



Beech Grove Primary School

SEND Information Report

Identification of Need

Beech Grove Primary School is a community school where children attend from the ages of 3-11 years.

Governors, staff and parents work together to provide a happy, caring environment where children are encouraged to be the best they can be in all areas of school life.

- Ages 3 & 4 years – Foundation Stage (39 place Nursery)

Children enter the Nursery, when a place becomes available, after their 3rd birthday. In line with Middlesbrough Council Policy all children are assessed on their entry within the first 6 weeks. On-going assessment will take place throughout your child's time in Nursery with staff working closely with parents and liaising with the school's Inclusion Co-ordinator to organise and co-ordinate services from outside agencies. (ref: section 7 Specialist Services)

- Ages 4 & 5 years – Foundation Stage (Reception)/Ages 5-7 years–Key Stage 1/Ages 7-11 years–Key Stage 2

Ongoing assessments and monitoring will continue throughout your child's time in school. Further information about your child's needs and possible support needed will be identified through, for example

- Staff and parent liaison
- The school's Inclusion Co-ordinator accessing outside agencies for further advice and support
- Pupil Progress meetings
- Parent Consultation Meetings
- Sharing and transferring data between relevant services.
- Liaison with child's previous school following transfer to our school.

Support

- All teachers have a responsibility for the teaching, monitoring and evaluation of children with SEND.
- The Inclusion Co-ordinator will maintain a register of children who need additional support and will oversee the monitoring and evaluation of progress and provision.
- There will be termly review meetings for the children who are registered as requiring SEN support.
- All classes have an allocated Teaching Assistant. Under the class teacher's supervision their role will include supporting within the class and working with children who have been identified as needing some extra support that may be provided by a short term intervention strategy.
- For children identified as having possible behavioural or emotional difficulties Learning Mentors are available to support within class, during playtimes or to offer 1-1 support out of the class in a nurturing environment.

Curriculum

As from September 2014 children will be taught with regard to the legal requirement of the new curriculum.

Accessibility

Beech Grove Primary has recently undergone a rebuilding and refurbishment programme.

- All areas in school are safely accessible to all children and visitors.
- The school site is clearly signposted.
- There are 2 disabled toilets within the school.
- There are allocated disabled parking spaces near to the main entrance and in the main car park.
- Parents are contacted or kept informed by a variety of means, including 1-1 contact through our Parent Support Advisors, newsletters, emails, and notice boards in the school playgrounds.

Parental Involvement

Parents are encouraged to be involved in their child's learning both at school and at home –

- Listening to their child reading at home and completing the reading record
- Opportunities to volunteer in school – in the classroom, on trips, at discos and Christmas Fairs
- Introduction of the 'parent passport' which encourages the parents to receive points for every hour they help in school which can then be used to access other services that school provides for parents
- Opportunities for parents to access family learning courses and celebrate their own successes
- Invited to attend Parent Consultations and annual SEN Reviews

Our Parent Support Advisors also work very closely with parents, offering advice and supporting them by –

- helping to complete forms
- arranging school transition visits for parents and children, especially those children who have additional needs
- providing transport, if needed, for parents to attend meetings and appointments
- providing transport to and from school for children in emergency situations

Beech Grove Primary School was recently awarded the Leading Parent Partnership Award which recognised the 'excellent work already in place with the evolving needs of the parents and children.

Specialist Services

School can provide access to the following services and outside agencies –

- A unit for children on the autistic spectrum – this is a service provided for children across Middlesbrough. It is staffed by a specialist teacher and two experienced Teaching Assistants. A second unit is due to be completed early in 2016
- Identified staff in school who have had training in First Aid and are on duty at playtimes and lunch times
- All staff are trained in Team Teach techniques
- Our school nurse operates a weekly drop-in service for parents who may wish to discuss health concerns
- A specialist teacher in dyslexia works in school on a half termly basis to offer advice, assess, identify and provide programmes of work for the class teacher to follow.
- An Educational Psychologist
- Speech and Language Therapists
- Occupational Therapists and Physiotherapists
- Visually and Hearing Impaired Services
- The Bungalow Partnership - working with children and families which may need extra support
- Play Therapist
- Attendance and Welfare Support
- Social Care teams
- Teesside Hospice Forget-me-Not bereavement counselling

- The Fire Brigade
- EAL
- Interpreter Service.

Staff Training

There is an on-going programme of professional development and information sharing to ensure all staff are kept up to date with the current research into teaching and learning and with medical needs e.g. asthma and epi-pens.

Activities Outside School

Beech Grove Primary is committed to providing all children with access to an enriched and extended curriculum with trips incorporated into each term's planning as often as possible.

There is a programme of after school clubs covering a variety of activities – Multi-sports, Just Dance, Singing, Hub Club, IPAD Maths, Creative Drawing, Football Cyber/Homework and Tag Rugby. Breakfast Club is also a popular and well attended club.

Transition

On entry to Nursery

The Parent Support Advisor will contact the parents with details of an initial, informal meeting. After the meeting there will be an opportunity for both parent and child to visit the nursery, meet the staff and become familiar with the setting.

Nursery to Reception

The nursery children already have access to the Reception area on a daily basis as part of their learning.

During the summer term parents will be invited to a transition meeting followed by the opportunity for parents with their children to visit the school dining room to have a lunch.

YR-Y5

There will be an opportunity for children to visit the new classroom and meet their new teacher towards the end of the summer term. Staff will share information about the children's learning and needs.

Key Stage 2- Secondary

A transition programme will be put in place by the secondary schools. Children from Beech Grove will attend independently but staff will visit during their time there to ensure everything is running smoothly.

Children with special needs, such as autism, may be accompanied by a familiar teacher or teaching assistant if they wish.

The Parent Support Advisors can organise extra transition visits, or a preliminary visit earlier in the year, to enable parents and children to find out about the services the school can offer.

SEND Resources

Beech Grove has a number of different SEN provisions and interventions which are matched to the children's special educational needs.

Funding comes through the main school budget with school providing the first £6000 of any extra support needed.

There are two units, one for Key Stage 1 and one for Key Stage 2, for children who have a diagnosis of autism which are funded separately.

Further Information

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Middlesbrough Council's website provides further information on the services it offers for children with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) www.middlesbrough.gov.uk

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