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School Policy and procedure		
Parent/carers questions	Key information	Links to SEND Code of Practice (2015)
What kinds of SEND do pupils in the school have?	<p>Wolborough CE Nursery & Primary School is a mainstream primary school with children taught in single year classes.</p> <p>The school caters for a range of SEND needs; including Communication & Interaction, Cognition and Learning, Social, Emotional and Mental Health and Physical & Sensory Needs.</p> <p><i>At Wolborough Church of England Nursery and Primary School, we believe every child is unique and deserves the opportunity to thrive. We are committed to creating an inclusive environment where all pupils, regardless of need or ability, are valued and supported to achieve their full potential. Our approach is rooted in high expectations, personalised support, and a strong partnership with families and external agencies. We celebrate diversity and ensure that every child feels safe, respected, and empowered to succeed academically, socially, and emotionally.</i></p>	The kinds of special educational needs for which provision is made at school
How do you know if a pupil needs extra help?	<p>A range of information is considered when deciding if a child/ young person requires additional support in school. This process is overseen by the SENDCO and draws on the views of many different people including the child, the parent, the class teacher and other adults working with the child.</p> <p>Teachers track pupil progress each term and this is discussed with the Academy Head at Pupil Progress meetings. Where there is a concern about pupil progress, this is shared with the SENDCO.</p>	Information about the school's policies for identification and assessment of pupils with special educational needs



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	<p>Teachers have received training on Devon's OAIP framework and receive updates from the SENDCO. Teachers are encouraged to look to their own Ordinarily Available and Inclusive Provision (OAIP) to see if it can be adapted to help support children. If they feel that additional or different to is needed, they can work alongside the SENDCO to look at the targeted provision framework. This allows for reflective practice that may then unpick the needs and help to support them.</p> <p>At Wolborough, we use the following screening tools and assessments to help identify the area of need:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• A language screener• TALC assessment• Dyslexia Screeners• HAST-2 Spelling• Phonic Assessments• Reading Assessments• Teacher assessments• Needs Indicator Tool <p>Each term, the school SENDCO will meet with the Inclusion Lead for their Hub to discuss the needs of the children in the school and plan support. This might include further assessment, an observation by the Inclusion Lead, Early Help or an Educational Psychologist triage.</p>	
Day to day support		
How do teachers help pupils with SEND? How will the school support my child?	We follow a Graduated Approach to meeting pupils' needs, starting with Ordinarily Available Inclusive Provision (OAIP).	The school's approach to teaching pupils with SEND



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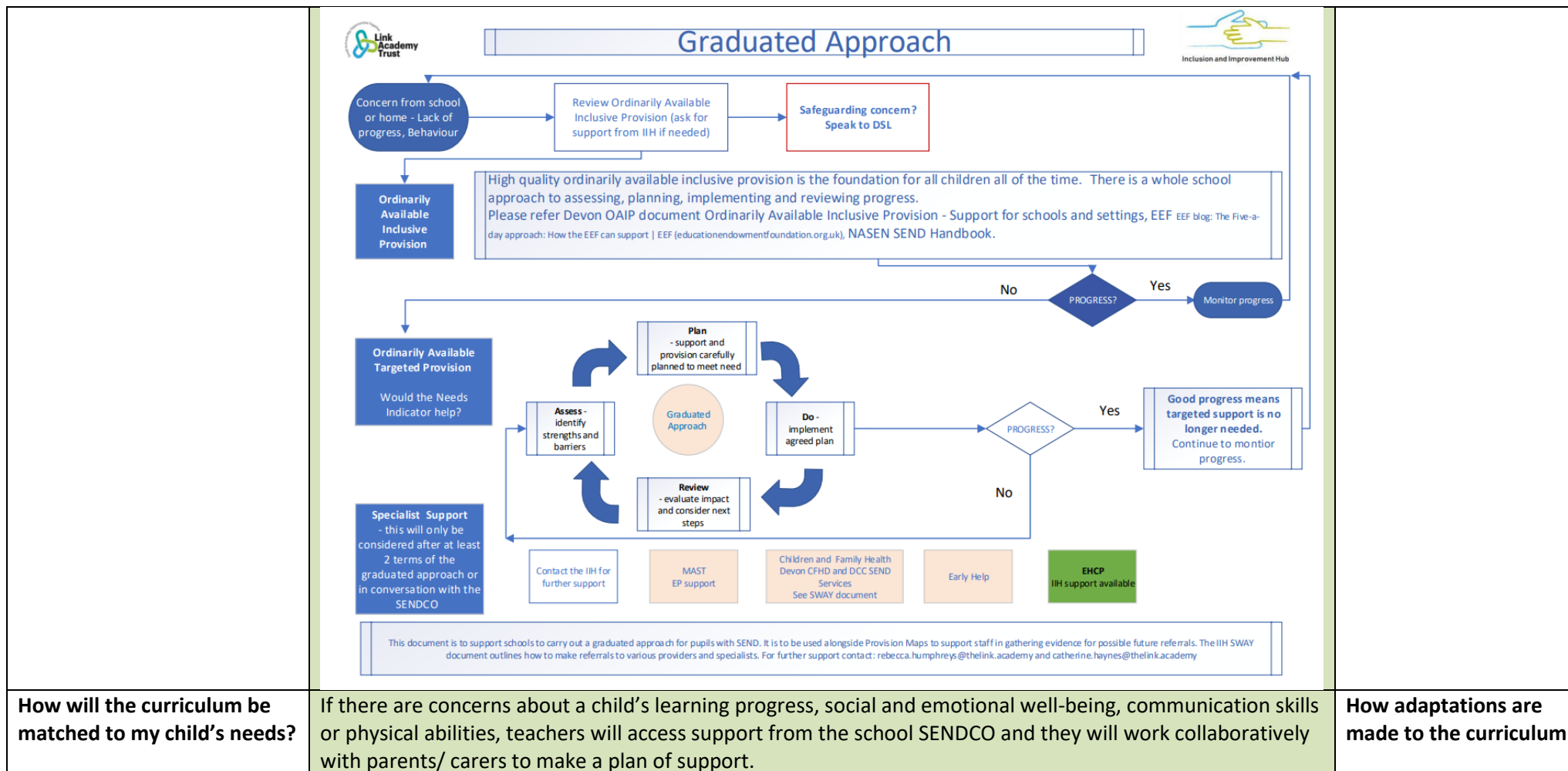
	<p>Teachers adapt and personalise the curriculum to meet the range of needs and abilities within each class. This will look like visual timetables, explicit instruction, scaffolding, responding to children's strengths and interests, short bursts of learning and regular movement break.</p> <p>Where children are not making progress with this support alone, we will look at what targeted support is needed to help the children make expected progress so they achieve in line with their peers.</p> <p>Targeted Support might include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• more frequent and deliberately planned use of OAIP strategies• use of additional resources or equipment• targeted intervention either in the classroom, or in a separate space• some additional time with an adult <p>We follow a Graduated Approach to support which includes assessment of need, planned support, implementation the support and assessment of impact. This is shown in the diagram below:</p>	
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	<p>As part of this, they will use the Devon Needs Indicator Tool to identify the specific areas of need. From this, we will then use the Ordinarily Available Targeted Support document to identify what provision needs to be in place to enable to child to make progress.</p> <p>When needed, the SENDCO will also access support from the Inclusion Lead for their Hub. This might be for advice, observations or further assessments.</p> <p>Children on the SEND register will have an individual, or be part of a class, Provision Map which will outline the personalised adaptations to the curriculum and any strategies and resources that are in place to ensure access to the curriculum.</p> <p>As part of the Graduated Approach, these Provision Maps are updated each term and shared with parents/carers.</p> <p>The support offered at our school is divided into three areas: the Ordinarily Available Inclusive Provision, the Ordinarily Available Targeted Support and Specialist Support.</p> <p>Ordinarily Available Targeted Support includes adaptations and support in class and may include time-specific, targeted interventions both in and out of the classroom.</p> <p>Specialised support will incorporate individualised and bespoke support and may include Multi-agency support.</p>	and learning environment
Is there any additional support available to help children with SEND?	<p>We will adapt how we teach to suit the way the pupil works best. There is no 'one size fits all' approach to adapting the curriculum, we work on a case-by case basis to make sure the adaptations we make are meaningful to your child.</p> <p>These adaptations include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Adapting our curriculum to make sure all pupils are able to access it, for example, by grouping, 1-to-1 work, adapting the teaching style or content of the lesson, etc.• Adapting our teaching, for example, giving longer processing times, pre-teaching of key vocabulary, reading instructions aloud, offering visuals and concrete resources etc.	



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- Adapting our resources and staffing
- Using recommended aids, such as laptops, coloured overlays, visual timetables, larger font, etc.
- Teaching assistants will support pupils on a 1-to-1 basis when there is an identified need that can't be otherwise met; this may often be because they have an intervention requested by an external professional such as an OT or speech & language therapist. As a rule, children do not access 1-1 support even with an EHCP unless there is a clear rationale for this.
- Teaching assistants will support pupils in small groups when they need to deliver an intervention that requires a more focussed approach, this may take place outside the classroom.

Examples of support include:

Communication and Interaction	Cognition and Learning	SEMH	Physical/ Sensory
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Visual timetables - Social stories - Relational Support Plan - Calm learning environment with reduced Sensory overload - Ear defenders - Speech & Language interventions - Pre-teaching 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Writing slope - Use of a laptop/tablet - Spelling lists and dictionaries - Coloured overlays - Pre teaching and overlearning 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Quiet workspace - Fiddle objects - Movement breaks - Zones of Regulation - Co-regulation plans 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Consideration to seating - Limiting classroom displays to avoid overload - Sufficient space in classroom for safe access



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	<div> <div>- Colourful Semantics</div> <div></div> <div></div> <div></div> </div> <p>Resources are allocated across the school depending on the needs of the children. This is done by the Academy Head and SENDCO.</p> <p>The detail of the provision is written on the child or class's Provision Map and these are shared with parents/ carers when they have been written. We welcome input from parents/ carers to these Provision Maps.</p>	
<p>How will the school know how well my child is doing?</p>	<p>Teachers continually monitor the progress that is being made by the children and this is reviewed on at least a termly basis.</p> <p>Your child's class teacher will meet you regularly (termly or as required), to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Set clear outcomes for your child's progress • Review progress towards those outcomes • Discuss the support we will put in place to help your child make that progress • Identify what we will do, what we will ask you to do, and what we will ask your child to do <p>The SENDCO may also attend these meetings to provide extra support where requested.</p> <p>We know that you're the expert when it comes to your child's needs and aspirations. We want to make sure you have a full understanding of how we're trying to meet your child's needs, so that you can provide insight into what you think would work best for your child.</p> <p>We also want to hear from you so that we can build a better picture of how the SEND support we are providing is impacting your child outside of school. If your child's needs or aspirations change at any time, please let us know right away so we can keep our provision as relevant as possible.</p> <p>After any discussion we will make a record of any outcomes, actions and support that have been agreed. This record will be shared with all relevant staff, and you will be given a copy.</p> <p>If you have concerns that arise between these meetings, please contact your child's class teacher.</p>	<p>Arrangements for assessing and reviewing pupil's progress towards outcomes</p>



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<p>How will I know my child is making progress? How do you check on this?</p>	<p>We will evaluate the effectiveness of provision for your child by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reviewing their progress towards their goals each term • Reviewing the impact of interventions after the maximum of one term • Monitoring by the SENDCO • Using provision maps to measure progress • Holding an annual review (if they have an education, health and care (EHC) plan) <p>The Director of Inclusion and Inclusion Leads will hold Inclusion Reviews at least once a year where they visit schools and look at the impact of provision for children with SEND.</p> <p>The Trust SENDCOs meet termly to share practice and advice amongst each other. This provides opportunities for schools to develop their SEND Provision further.</p> <p>The SEND Trustee in The Link Academy has a strategic role of ensuring high-quality, inclusive education for all pupils with SEND across the trust schools. This involves providing strategic oversight, ensuring legal compliance, supporting school leaders, monitoring the trust's SEND provision and championing the needs of pupils with SEND. The SEND trustee acts as a link between the board of trustees, the Director of Inclusion and the Senior Leadership Team and are responsible for promoting an inclusive culture throughout the organisation.</p>	<p>How the effectiveness of provision is evaluated</p>
<p>How will my child be included in activities outside the classroom, including school trips?</p>	<p>All of our extra-curricular activities and school visits are available to all our pupils, including (where suitably trained staff are available) our before and after-school clubs. If staff are unable to attend an after-school hours club and a child needs support, a parent may be invited to attend alongside their child.</p> <p>All pupils are encouraged to go on our school trips, including our residential trips and we will make adjustments wherever possible to ensure this. All pupils are encouraged to take part in sports day, school plays, special workshops etc. and where we are unsure of suitability this will be discussed with the parent.</p>	<p>How pupils with SEND are enabled to engage in activities available with those in the school who do not have SEND</p>



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	<p>No pupil is ever excluded from taking part in these activities because of their SEN or disability and we will make whatever reasonable adjustments are needed to make sure that they can be included.</p> <p>We have the following support available at the start and end of the day and during unstructured times: meet and greet, morning activities, playleaders, alternative quiet activities.</p> <p>Pupils with SEND are encouraged to contribute to all parts of school life. This includes being part of the school council, sports clubs, anti-bullying ambassadors, play leaders, ambassadors and RE councillors.</p>	
How will you support my child's overall well-being?	<p>All children access the PSHE curriculum and have access to pastoral support through explicit taught lessons as well as support from classroom staff. Children have opportunities to learn about internet safety, PANTS rule and are always able to speak to staff</p> <p>We provide support for pupils to progress in their emotional and social development in the following ways:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• We provide extra pastoral support for listening to the views of pupils with SEND (e.g. through our Relational approach)• We have a 'zero tolerance' approach to bullying. Please see anti-bullying policy.• All staff have trained in the Relational Approach where we put relations at the heart of school life and use compassion and an understanding of regulation to support all pupils• We use a range of resources to support children with understanding and being able to communicate how they are feeling• Where children have difficulty managing these big emotions, the team around the child will produce a co-regulation plan for all staff to follow to help the child at these times. <p>Where there are significant concerns about a child's behaviour, a meeting is organised with the Director of Inclusion, Inclusion Lead, Academy Head, SENDCO and where possible, the CEO. This is to discuss the provision in place for this child and identify any next steps to further support.</p>	Support for improving emotional and social development



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	<p>Where children are finding it difficult coming to school, we will organise a meeting with parents and gain the children's views and then work together to make a plan to support the child with their attendance. This plan will identify the end goal and the small steps that are needed to achieve that goal.</p> <p>Children are encouraged to share their voice. If needed, we will use visuals to support the children in sharing their views.</p> <p>Any children who require medicine prescribed by the doctor are given this by the school administrator. The medicine is given to her at the beginning of the day and parents complete an administration of medicine in school form. The medicine is then kept in a secure place and returned to parents at the end of the day. Children with more complex medical needs have an individual health care plan. Children with SEND who need additional personal care have an intimate care plan which is written with full parental involvement</p>	
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Involving families		
<p>How will you help me to support my child's learning? When will we be able to discuss my child's progress?</p>	<p>We share progress information with parents/carers by holding termly parent meetings, reviewing Provision Maps, Annual Reviews of EHCPs and in some cases Team Around the Family meetings. We also send a school report each year.</p> <p>There are regular informal opportunities for contact about the child's progress in school through telephone calls or face to face communication. Initially, this would be with the class teacher. The SENDCO would be involved as appropriate</p> <p>Subject information booklets are sent home so parents are aware of what is taught and can talk to their children about topics of interest. EHCP reviews, RSP meetings and parent evenings give opportunities to discuss progress. We hold open meetings throughout the year for different classes and areas of the curriculum such as parent phonics lessons, meet the teacher sessions and open evenings to celebrate children's work.</p>	<p>Arrangements for consulting with parents/carers of children with SEND and involving them in their child's education</p>
<p>How will my child be able to share their views?</p>	<p>The level of involvement will depend on your child's age, and how confident they are at sharing their views. We recognise that no two children are the same, so we will decide on a case-by-case basis, with your input.</p> <p>We may seek your child's views by asking them to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attend meetings to discuss their progress and outcomes • Prepare a presentation, written statement, video, drawing, etc. • Discuss their views with a member of staff who can act as a representative during the meeting • Use visuals to show their views 	<p>Arrangements for consulting with children with SEND and involving them in their education</p>



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How will you support my child when he/she joins your school or moves class or transfers to a new school?	<p>We recognise the importance of ensuring a high-quality transition regardless of the stage.</p> <p>To prepare for new students with SEND transitioning into our school, we have the following strategies in place to support:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Transition meetings with pre school, parents and any outside agencies• Liaising with the SEND Team• Taster days• Where necessary, a phased start to the term <p>To help pupils with SEND be prepared for a new school year we:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ask both the current teacher and the next year's teacher to attend a meeting at the end of the year when the pupil's SEND strengths and needs are discussed• We timetable transition sessions so that towards the end of the summer term children spend time in their new class <p>To help pupils with SEND prepare for transition to Secondary School:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The SENDCo of the secondary school will contact our school for a meeting with our SENDCo. They will discuss the needs of all the children who are receiving SEND support.• Pupils will be prepared for the transition by:• Discussing a secondary school timetable• Learning how to get organised independently• Attend an enhanced transition and have additional visits	Arrangements for supporting pupils moving between phases of education and preparing for adulthood
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	When your child is moving on from our school, we will ask you and your child what information you want us to share with the new setting. All records will be passed to the receiving school as soon as possible and in line with GDPR.	
Staff skills and wider support		
What skills do the staff have to meet my child's needs?	<p>Within Link Academy Trust we have the support from the Inclusion Team who support our school based SENDCOs.</p> <p>The Inclusion Team co-ordinate much of the CPD that happens in our schools including the Relational Approach.</p> <p>Where a new child joins our school who have needs that have not previously been supported, we will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Have a transition meeting with parents, previous setting and outside agencies • Take advice from any professionals working with the child • If possible, access staff training on the specific need • Speak to the SEND Team • Attend TAF meetings 	The expertise and training of staff to support pupils with SEND, including how specialist expertise will be secured
What specialist services are available at or accessed by the school?	<p>The external support services that we access are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Educational Psychologist • Devon SEND Team • Communication and Interaction Team • SEMH Team • Speech and Language Therapists • SpLD (Dyslexia) Team • Occupational Therapist • Sensory/ Physical Team 	How school involves other bodies, including health and social care, local authority support services and voluntary sector organisations, in meeting pupils' SEN and supporting their families



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Visual Impairment Team • Teacher of the Deaf • School Nurse • Bladder and Bowel Team • Paediatrician • Child and Adolescent Mental Health Team (CAMHS) • Mental Health Support Team. • Nursery Plus • Early Years Complex Needs Team • Social Care • Family Intervention Team 	
<p>What happens if my child needs specialist equipment?</p> <p>How accessible is the school and how does it arrange the facilities children need?</p>	<p>If specialist equipment is needed, then the school will liaise with outside agencies such as the Occupational Therapy, Physiotherapy or Physical Disabilities Team to ensure that the correct equipment is provided to school.</p> <p>Further information is available in our accessibility plan which can be found on the website.</p>	<p>How equipment and facilities to support children with SEND will be secured</p>
<p>How will my child manage tests and exams?</p>	<p>The Access Arrangements are discussed in meetings with class teachers and the SENDCO to ensure that the children have what they need in place to access their assessments. This will also be discussed with parents.</p> <p>The access arrangements might include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Extra time • A scribe • Transcribe • Breaks through the test 	<p>Information regarding access arrangements</p>



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Accessing advice and support		
What should I do if I think my child may have a special educational need or disability?	<p><i>Our school based SEND Lead is Sam Curtis who is a qualified teacher and undertaking his SENDCO qualification. They are overseen by Becky Humphreys who is a qualified teacher and have the necessary SENDCo experience and training. Becky achieved the National Award in Special Educational Needs Co-ordination in 2021.</i></p> <p><i>Sam can be contacted by emailing: samuelcurtis@thelink.academy</i></p> <p><i>Sam is supported by Michelle Gibbons who is our Pastoral Lead. Our School Governor is Anne-Marie Lewis.</i></p>	Contact details for the Special Educational Needs Coordinator
What do I do if I'm not happy or if I want to complain?	<p>Our school's complaints procedure can be found on the website. Complaints about SEND provision in our school should be made to the SENDCo and/ or headteacher in the first instance. They will then be referred to the school's complaints policy.</p> <p>If you are not satisfied with the school's response, you can escalate the complaint. In some circumstances, this right also applies to the pupil themselves.</p> <p>To see a full explanation of suitable avenues for complaint, see pages 246 and 247 of the SEN Code of Practice.</p> <p>If you feel that our school discriminated against your child because of their SEND, you have the right to make a discrimination claim to the first-tier SEND tribunal. To find out how to make such a claim, you should visit: https://www.gov.uk/complain-about-school/disability-discrimination</p> <p>You can make a claim about alleged discrimination regarding:</p>	Arrangements for handling complaints from parents of children with SEND



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Admission• Exclusion• Provision of education and associated services• Making reasonable adjustments, including the provision of auxiliary aids and services <p>Before going to a SEND tribunal, you can go through processes called disagreement resolution or mediation, where you try to resolve your disagreement before it reaches the tribunal.</p> <p>Contact details of the disagreement resolution and mediation services for Devon are: Global Mediation and you can contact them on 0800 064 4488 or email SEN@globalmediation.co.uk to find out more.</p>	
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<p>Where can I get information, advice and support?</p>	<p>If you have questions about SEND or are struggling to manage and understand your child's needs, please get in touch to let us know. We want to support you, your child and your family.</p> <p>To see what support is available to you locally, have a look at Devon's local offer https://www.devon.gov.uk/education-and-families/SENd-local-offer</p> <p>Our local special educational needs and disabilities information advice and support services (SENDIASS) organisations are able to give impartial and confidential support to families. They can be contacted at : https://devonias.org.uk or on 01392 383080</p> <p>Link Find your local IAS service in your catchment area.</p>	<p>Contact details of support services for parents of pupils with SEND</p> <p>The school's contribution to the local offer and where the LA's local offer is published</p>
<p>Where can I find out about other services that might be available for our family and my child?</p>	<p>National charities that offer information and support to families of children with SEND are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • (IPSEA) Independent Provider of Special Education Advice • SEND Family Support - Helping Families Care For Children with SEND • NSPCC • Family Action • Special Needs Jungle - 	



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