



Selston C of E Infant and Nursery school **2025 - 2026**



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1. What kind of special educational needs does our school make provision for?

If any child in our school has a barrier to learning, we will make sure that we provide the very best opportunities for them to take part in every aspect of school life.

Barriers to learning may include:

- Communication and Interaction (Speech, Language and Communication difficulties, Autistic Spectrum disorder or any other communication need).
- General learning difficulties both moderate and severe, and including, for example, dyslexia.
- Social, emotional and mental health difficulties such as ADHD, attachment difficulties or demand avoidance.
- Problems with sight or hearing, or other physical disabilities such as cerebral palsy.
- Alternatively, your child may have a different less common disability or medical condition that causes a barrier to learning.

2. How does our school ensure that children who need extra help are identified early?

Children with SEND are identified as early as possible within our setting. We follow a graduated approach where any comments or concerns regarding a child's education are monitored and assessed by the inclusion team. This will include collaborative meetings with the caregivers and staff members, observations and action plans and referrals to further support agencies where necessary.

When a child is already identified as having SEND before they start at Selston, we work closely with caregivers and colleagues from other settings who already have an understanding of the child's specific needs. We use this information to help us identify how we will meet the child's needs in our setting.

If you have any concerns about any aspect of your child's education, please discuss this with the class teacher who will then involve the inclusion team if appropriate.

3. What should a parent/carer do if they think their child may have special educational needs?

Our school has an open-door policy for caregivers to make contact if they have a particular concern about their child and/or the provision being made for their child.

If you have any concerns about any aspect of your child's education, please discuss this with their class teacher who will then involve the inclusion team if appropriate.

4. How does our school judge whether the support we provide for children has had an impact?

We have high expectations and aspirations for all children. Monitoring of progress is undertaken daily by the class teacher; more formal monitoring takes place once a term alongside the Inclusion and Senior Leadership Teams. We work closely with a number of other schools within the SNMAT to ensure rigorous monitoring and moderation.

If there is a concern about the progress a child is making, a graduated approach will be implemented to ensure we are supporting the child in the best possible ways.

The progress of children who are identified with having SEND may be tracked on B Squared which is a tool that can help identify small steps of progress. Targets will be created in conjunction with the child, caregivers and staff members; these will be reviewed at least termly.

Our staff team undertake regular training opportunities in how best to support children with SEND; we have a comprehensive range of intervention strategies running in all classes throughout school. The impact of these strategies is monitored termly by the Senior Leadership team.

5. How does the school approach teaching children with special educational needs?

It is our desire to challenge and inspire all children and to help them access the curriculum in an inclusive manner. Our staff members are given regular professional development to support them in being able to carefully plan and adapt the curriculum to meet the needs of all children.

We plan teaching groups flexibly and review them on a regular basis so that we have the right level of challenge for children with SEND. We structure every day so that all children are involved in adult-led sessions and can apply their learning independently.

In some cases, advice might be sought from specialists such as Specialist Teachers, Speech and Language Therapists, Physiotherapists, Occupational Therapists, Social Emotional and Mental Health Teams, Educational Psychologists and Paediatricians.

6. How will the school involve parents/carers in discussions around planning for a child's education?

We believe that children make the best progress when caregivers and staff members work together. We aim to work as collaboratively as possible with caregivers; Termly, formal reviews of progress are held with all relevant members of staff and caregivers.

Additional formal meetings may be arranged if there are any known changes or concerns such as key transition points.

Informal conversations and updates are held as often as appropriate between the class teacher and caregivers, for some children this may be daily.

Caregivers are welcome to seek additional meetings with the class teacher or SENCO as required.

7. What are the arrangements for consulting young people with SEND and involving them in their education?

Children's views are very important to us. We believe that it is important for children's opinions, thoughts and feelings to be considered when discussing and planning their education choices.

For formal review meetings, child's opinions are gathered at a level accessible to them: this may include selecting images, responding with 'yes' or 'no' or giving detailed accounts of their choices. Child involvement in meetings is carefully planned with those who know the child best, e.g. caregivers and those working closely with them.

Class teachers plan carefully for structured opportunities for all children to express their needs, views and concerns. This might be through their PSHE scheme of work, circle time, small group work or individual sessions.

8. How will the school match the curriculum and learning to a child's personal needs?

All class teachers take responsibility for meeting the needs of all children, making sure each child has the right levels of work and support. Where a child has a SEND, class teachers will be aware of their strengths, areas for development and agreed targets.

We make every effort to provide for all children; careful and regular checking of the progress of all children leads to different approaches and levels of support being implemented. We want all our children to learn how to be independent learners; sometimes the teacher will find a specific or general gap in learning that needs some extra teaching in a small group in or outside the classroom. This will be with a teacher, teaching assistant or trainee teacher.

Occasionally a child's SEND means that we need to provide a teaching assistant more often to help them to access what is happening in school, this may be on a 1:1 basis or as part of support from outside agencies.

9. How are decisions made about the type and amount of support a child will receive?

Our aim is to eliminate barriers to learning. When a child is identified as having a barrier to learning, school staff alongside the child and their caregivers will agree targets and outcomes within SEND review meetings. Support and provision will be agreed within these review meetings.

The child and caregiver contributions are a central part of these discussions, we agree how we can work together to empower the child to achieve their targets.

The school staff usually recommend the nature of support needed; advice may be sought from specialist teams in some cases.

10. How accessible is the school environment?

We are committed to making adjustments and removing barriers to learning for all children.

We use signs and symbols throughout the school for all children to support communication.

We have spaces and tools available for sensory regulation.

We have a range of equipment and facilities that may be used to support children with SEND.

We are a wheelchair accessible school and have a hygiene suite to cater for personal care needs.

In cases where a child may require further specialist equipment, such as specialist seating, the SENCO will liaise with the relevant specialist services (such as Occupational Therapy or the Physical Disability Support Services) to seek advice on the best provision.

11. How will the school prepare and support a child to join the school, transfer to a new school or to the next stage of education and life?

Transition into the school is something that is carefully considered, some children may require specialist support to transition into the school.

For all children transitioning into the school:

- We give families opportunities to visit and look around the school before their child's start date.
- We meet with caregivers and the child before they start at the school, this can include home or previous setting visits.

For some children it may be necessary to:

- Plan an individual transition programme in response to a child's specific needs.
- Meet with any other professionals who may have been previously involved with the child.

We work very closely with our local feeder schools on an annual transition programme for all children transitioning to KS2. For children with SEND, individual transition programmes may be agreed in response to a child's specific needs.

We have a comprehensive PSHE program which prepares children for independent living in age-appropriate ways (please see the school website for more information on our curriculum).

Our school's Christian values are an integral part of our curriculum and prepare children for their positive role in wider society.

When considering SEND Support plans for children we formulate life skill targets that are relevant to individual children.

12. What do parents/carers need to do if they have a concern or complaint about the SEN provision made by the school?

We encourage caregivers to address any concerns as they arise, firstly with the key worker or class teacher. If they are unable to help you may wish to seek advice from the SENCO or Executive Head Teacher.

In most cases we find that with discussion and the sharing of ideas, we are able to find solutions to most problems. However, if you are not satisfied that the concern has been addressed, you may want to ask for the school governors' representative. If you do not feel the issue has been resolved, you will need to follow the school's Complaints Procedure, a copy of which can be found on the school website.

13. How does the governing body involve other organisations and services (e.g. health, social care, local authority support services and voluntary organisations) in meeting the needs of children with special educational needs and supporting their families?

The school works with a wide range of specialist support services and organisations. If we think a child would benefit from specialist assessment or support, the class teacher or SENCO will, with your agreement and permission refer onto further specialist services.

It may be necessary for the following services and others to be involved in supporting a child's SEND:

- SALT – Speech and language therapist
- EPS – Education Psychology Service
- SIS – SEND Inclusion Service, including cognition and learning, autism team, communication and interaction team and Early Years specialist SEND teacher
- PDSS (Physical Disability Specialist Services) including hearing and visual impairment teams
- CAMHS – Child and Adolescent Mental Health Service
- NAP – North Ashfield Partnership including specialist SEMH (Social, Emotional and Mental Health) practitioners with access to therapeutic services
- Health teams, including dieticians and specialist nurses
- Bereavement services
- Child protection and social care services
- Family support services

14. What training have staffs had or are having to support children with special education needs?

All our staff (including teaching assistants and governors) attend regular training to support them in meeting the needs of all children. We have a comprehensive range of intervention strategies running in all classes throughout the school.

Our staff are trained in a variety of teaching approaches which means we can respond to a wide range of SEND. We use several different approaches to teaching which incorporate children's different learning styles.

We plan and attend training on an annual cycle within the Selston family of schools. The school SENCO will meet with the Family SENCO at least termly to discuss training needs and provide training events across the family of schools. We prioritise training to specifically meet the needs of individual children and children who may be due to transfer to the school. All staff have been trained in the changes and requirements of the Revised Code of Practice.

Examples of recent training attended by staff:

- Attention Everyone/Attention Autism Training
- B Squared Training
- Demand Avoidance Training
- Self-Regulation Training
- Lego Therapy Training

- Speech and Language Screening Tool Training
- Drawing and Talking Training
- Emotion Potion/Emotions Through Nursery Rhymes Training
- Precision Teaching Training
- Solihull Training
- Circle of Adults Training
- Dyslexia in the Early Years
- Whole Word Reading Approach
- Deaf Friendly Teaching
- Epilepsy Awareness

15. How are children included in activities outside of the classroom?

We strive for full inclusivity, and we work creatively and flexibly to ensure that all children can access enriching opportunities such as school trips and afterschool clubs. This may mean we provide extra support staff on trips or in clubs.

A risk assessment will be carried out for all activities off the school site. Where there is a very high level of need, we will liaise with the caregivers about suitable support or alternatives if necessary.

16. Who to contact and where to obtain further information.

The following members of the school team can be contacted by telephone on 01773 780131 or by email at office@selston.snamt.org.uk

Executive Head teacher	Joanna Redfern
Acting Head Teacher	Lynette Hardwick
SENCO	Kathryn Woods
SEN Governor	Linda Hanson
Pastoral Lead and DSL	Tracy Barker

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