and the ALNCo discuss all the information they have about ALN in the school, including <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ the children getting extra support already ○ the children needing extra support ○ the children who have been identified as not making as much progress as would be expected. <p>And decide what resources/training and support is needed.</p> • All resources/training and support are reviewed regularly and changes made as needed.

<p>Who are the other people providing services to children with an ALN in this school?</p>	<p>A. Directly funded by the school</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Education Welfare Officer (Karen Millington) • Additional Educational Psychology input to provide a higher level of service to the school
	<p>B. Paid for centrally by the Local Authority or Health Authority but delivered in school</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Social Communication Specialist • Educational Psychology Service • Sensory Service for children with visual or hearing needs • Speech and Language Therapy • Occupational Therapy • Physiotherapy • Professional training for school staff to deliver medical interventions • Parent Partnership Service to support families through the ALN processes and procedures).
<p>How are the teachers in school helped to work with children with an ALN and what training do they have?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The ALNCo's job is to support the class teacher in planning for children with ALN. • The ALNCo delivers or sources whole school training on ALN issues such as ASD, dyslexia, etc. • As a member of the Activate Education group, all staff members have access to a comprehensive programme of training according to their individual CPD needs. • Whole staff training to disseminate knowledge, strategies and experience, to ensure consistency of the school's approach for children with an ALND. • Individual teachers and support staff have the opportunity to attend training courses run by independent training providers that are relevant to the needs of specific children in their class. 	

	<p>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 ALNCo.</p>
<p>How will the teaching be adapted for my child with learning needs (ALN)?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Class Teachers plan lessons according to the specific needs of all groups of children in their class, and will ensure that your child’s needs are met. • Specially trained support staff can adapt the teachers 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. • Planning and teaching will be adapted on a daily basis if needed to meet your child’s learning needs.
<p>How will we measure the progress of your child in school?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Your child’s progress is continually monitored by his/her class teacher. • His/her progress is reviewed every term and formally recorded. • At the end of each key stage (i.e. at the end of year 2 and year 6) all children are required to be formally assessed using Standard Assessment Tests (SATs). This is something the government requires all schools to do and are the results that are published nationally. • Children who have been identified as having a special educational need or disability will have an IPM which will be reviewed with your involvement, every term and the plan for the next term made. • The progress of children with a statement of ALN/ EHC Plan is formally reviewed at an Annual Review with all adults involved with the child’s education. • The Inclusion Manager will also check that your child is making good progress within any individual work and in any group that they take part in. • A range of ways will be used to keep you informed, which may include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Home/school contact book – Letters/positive praise postcards sent home – Additional meetings as required – Reports

<p>What support do we have for you as a parent of child with an ALN?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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. We hope this will make sure that we are doing similar things to support your child both at home and school and can share what is working in both places. • The ALNCo 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 with the person involved directly, or where this is not possible, in a report. The ALNCo or class teacher will also arrange to meet with you to discuss any new assessments and ideas suggested by outside agencies for your child. • IPMs will be reviewed with your involvement each term. • 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. <p>In addition:</p> <p>If your child is undergoing statutory assessment you will also be supported by the Children’s Services ALN Team. They will ensure that you fully understand the process.</p>
<p>How have we made this school accessible to children with ALN? (including after school clubs etc..)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The school is accessible to children with physical disability via ramps. • We ensure that equipment used is accessible to all children regardless of their needs. • Enrichment activities are extended to all pupils irrelevant of their needs
<p>How will we support your child when they are leaving this school? OR moving on to another class?</p>	<p>We recognise that ‘moving on’ can be difficult for a child with ALN and take steps to ensure that any transition is as smooth as possible.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If your child is moving child to another school:

- We will contact the school ALNCO and ensure he/she knows about any special arrangements or support that need to be made for your child.
- We will make sure that all records about your child are passed on as soon as possible.
- When moving classes in school:
 - Information will be passed on to the new class teacher IN ADVANCE and in most cases, a planning meeting will take place with the new teacher. All IPMs will be shared with the new teacher.
- In Year 6
 - The ALNCo will discuss the specific needs of your child with the ALNCO of their secondary school.
 - Where possible or appropriate your child will visit their new school on several occasions and in some cases staff from the new school will visit your child in this school.

GLOSSARY OF TERMS

ALN	Special Educational Needs
IPM	Individual Provision Map
S	Statement of Special Educational Need
ALN Code of Practice	The legal document that sets out the requirements for ALN
EHC plan	Education, Health & Care Plan
ALND	Special Educational Needs and/or disabilities
SALT	Speech and Language Therapist
CAMHS	Child and Adolescent Mental Health Service
EP	Educational Psychologist
ASD	Autistic Spectrum Disorder