

## What do I do if I am concerned about my child?

The best first step is to talk to your child's class teacher.

You can contact the SENCO, Deputy SENCO or the Early Years SENCO:

Mrs Helen Pearce  
Mrs Louise Warland  
Mrs Tracy Baker

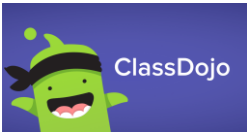
SENCO  
Deputy SENCO  
Early Years SENCO

KS2 **Years 3 – 6**  
KS1 **Years 1 and 2**  
**Reception**

You can contact us by



01255 422825



Message us on Class Dojo



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We will always look into any concern you have.

**Our SEN & Pastoral Team are always here to help**



Mrs Baker  
Early Years  
SENCO



Mrs Pearce  
SENCO



Mrs Warland  
Deputy  
SENCO



Miss Watts  
Pastoral  
Support  
Co-ordinator

## Meet the SEN & Pastoral Support Team



Mrs Davis  
Family Support  
Worker



Miss Hanmore  
Learning  
Mentor



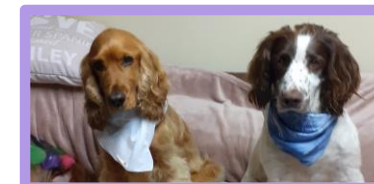
Mrs Haygreen  
Learning  
Mentor



Mrs Batt  
SEN Admin Assistant



Miss Leavens  
Learning  
Mentor



Bailey & Spot  
Nurture Dogs



Mrs Kitchener  
Speech &  
Language  
Specialist LSA

Special Educational Needs are split into four areas of need:

### **Communication and Interaction**

- Speech, Language and/or Communication Needs
- Autistic Spectrum Disorder

### **Cognition and Learning**

- Moderate Learning Difficulties
- Specific Learning Difficulties (including Dyslexia or Dyspraxia)

### **Sensory and/or Physical Needs**

- Visual Impairment
- Hearing Impairment
- Physical Disabilities

### **Social, Emotional and Mental Health needs**

- This category of need was previously known as Behaviour, Emotional and Social Difficulties
- It was changed to focus upon looking at the reason behind any behaviour difficulties
- This category includes pupils diagnosed with ADHD

### **How does White Hall Academy support a child with Special Educational Needs?**

The type of support provided for your child will depend upon their area of need and support is personalised to meet their individual problems. There are many ways of supporting your child, including a Learning Support Assistant supporting within the classroom, or working with your child on a specific intervention.

### **What are Education, Health and Care Plans (EHCPs)?**

Education Health Care Plans (EHCPs) support a child when they are not making the expected progress and require a high level of support.

Please note: a medical diagnosis does NOT mean that a child is automatically entitled to an EHCP.

### **How is my child assessed for Special Educational Needs?**

Once we receive a concern, we carry out observations and assessments. The areas assessed might include reading, writing, maths, working memory, speech and language, social, emotional and wellbeing needs.

We try to find out what could be stopping your child from making progress and what the next steps could be for supporting your child's needs.

If the assessments show that your child has a Special Educational Need we will talk with you and your child's teacher to put together a One Plan/Personal Support Plan (PSP). We will involve your child by listening to their views and encourage them to think about how they can also help themselves, to develop their independent skills.

### **What is classed as a Special Educational Need?**

A child has a Special Educational Need if they:

- **have a significant greater difficulty in learning than the majority of others of the same age**

or

- **have a physical or mental impairment which has a substantial and long term adverse effect on their ability to carry out normal day to day activities.**

**A child may be disabled and NOT have Special Educational Needs (SEN) and a child may have SEN and NOT be disabled.**

### **Where can I find out more information about Special Educational Needs?**

There are lots of websites where you can find out more about SEN.

You might find these helpful to start with:

[www.essexlocaloffer.org.uk](http://www.essexlocaloffer.org.uk)

[www.extrasupportforfamilies.co.uk](http://www.extrasupportforfamilies.co.uk)

[www.autism-anglia.org.uk](http://www.autism-anglia.org.uk)

[www.youngminds.org.uk](http://www.youngminds.org.uk)

Our school's SEN Information Report can be found on the White Hall Academy website [www.whitehallacademy.co.uk](http://www.whitehallacademy.co.uk). The support section can be found under the Wellbeing heading.