



Lilycroft Primary School

SEND Information Report 2023

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Introduction

Lilycroft is a two-form entry primary school located in Manningham, Bradford. We are a dedicated and hardworking school that aims to raise standards and broaden the range of experiences available for all our pupils. All pupils in school receive Quality First teaching which means that a range of teaching and learning styles are used to ensure that our teaching is accessible for all.

Lilycroft is part of the Priestley Academy Trust and as a Multi Academy Trust, we are committed to working together to provide the highest quality of care for all our children. PAT SENDCOs have continued to work together regularly to share information and provide collaborative solutions to support individual needs in our schools, extend and embed the inclusion of SEND Pupils in whole school systems like assessment and data recording and training.

This year we have enhanced the visual support of learning and communication across all schools by adding Widgit to our IT resources and enabling support staff and teachers access to training for this and Clicker8.



Lilycroft Primary is the first school in the North of England to have purchased a sensory hub Cubbie in response to the ever-increasing number of pupils with sensory and regulation needs.

This year the PAT Central Team arranged training for senior leaders and SENDCOs with a consultant SEND Law specialist, examining SEND finance across all schools, and this has resulted in all schools delving deeper into funding shortfalls.

We have continued to work closely with the Educational Psychology Team, through sessions commissioned and directed in each school. We have used the Bradford's SCIL Team new offer to schools to address different needs, according to our own schools' priorities. We have also met with the Team leader twice to receive up to date information about their offer to schools, and to feedback our views on the changes provided by this service.

Some SENDCos have attended CAER research training, and the Schools Forum with Health professionals, adding to discussions pertinent to our settings. Two SENDCOs presented a description of the SEND Needs in a Primary school to a 'Disability awareness, Share Bi-monthly' event in January 23. This was well received with follow up questions and information shared after the event. Some schools have continued to support Bradford's Neuro Diversity research project to trial a screening tool with Year 1 parents and pupils. This is likely to involve further schools during the current academic year. This year, all schools were involved in Inclusion training with different schools focusing on different areas of need. Good practice was then shared across the Trust to ensure all schools were making progress in all 4 areas of need.

Lilycroft Approach:

High quality first teaching and additional strategies and provision are defined through our child centred planning approach across the school. These processes help us to regularly review and record what we offer all children in our school and what we offer additionally. These discussions also serve to embed our high expectations amongst staff about quality first teaching and the application of a differentiated and personalised approach to teaching and learning. We make a point of discussing aspirations with ALL our children and parents. This is a whole-school approach and this report will promote how we underpin this practice across our classrooms and support arrangements.

Underpinning ALL our provision in school is the **graduated approach** cycle of:



All teachers are responsible for every child in their care, including those with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND).

Assess: *All practitioners / weekly / half termly/ termly*

Plan: *All practitioners / daily / weekly / monthly*

Do: *All practitioners / daily / weekly / monthly*

Review: *All practitioners / daily / weekly / half termly*

Having consulted with children and their parents, all our additional provision is based on an agreed outcomes approach and these are discussed with the professionals that offer the support to our children and hold both our internal/external providers and ourselves to account.

SEND Team

Lilycroft Primary's Special Educational Needs Coordinator is Aleks Atanaskovic.

Appointments can be made through the Office 01274 543 357

The SENDCo can be contacted at alex.atanaskovic@prestley.academy

At Lilycroft we have teachers and support staff who are:

- Able to support children using quality first teaching
- Trained to support children with ASD
- Trained in specialist ways of working with pupils with severe communication needs including Intensive Interaction and objects of reference
- Able to de-escalate complex behaviour episodes and safely manage pupils who are anxious
- Able to lead Lego therapy groups to develop speaking and listening skills
- Able to lead Sensory Circuit activities
- Able to identify concerns regarding mental health.
- Able to support children through 1:1 art, PE and outdoor provision
- Staff trained on supporting children with a variety of medical needs including allergies, asthma and metabolic disorders.
- Are confident supporting and advising parents of children with SEND needs.

This is our Local Offer to the pupils and families at Lilycroft. It outlines the range of support and provision available to meet the needs of identified children as and when appropriate. This is subject to change depending on staff skills, budgetary constraints and policy review.

How do we promote positive behaviour?

Lilycroft behaviour policy is based on the relational approach which means that all our staff are trained to deal with the range of behaviours in such way of interacting or communicating with children that embodies core values such as respect, inclusiveness, compassion and cooperation.



This year, Lilycroft Primary have also introduced My Happy Mind. This programme teaches the children about their brain and explains how this impacts on our emotions and well being. This is done through short videos, stories, characters around the classroom and regular shout outs in assembly.

SEND Needs:

Children and young people's SEND are generally thought of in the following four broad areas of need and support:

1. Communication and interaction
2. Cognition and learning
3. Social, emotional and mental health
4. Sensory and/or physical needs

For the detailed definitions of these areas, please see our SEND Policy:

<https://www.lilycroftprimaryschool.co.uk/policies/>

At present, across our Primary School we have:

- **12 children with an EHCP and 53 children on the SEND Register.**
- **The most prevalent needs are ASC and Speech and language difficulties – which correlates with the current national trend.**

The needs of children with SEND at Lilycroft Primary School range from Moderate Learning Difficulties (MLD) to Profound and Multiple Learning Difficulties (PMLD), Autism, Physical Difficulties, Hearing Impairment and Speech Language and Communication Needs (SLCN).

Identifying children's needs

Children's learning and emotional needs are observed on a daily basis by all staff. Staff work in collaboration with each other and with families to form the full picture of a child's needs. This informs an initial baseline assessment. All children's progress is rigorously tracked and monitored, three times a year, by qualified Teachers, Early Years Practitioners and Teaching Learning partners, in line with age-related expectations.

School staff liaise with children's parents/carers regularly to share information about progress made, as well as to identify any potential developmental delay concerns.

If there are concerns about a child's progress, or if a child requires additional support, this will be identified as early as possible through professional dialogue between parents, the child's Teacher, additional adults and the school's SENDCO.

Parents/carers are consulted if their child is not making expected progress that is broadly in line with age-related expectations. We will request the consent of parents/carers for closer monitoring and for additional strategies/provision to be put in place.

Support strategies are implemented through means of small group work or one-to-one support which may take place daily or weekly, dependent on need. Teachers, Early Years Practitioners, Teaching Assistants and the SENDCO monitor the success of these support strategies and make informed judgments regarding their impact on learning and progress.

If the child continues to experience delay or difficulties in all or some areas of progress, learning and development, the school will, in cooperation with parents/carers, make a request to the Local Authority for further assessments and/or Educational Health and Care Assessment which might lead to the EHCP.

Arrangements for assessing and reviewing children's progress towards set outcomes

The school's system for regularly observing, assessing and recording the progress of all children is used to identify children who are not progressing at a satisfactory rate, and who may have additional needs. This includes:

- Early Years progress observed and measured in Development Journal,
- Progress measured against the P level descriptors (B Squared 2014) and
- Observations of sensory needs using Sensory Profiles for Early Years and Primary Years.
- Evidence from an existing Education Health and Care Plan.
- Assessments by a specialist service, such as educational psychology, specialist teachers, speech and language therapists and other medical professionals identifying additional needs
- Another school or LA which has identified or has provided for additional needs.
- Use of the Local Authorities baseline assessment in reading, writing and maths.
- Assessment of progress on Provision Maps(Individual Educational Plans) targets.

If a member of staff is concerned about the progress of a child be it academic, social or emotional, they will complete a concern form. The child will then be observed by Mrs Atanaskovic and next steps will be put in place.

How Lilycroft Primary School adapts the curriculum and the learning environment for children with SEND

The Equality Act 2010, which replaced Disability Discrimination Act 2001, placed a duty on all schools and Local Authorities to plan to increase over time, the accessibility of schools for disabled children and also to implement these plans. In line with this, Lilycroft Primary School have a fully developed Accessibility Plan, which is available on the school's website. The school is proactive in removing barriers to learning. Lilycroft Primary has achieved Physical Friendly School Status alongside Sanctuary Award. These awards are recognition that our school aims to remove any barriers to learning and the development for all children. This covers teaching and learning and the wider curriculum of the school such as participation in educational visits. The school continues to evaluate how best to improve access to the physical environment of the school.

Arrangements for monitoring and evaluation

The success of the School's SEND policy and provision is evaluated through:

- Monitoring of classroom practice by the SENDCo and SLT (Senior Leadership Team)

- Evaluating the impact and success of the additional provision.
- Progress data for children on the SEND register
- Monitoring of procedures and practice by the SEND governor
- School's Self-Evaluation Form (SEF)
- The School Development Plan
- Visits from LA personnel and Ofsted inspection arrangements
- Feedback from parents and staff, both formal and informal, following meetings to produce Provision Maps and targets, revise provision and celebrate success.

Working with Families

At Lilycroft Primary, we have an open-door policy to encourage partnership with parents/ carers.

We book frequent review meetings and arrange these at the beginning or end of the day to link in with pick up and drop off which enables parents and carers to attend. We listen to what parents/ carers tell us about their children to develop learning plans which make sure everyone who works with a child understands their needs. We seek to help families access the best advice and support for their children.

We hold half termly SEND Coffee Mornings where parents are invited to 'share a brew and a chat' where we discuss topics such as settling back into the school year. This is an opportunity to discuss any concerns and build relationships with other parents with children with SEND needs.

Over the next 12 months we are looking to invite external professionals to every session to share good practice and support parents at home. We hope by doing this, it will not only support parents but also help in developing an understanding of SEND needs in the local area.

Lilycroft Primary School External Partnerships

Lilycroft Primary work closely with outside agencies involved with our children. We welcome outside professionals into our school and value their expertise, which supports the learning, care and development of our children with SEND. We keep records of all visits from outside professionals, specifically, the advice and next steps for individual children. Any advice is diligently put into practice to ensure the very best support and care for all.

Within school we have an extensive knowledge of services to support children and families in the local community. We liaise closely with external services including, but not restricted to:

- SEND Bradford Teams: High Incidence Team: Cognition and Learning, SEMH, Early Intervention and Autism; and Low Incidence Team: Visual and Hearing Impairment,
- Educational Psychology Service (commissioned hours)
- Health Professionals: School Nurse, Occupational therapy, Physiotherapy, Paediatric Continence Team, Paediatricians and Hospital Consultants, Speech and Language Therapy Service, Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services, metabolic nursing team, metabolic dietician, haematology nursing team
- Social Care, Early Help agencies
- Family and Children's Centres.
- Parent Support Agencies including: SENDIASS (formerly Barnardo's)

Lilycroft Primary School and Transition Plans

In the Autumn term, before a child is due to leave Lilycroft Primary School, a discussion is held with parents about the next phase of education for their child. A plan is put in place to support parents with Secondary School applications. Parents are often accompanied by our staff when visiting prospective schools, so that they are fully supported to make the right choices for their children. Once children are allocated a place, we liaise with Secondary Schools to ensure a smooth transition from Lilycroft Primary to Secondary settings. In the Summer Term, before they leave our school, children visit their new schools accompanied by their support adults and the SENDCo.

Arrangements for complaints

Should children or parents/carers be unhappy with any aspect of our provision, they should discuss the problem with a class teacher and a teaching assistant.

Anyone who feels unable to talk to the teacher or the TA or is not satisfied with the received comments, should ask to speak to the SENDCO.

For a problem that might need more time to explore fully, parents/carers should make an appointment.

In the event of a formal complaint, parents are advised to contact the Head of School who will investigate and provide a copy of our Complaints Policy as necessary.

The LEA Parent Partnership Service is available to offer advice. Telephone: 01274 481183
[https://bso.bradford.gov.uk/userfiles/file/Special%20Educational%20Needs/Bradford%20PPS %20Leaflet.pdf](https://bso.bradford.gov.uk/userfiles/file/Special%20Educational%20Needs/Bradford%20PPS%20Leaflet.pdf)