



Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) Information Report

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Dear parents and carers,

The aim of this information report is to explain how we implement our SEND policy. In other words, we want to show you how SEND support works in our school/academy.

If you want to know more about our arrangements for SEND, read our SEND policy.

You can find it on our <https://www.northgateacademy.co.uk/>

Note: If there are any terms we've used in this information report that you're unsure of, you can look them up in the Glossary at the end of the report.

Our SEN policy and information report aims to:

- Set out how our school/academy will support and make provision for children and young people with special educational needs (SEN).
- Explain the roles and responsibilities of everyone involved in providing for children and young people with SEN.

This information report is based on the statutory [SEND Code of Practice January 2015.pdf \(publishing.service.gov.uk\)](#) and the following legislation:

- [Children and Families Act 2014 \(legislation.gov.uk\)](#), which sets out schools' responsibilities for scholars with SEN and disabilities.
- [The Special Educational Needs and Disability Regulations 2014 \(legislation.gov.uk\)](#), which set out schools' responsibilities for education, health and care (EHC) plans, SEN co-ordinators (SENCOs) and the SEN information report.

The special educational needs co-ordinator (SENCO) is available to offer support and guidance and make sure outside agencies work well with you to provide a full service to meet your child/young person's needs.

A child or young person has SEN if they have a learning difficulty or disability which calls for special educational provision to be made for them.

They have a learning difficulty or disability if they have:

- A significantly greater difficulty in learning than the majority of others of the same age, or
- A disability which prevents or hinders them from making use of facilities of a kind generally provided for others of the same age in mainstream schools.

Special educational provision is educational or training provision that is additional to, or different from, that made generally for other children or young people of the same age by mainstream schools.

1. What types of SEN does the school provide for?

Our school provides for pupils with the following needs:

AREA OF NEED	CONDITION
Communication and interaction	Autism spectrum disorder Speech and language difficulties
Cognition and learning	Specific learning difficulties, including dyslexia, dyspraxia, dyscalculia Moderate learning difficulties Severe learning difficulties
Social, emotional and mental health	Attention deficit hyperactive disorder (ADHD) Attention deficit disorder (ADD) Anxiety and mental health needs
Sensory and/or physical	Hearing impairments Visual impairment Multi-sensory impairment Medical conditions

2. Which staff will support my child, and what training have they had?

All teachers are teachers of SEND and all leaders are leaders of SEND

Our special educational needs co-ordinator, or SENCO

Our SENCO is Ms N Nasir.

Ms Nasir was appointed as SENCO at Djanogly Northgate Academy in July 2023. Before this, she worked as a qualified teacher at the school, working across Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2. Ms Nasir has experience of teaching pupils with a wide range of SEN and has led Art. Prior to teaching; she worked as a 1.1 Teaching Assistant supporting children with Autism and gaining knowledge of many different interventions. Miss Nasir has achieved the National Professional Qualification in SEND.

Inclusion Mentor and Family Support Worker

Our Inclusion Mentor and Family Support Worker is Mrs C Orellana.

Mrs Orellana was appointed as Inclusion Mentor at Djanogly Northgate Academy in October 2022. Prior to this appointment, she worked as a Teaching Assistant for 15 years across all Primary phases including in the EYFS. Mrs Orellana took on the role of Family Support Worker in April 2024 and works closely with many outside agencies to support families in school. Mrs Orellana has vast experience in working with children with special educational needs and has recently completed an MSc in Psychology.

Teachers

All of our teachers receive in-house SEN training, and are supported by the SENCO to meet the needs of pupils who have SEN.

Additional specialist training is sought and provided when request and or/ needs are identified. Recent training has included Attachment Theory, Understanding Behaviour and Boxall profiles, High Quality Teaching and Accommodations for SEND and Adaptive Practice.

Teaching assistants (TAs)

We have a team of 10 TAs, including 2 senior teaching assistants (STAs) who are trained to deliver SEN provision, as well as 2 health care assistants.

We have a number of teaching assistants who are trained to deliver interventions such as Precision Teaching, Intensive Interaction, Wellcomm, NELI, Little Wandle Phonics Programmes and ELSA.

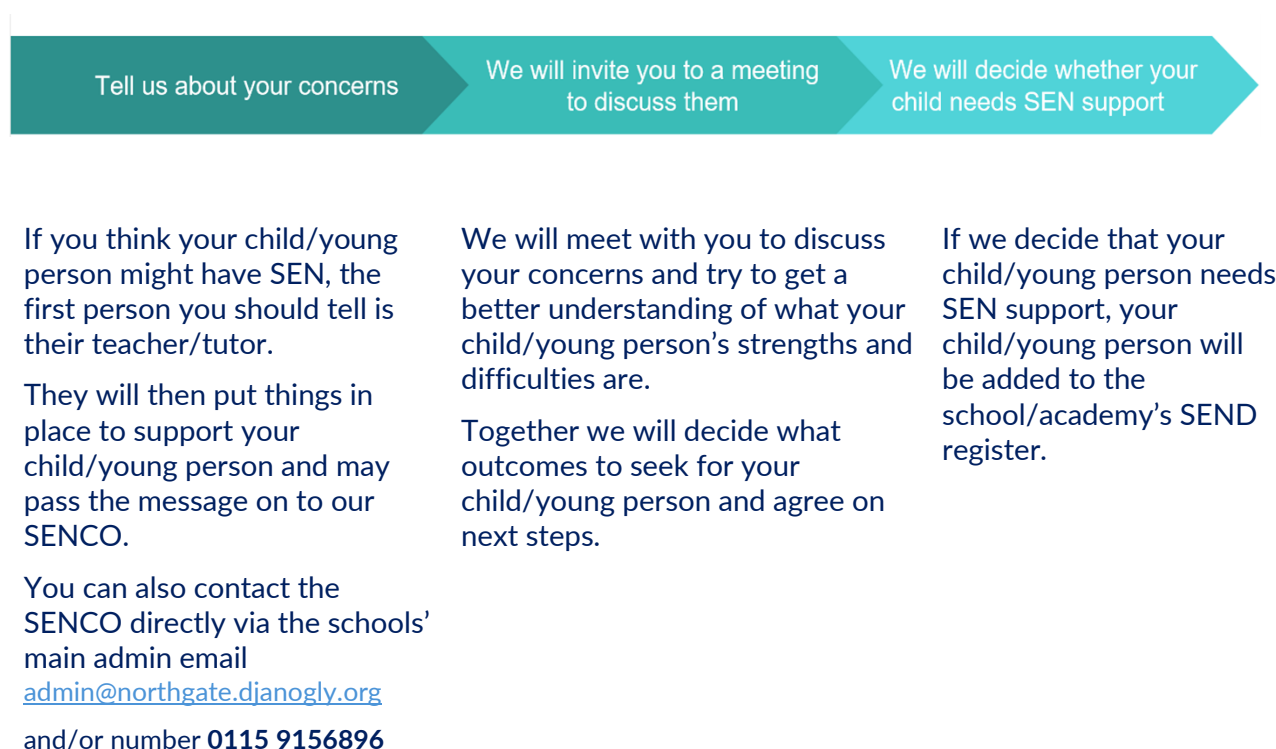
In the last academic year, TAs have been trained in Attachment Theory, Little Wandle Phonics, What's in the Bucket, Adaptive Practice and many more.

External agencies and experts

Sometimes we need extra help to offer our pupils the support that they need. Whenever necessary we will work with external support services to meet the needs of our pupils with SEN and to support their families. These include:

- Speech and language therapists
- Educational psychologists
- INclude Team
- Learning Support Team
- Autism Support Team
- Occupational therapists
- Physical Therapists
- GPs or paediatricians
- Child and adolescent mental health services (CAMHS)
- Social services and other LA-provided support services
- Mental Health Support Team
- Family Help

3. What should I do if I think my child/young person has SEN?



4. How will the school know if my child/young needs SEN support?

All our class teachers are aware of SEN and are on the lookout for any children/young people who are not making the expected level of progress. If the teacher notices that a child/young person is falling behind, they try to find out if they have any gaps in their learning and will then try to support these.

If the child/young person is still struggling to make the expected progress, the teacher will talk to the SENCO, and will contact you to discuss the possibility that your child/young person has SEN.

The SENCO will ask for your opinion and speak to your child/young person to get their input as well. They may also, where appropriate, ask for the opinion of external experts such as a speech and language therapist, an educational psychologist, or a paediatrician.

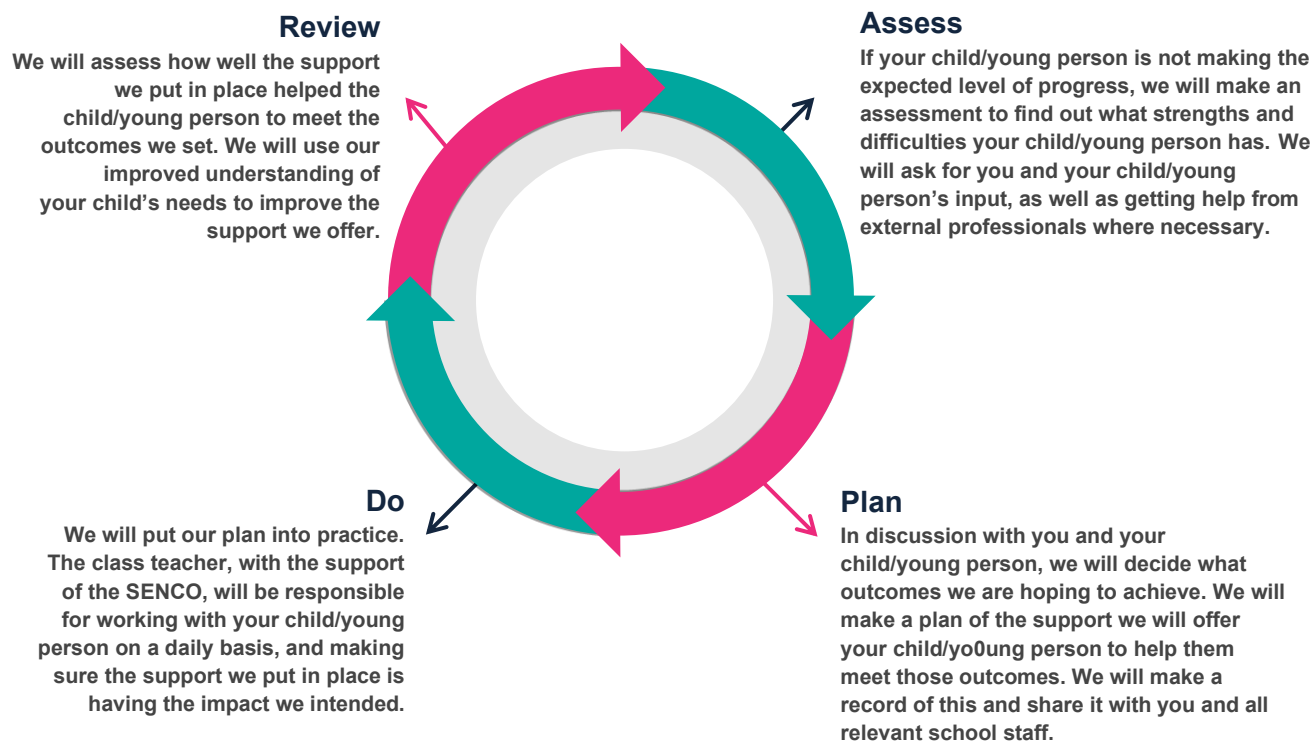
Based on all of this information, the SENCO will decide whether your child/young person needs SEN support.

If your child/young person does need SEN support, their name will be added to the school/academy's SEN register, and the SENCO will work with staff to support them in school.

5. How will the school measure my child/young person's progress?

We will follow the 'graduated approach' to meeting your child/young person's SEN needs.

The graduated approach is a 4-part cycle of **assess, plan, do, review**.



If we run an intervention with your child/young person, we will assess them before the intervention begins. This is known as a 'baseline assessment'. We do this so we can see how much impact the intervention has on your child/young person's progress.

6. How will I be involved in decisions made about my child/young person's education?

We will provide reports on your child/young person's progress.

Your child/young person's class teacher will meet you to:

- Discuss the support we will put in place to help your child/young person make that progress.
- Identify what we will do, what we will ask you to do, and what we will ask your child/young person to do

The SENCO may also attend these meetings to provide extra support.

If your child/young person's needs or aspirations change at any time, please let us know right away so we can keep our provision as relevant as possible.

If you have concerns that arise between these meetings, please contact your child/young person's teacher/tutor.

7. How will my child/young person be involved in decisions made about their education?

We may seek your child/young person's views by asking them to:

- Attend meetings to discuss their progress and outcomes
- Discuss their views with a member of staff who can act as a representative during the meeting

8. How will the school adapt its teaching for my child/young person?

High-quality teaching is our first step in responding to your child/young person's needs. We will make sure that your child/young person has access to a broad and balanced curriculum in every year they are at our academy.

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/young person.

Please look at the accessibility plan on the academy website.

These adaptations may include:

- Adapting our curriculum to make sure all children and young people 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, etc.
- Adapting our resources and staffing
- Using recommended aids, such as laptops, coloured paper, visual timetables, larger font, etc.
- Teaching assistants may support some pupils on a 1-to-1 basis
- Teaching assistants may support pupils in small groups
- We may also provide the following interventions:

AREA OF NEED	CONDITION	HOW WE MAY SUPPORT THESE PUPILS
Communication and interaction	Autism spectrum disorder Speech and language difficulties	Visual timetables Social stories Speech and Language therapy Intensive interaction
Cognition and learning		Chunking

	Specific learning difficulties, including dyslexia, dyspraxia and dyscalculia Moderate learning difficulties Severe learning difficulties	Pre and post teach Tutoring Writing slopes GL ready assessments and toolkits
Social, emotional and mental health	ADHD, ADD Adverse childhood experiences and/or mental health issues	Quiet workstation Nurture groups Visual timetables
Sensory and/or physical	Hearing impairment Visual impairment Multi-sensory impairment Physical impairment	Limiting classroom displays Enlarged text Adaptations to the environment

9. How will the school/academy evaluate whether the support in place is helping my child/young person?

We will evaluate the effectiveness of provision for your child/young person by:

- Reviewing their progress towards their goals each term
- Reviewing the impact of interventions
- Monitoring by the SENCO
- Holding an annual review (if they have an education, health and care (EHC) plan)
- Using pupil questionnaires
- Using provision maps to measure progress

10. How will the school resources be secured for my child/young person?

It may be that your child/young person's needs mean we will apply for additional funding. This may be needed for:

- Extra equipment or facilities
- More teaching assistant hours
- Further training for our staff
- External specialist expertise

If that's the case, we will consult with external agencies to get recommendations on what will best help your child/young person access their learning.

11. How will the school/academy make sure my child/young person is included in activities alongside children and young people who don't have SEND?

We make sure that there are no barriers to our children and young people with SEND enjoying the same activities as other children and young people in our school/academy, including physical activities.

All of our extra-curricular activities and school/academy visits are available to all our children and young people, including our before and after-school clubs.

All pupils are encouraged to go on our academy trips, including our residential trips.

No child or young person 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.

12. How does the school/academy support children and young people with disabilities?

- Please refer to the academy Accessibility plan on the website.
- It is used to look at how we:
 - Increase the extent to which disabled children and young people can participate in the curriculum.
 - Improve the physical environment to enable disabled children and young people to take better advantage of the education, benefits, facilities and services we provide.
 - Improve the availability of accessible information to disabled children and young people.

13. How will the school/academy support my child/young person's mental health and emotional and social development?

We provide support for children and young people to progress in their emotional and social development in the following ways:

- Children and young people with SEN are also encouraged to be part of clubs to promote teamwork/building friendships
- We provide extra pastoral support for listening to the views of children and young people with SEN
- We run a nurture support for children and young people who need extra support with social or emotional development
- We have a 'zero tolerance' approach to bullying.
- The Mental Health Support Team (MHST) are working in school once a week with children and families to support emotional and mental health.
- Social groups are held weekly in each class to support children who sometimes find social situations challenging when needed.
- To promote positive friendships we may use a 'circle of friends'.
- If a child's emotional needs are not able to be met in school, we would refer with parental consent to appropriate external agencies.
- Referrals for ELSA (emotional, literacy, support adult) are available.

14. What support will be available for my child/young person as they transition between classes or settings or in preparing for adulthood?

Between years

To help children and young people with SEND be prepared for a new academy year we make sure:

- Information is passed on to the child's new Class Teacher in advance of any moves and a planning meeting takes place. All individualised planning/provision is shared with the new teacher so they know what has been tried, what is working and what the next steps are for that child
- The child has opportunities to visit and meet their new teacher/teachers before the end of the school year to begin to build a relationship with them
- School seek advice from any external professionals with regards to any additional help individuals may need to ensure they make progress

Between schools/academies

- When your child/young person is moving on from our academy, we will ask you and your child/young person what information you want us to share with the new setting.
- We will ask the parents of incoming pupils into our school/academy to discuss how we can best welcome their child/young person into our community.
- The new school's SENDCo will be contacted to ensure all information surrounding provision requirements is passed on
- All records for the child are securely transferred so the new school has all the information they need to ensure they can arrange appropriate provision and support

Moving to secondary school;

- School staff work alongside parents, children and external agencies to identify the choices for secondary school
- Where appropriate, school staff may accompany parents and/or children to visit a school
- Parents are offered support and advice on the processes, deadlines and paperwork that need completing in advance
- The teams working around individuals needing additional transition support will meet to discuss plans in advance
- Staff members from the children's new school are contacted and invited to attend meetings to ensure all information surrounding provision requirements is passed on. Parents and children will be included in these meetings where possible
- All records are securely transferred so the new school has all the information they need to ensure that appropriate provision and support can be arranged
- All children will have opportunities of focused learning about aspects of transition to support their understanding of the changes ahead. These opportunities may be tailored to an individual's specific needs or concerns
- Where possible, children may visit their new school on a number of occasions and in some cases staff from the new school may visit the child at Djanogly Northgate Academy

Onto adulthood

We provide all our children and young people with appropriate advice on paths into work or further education.

We work with the child/young person to help them achieve their ambitions, which can include goals in higher education, employment, independent living and participation in society.

15. What support is in place for looked-after and previously looked-after children and young people with SEN?

The Designated teacher (Ms Nasir) will work with teachers to ensure they understand how a looked-after or previously looked-after child/young person's circumstances and their SEN might interact, and what the implications are for teaching and learning.

Children and young people who are looked-after or previously looked-after will be supported much in the same way as any other child or young person who has SEND. However, looked-after children and young people will also have a personal education plan (PEP). We will make sure that the PEP and any SEN support plans or EHC plans are consistent and complement one another.

16. What should I do if I have a complaint about my child/young person's SEN support?

Complaints about SEN provision in our school should be made to the class teacher and/or SENCO in the first instance. They will then be referred to the [school's complaints policy](#).

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.

To see a full explanation of suitable avenues for complaint, see pages 246 and 247 of the [SEN Code of Practice](#).

17. What support is available for me and my family?

If you have questions about SEND, or are struggling to cope, please get in touch to let us know. We want to support you, your child/young person and your family.

To see what support is available to you locally, have a look at Nottingham City's or Nottinghamshire's local offer depending on where you live. Nottingham City and Nottinghamshire County Councils publish information about the local offer on their websites:

Nottingham City Council:

<https://www.asklion.co.uk/kb5/nottingham/directory/localoffer.page?directorychannel=7>

Nottinghamshire County Council:

<https://www.nottshelpyourself.org.uk/kb5/nottinghamshire/directory/localoffer.page?newdirectorychannel=9>

Our local special educational needs and disabilities information advice and support services (SENDIASS) organisations are:

Follow this link to our local [SENDIASS](#) organisation.

National charities that offer information and support to families of children with SEND are:

- [IPSEA](#)
- [SEND family support](#)
- [NSPCC](#)
- [Family Action](#)
- [Special Needs Jungle](#)

18. Glossary

- **Access arrangements** – special arrangements to allow children and young people with SEND to access assessments or exams
- **Annual review** – an annual meeting to review the provision in a child/young person's EHCP
- **Area of need** – the 4 areas of need describe different types of needs a child or young person with SEND can have. The 4 areas are communication and interaction; cognition and learning; physical and/or sensory; and social, emotional and mental health needs.
- **CAMHS** – child and adolescent mental health services
- **Differentiation** – when teachers adapt how they teach in response to a child/young person's needs
- **EHC needs assessment** – the needs assessment is the first step on the way to securing an EHCP. The local authority will do an assessment to decide whether a child/young person needs an EHCP.
- **EHCP** – an education, health and care plan is a legally-binding document that sets out a child/young person's needs and the provision that will be put in place to meet their needs.
- **First-tier tribunal/SEND tribunal** – a court where you can appeal against the local authority's decisions about EHC needs assessments or plans and against discrimination by a school/academy or local authority due to SEND
- **Graduated approach** – an approach to providing SEN support in which the school/academy provides support in successive cycles of assessing the child/young person's needs, planning the provision, implementing the plan, and reviewing the impact of the action on the child/young person
- **Intervention** – a short-term, targeted approach to teaching a child/young person with a specific outcome in mind
- **Local offer** – information provided by the local authority which explains what services and support are on offer for children and young people with SEN in the local area
- **Outcome** – target for improvement for children and young people with SEND. These targets don't necessarily have to be related to academic attainment
- **Reasonable adjustments** – changes that the school/academy must make to remove or reduce any disadvantages caused by a child/young person's disability
- **SENCO** – the special educational needs co-ordinator
- **SEN** – special educational needs
- **SEND** – special educational needs and disabilities

- **SEND Code of Practice** – the statutory guidance that schools/academies must follow to support children and young people with SEND
- **SEN information report** – a report that schools/academies must publish on their website, that explains how the school/academy supports children and young people with SEN
- **SEN support** – special educational provision which meets the needs of children and young people with SEN
- **Transition** – when a child or young person moves between years, phases, schools/academies or institutions or life stage