



Support for Children and Families with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities

How do we define Special Educational Needs (SEN)?

It is important to understand that every child is different and every child has their own strengths and weaknesses and this should be celebrated. This also applies to the way in which children learn. Some children may have unique barriers to learning and may need additional support (than that of their peers) in order to make progress. At Spring Vale we use the definition of SEN outlined in the SEND Code of Practise (2014). Children will be classified as having a Special Educational Need in the following areas:

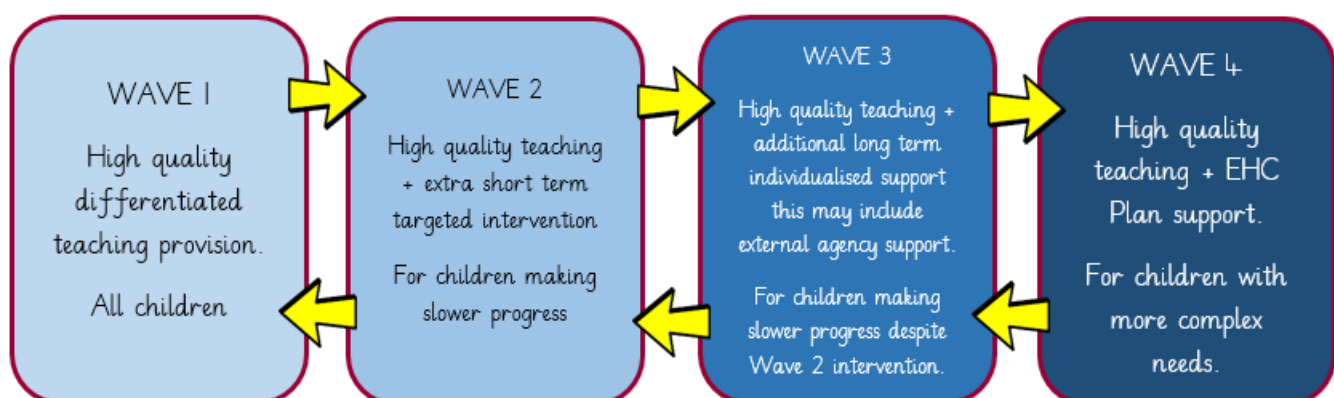
- Cognition and Learning
- Communication and Language
- Social, Emotional and Mental Health
- Sensory and/or Physical Needs

The school will use a range of strategies to assess your child's needs including statutory assessments, pupil observations and progress tracking. If school feel there is a concern about progress and a possible Special Educational Need has been identified, you will be contacted at the earliest possible opportunity, a meeting will be arranged where this can be discussed. If you as a parent have a particular concern then we welcome to contact your child's teacher, SENCo or Headteacher to arrange a meeting for this to be explored further.

How do we support children with Special Educational Needs?

At Spring Vale Primary School, we use a system known as 'Waves of Intervention'. This system is a flexible tiered approach to supporting children with a range of additional needs. It is important to understand that this system is fluid and children can move up and down the tiers depending on constant evaluation of their needs and the impact of the additional support they receive. Additional support for children with additional needs is delivered through four successive levels (waves).

A visual representation of this can be seen below:



Our school also uses a wide range of external agencies to support children with Special Educational Needs and their families. After initial discussions and consent from parents, your child may be referred to the appropriate service. Information on the services we use is found below:

In School (bought in) services for children with additional needs:

1. Specialist SEND Teacher – provides assessments, advice and specialised teaching support.
2. Educational Psychology Service – provides assessment and advice for meeting the needs of children with special educational needs.
3. Lead Pastoral Worker – provides support for children and families with social, emotional and mental health needs.

Local Authority Provision delivered in our school:

4. Special Needs Early Years Team – for children with additional needs in the foundation stage.
5. Wolverhampton Special Schools Outreach Service – specialist support for children with additional needs.
6. Sensory Inclusion Service – for children with visual or hearing impairments.
7. The Wolverhampton Information, Advice and Support Service – offers support to families

NHS Provision delivered in our school

8. School Nurse Service
9. Speech and Language Therapy Team
10. Occupational Therapy Service
11. Physiotherapy service
12. Health Visitor
13. Optical Nurse

Where can I find out more information?

At Spring Vale Primary school we have an 'open door' policy, if you have any questions regarding the assessment or provision for children with Special Educational Needs, we welcome you to speak to the class teacher or alternatively contact the school to arrange a meeting with the SENCo or Headteacher at a time that is convenient to discuss this further. Full details of the school offer for children with Special

Educational Needs can be found in our 'SEN Information Report' on the school website and further information about the local offer for Wolverhampton can be found at:

<http://www.wolverhampton.gov.uk/send>

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