**SEND Information Report 2023-2024**

This Special Educational Needs and/or Disability (SEND) Information Report has been compiled using the information required as set out in the Special Educational Needs and/or Disability Code of Practice and Regulations 2014. **SEND Broad Areas of Need** (**Appendix A** of this information report provides more information).

The SEND Code of Practice: 0-25 years, details these as:

1. Communication and Interaction 2. Cognition and Learning

3. Social, Emotional and Mental Health difficulties 4. Sensory and/or Physical Needs

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| **General School Details:** | | | |
| School Name: | Birchfield Nursery School | | |
| School website address: | www.birchfieldnursery.co.uk | | |
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| Type of school: | **Maintained Nursery School** | | |
| Description of school: | **Maintained Nursery School provision (3-4 yr olds)** | | |
| Does our school have resource base? Yes or No  If Yes please provide a brief description. | No | | |
| Number on roll: |  | | |
| % of children at the school with SEND: | 3% | | |
| Date of last Ofsted: | July 2017 | | |
| Awards that the school holds: | Healthy Schools | | |
| Accessibility information about the school: | Our nursery main building is on one level with good access for  Wheel chairs and disabilities.  Parking space on site for disability.  Disabled adult toilet and child’s toilet.  Changing facilities available for children in nappies. | | |
| Please provide a web link to your school’s Accessibility Strategy | [**birchfield.haltonschools.info**](file:///C:\Users\HeadT\Desktop\working%20on\birchfield.haltonschools.info) | | |
| Expertise and training of school based staff about SEND. (CPD details)  Please comment specifically in relation to autism and include dates. | **Mrs S Jarvis** Hanen Elklan Makaton PECS Boxall profile training  **Mrs H Patrick** Peer massage- (2 day training)  **Ms E Knight** Intensive interactions Bucket Therapy  **All staff** Paediatric First Aid-  Bespoke training relating to specific conditions  Positive Behaviour training  Autism Awareness | | |
| Documentation available: | Are the following documents available on the schools website?  If yes please insert the link to the documents page.  Birchfield Nursery School  www.birchfieldnursery.co.uk | Are the following documents available on the schools website?  If yes please insert the link to the documents page. | Are the following documents available on the schools website?  If yes please insert the link to the documents page. |
| Safeguarding Policy |  |
| Behaviour Policy |  |
| Equality and Diversity |  |
| Birchfield Nursery School | Birchfield Nursery School |
| www.birchfieldnursery.co.uk | www.birchfieldnursery.co.uk |

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| **Range of Provision and inclusion information:** | |
| How we identify special educational learning needs as a school and how we seek the views, opinions and voice of pupils and their parents in planning to meet them. | When pupils already have identified SEND before they start here we work with the people who already know them and use the information they already have available to identify what their SEN will be in our school setting. We organise a transition meeting with you and other professionals who know your child well to share information and devise a plan of action to ensure a smooth transition for your child. Extra visits to the nursery for you and your child can be arranged so you can look around the setting and meet the staff. We offer a home visit to children prior to starting nursery. A home visit is the starting point for assessment, providing an opportunity for staff to gather valuable information, seeing the child in their own familiar environment, observing how the child responds to other adults, giving an initial insight into the child’s level of development, behaviour and language skills. Outside agencies already involved with the family are also noted If you tell us you think your child has SEN we will discuss this with you and investigate. We will observe your child and share with you what we find out and agree next steps with you as to how we can all help your child. We will continue to assess your child’s needs and plan where and how support will be placed to ensure progress is made. Evidence is recorded through written observations, photographs and discussions with parent/carers and other staff. We are child and family centred so you will be involved in all decision making about your child’s support. When we assess SEN we discuss if our understanding and behaviour are the same at school and at home: you know your child best so we take this into account and work with you so that we are all helping your child in the same way. We will discuss with you how we can best support your child and write individual plans with parents/carers. Progress is reviewed in discussion with parent/key carer/SENCO. A child’s individual targets are reviewed and new ones set. If progress continues to be a cause for concern after this intervention then an application may be made to the LA for additional support to meet the needs of the child. Progress is monitored via individual action plan. In preparation for starting school, for children with an exceptional level of need, an application can be made for an EHIC plan which will support with future support and resource needs.  Information about this process can be found on the local offer [www.halton.gov.uk/localoffer](http://www.halton.gov.uk/localoffer) |
| What extra support we bring in to help us meet SEND: specialist services, external expertise and how we work together. For example health, social care, local authority support services and voluntary sector organisations. | Following initial baseline assessment and then as perceived need is observed we engage with local agencies. We signpost parents to local children’s centres to access various activities and support groups, use of sensory and soft playrooms, adult/family learning and holiday activities. We have support from specialist teachers and support staff for accessing the curriculum and additional input for specific needs e.g. speech, language and communication, visual and hearing impairment, behaviour related difficulties, autism spectrum conditions, moderate/severe learning difficulties We get support from local authority service and local special schools who provide outreach and advise with support plans. We get support from occupational therapy and physiotherapy for pupils who require this input and specific resources  We get support from specialist and professional agencies to train our staff: advise on strategies and programmes and we will make referrals for assessment if we believe they need a period of therapy. |
| How we provide access to a supportive environment; ICT facilities/equipment/ resources/facilities etc. | Visual supports and prompts  Resources easily accessible at child’s level, clearly labelled and organised  Specialist equipment to support the curriculum when required  Access to ICT resources such as large size touch screen, I pads, listening centres and computers |
| What strategies/programmes/resources are used to support pupils with autism and social communication difficulties? | Qualified and experienced teachers and teaching assistants  Communication friendly spaces around school  Advice/intervention from speech and language therapist when needed  Delivery of personal speech and language programme when needed  Support from SENCO for all staff and parents  Referral to specialist teachers |
| What strategies/programmes/resources are available to speech and language difficulties? | Wellcom  Makaton  Hanen  Communication Friendly spaces  Following advice form SALT  SALT service support packs |
| Strategies to support the development of literacy (reading /writing). | Literacy rich environment  Designated literacy lead (Read Write inc model teacher/Early Years SLE)  Talk for writing strategies  Committed delivery of Phase 1 phonics  Read write Inc sessions (On readiness)  Links with Halton Library  Designated Library space  Daily access to book changing facilities |
| Strategies to support the development of numeracy. | Designated maths lead  Close Liaison with St Helens Maths Hub  Involvement with Early Maths fluency programme  Dedicated maths focus sessions 4x weekly |
| How we adapt the curriculum and modify teaching approaches to meet SEND and facilitate access. | Personalised and differentiated curriculum following children’s interests  Small group teaching with teacher/teaching assistant  1-1 support from a teaching assistant to facilitate access through support or modified resources  Specialist equipment when required  Individual SEN plans  Time spent in a group more appropriate to meet the child’s needs  Strategies put in place as provided by professionals/specialist services/outreach |
| How we track and assess pupil progress towards the outcomes that we have targeted for pupils (including how we involve pupils and their parents/carers).  What we do when provision or interventions need to be extended or increased and how we evaluate their overall effectiveness. | Regular observations moderated with staff team and outside colleagues including characteristics of learning and individual learning stories  Ongoing discussions with parents/staff available to offer support/advice to parents  Individual targets around progress and behaviour  CAFS  External professionals undertaking assessment  Regular review of targets with child/parents  Data analysis (progress and outcomes) |
| Strategies/support to develop independent learning. | Accessible and inclusive environment  Personalised support plans  Visual timetables  High expectations clearly communicated |
| Support /supervision at unstructured times of the day including personal care arrangements. | Accessible and inclusive environment  Personalised support plans  Visual timetables  Staff:child ratio  Strong transition times that support training in independent skills including personal care. |
| Extended school provision available; before and after school, holidays etc. | N/A |
| How will we support pupils to be included in activities outside the classroom (including school trips) working alongside their peers who do not have SEND? | Information shared from outside agencies circulated to all children.  Designated staff member to liaise with parents highlighting opportunities available to all and supporting parents where necessary or requested |
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| Strategies used to reduce anxiety, prevent bullying, promote emotional wellbeing and develop self-esteem including mentoring. | Peer massage  Communication friendly spaces  Designated keyworker  Transition sessions prior to starting date  Personalised transition timetable where appropriate  Close liaison with families  Tapestry online journal |
| What strategies can be put in place to support behaviour management? | Positive Behaviour strategies  Clear behaviour policy  Assertive discipline  personalised support plans  Boxhall profile assessment and personalised plan  Where it is felt appropriate we work closely with specialist agencies to create supportive intervention and support plans from the earliest opportunity. |
| How we support pupils in their transition into our school and when they leave us *and in preparing for adulthood*. | Invitation to nursery to meet with staff  Early identification of children moving to schools and transition plans set up  Staff invited to setting to work with children in nursery  Sharing of information  Opportunity to moderate evidence and data |
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| Access to strategies, resources, programmes, therapists to support occupational therapy/ physiotherapy needs and medical needs. | Close liaison with Woodview CDC  Designated staff member to deliver support plans  Staff training to support medical needs  Children’s needs assessed/requested prior to entry to support transition. |
| Extra support for parents and carers and pupils offered by the school/how parents are involved in their child’s education. | We have a designated staff member who makes early contact with the families of children where we feel extra support may be needed. We attend home visits to see the child in their most comfortable surroundings. Families are invited to join us for transition visits and to share all information. Parents are invited to regular dedicated stay and plays and to review plans on a regular basis. Dedicated staff member shares information from local specialist provision and supports parents accessing workshops and information evenings. |
| How additional funding for SEND is used within the school with individual pupils. | Additional funding for children with SEND is accessed via applications for enhanced funding or through accessing DAF funding. This is used to implement individual support plans, train staff and purchase appropriate necessary resources. Where children are in receipt of an EHC plan funding is used to ensure appropriate delivery of the plan targets, this is reviewed by HBC. |
| Arrangements for supporting pupils who are looked after by the local authority and have SEND. Including examples of how pupil premium is used within the school. | We have named designated teacher for LAC. We then work closely with HBC to ensure that EYPEP and support plans are followed and progress closely monitored. Pupil premium funding has previously been used to purchase early intervention materials (e.g. Wellcom) train staff and pay for additional support hours. |
| **SENCO name/contact:** | |
| **Headteacher name/contact:** | |
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