



KS2 Complex Learning Difficulties Provision at Wren's Nest Primary School (Shooting Stars)



Provision Statement

To be read alongside all other school policies.



Introduction overview:

Shooting Stars is a provision for children with complex learning needs at Wren's Nest Primary School.

The provision was created to meet the needs of a group of KS2 children with EHCP's /undergoing statutory assessment for an EHCP. All children have a primary need of cognition and learning exacerbated by speech and language difficulties, social and emotional and mental health needs and/or physical disabilities. Some of the children within this group may have been placed in a special school, but parents have chosen for them to remain within a mainstream setting with appropriate levels of support.

The children within the provision should make good personal progress with their English and Maths skills as well as with their ability to work collaboratively, socialise and communicate appropriately developing resilience, self-esteem and independence throughout their learning opportunities.

Pupils who are part of the Shooting Stars group will work in the group rooms during the morning with a specific focus on literacy, numeracy and their social and communication skills development. During the afternoon, they will remain in Shooting Stars for the wider curriculum lessons and return to their mainstream class for their strength lessons with support.

As many of the children within this group have also experienced adverse child experiences (see appendix), the group provides a nurturing base, building on the children's experiences from previous booster and nurture groups at Wren's Nest, whilst the primary focus is to ensure each child makes sustained academic progress, develops social and communication skills as well as becoming independent learners and acquire self-management strategies.



Pupils will be supported by:

The KS2 Complex Learning Difficulties Provision (Shooting Stars) will be led by an experienced teacher who is also our SEND Team Leader and a full time Teaching Assistant in addition to a further full time Teacher and Teaching Assistant.

The children will be supported in their mainstream classrooms for their strength lessons by experienced TA's facilitating their access to the curriculum as well as delivering additional skills practice. The team of Learning Mentors and Specialist ASD Support TA will also be involved with some children providing additional support/groups.

In addition to this, the children may also access advice from external agencies including the Learning Support Service, Speech and Language Therapists, Occupational Therapists, Educational Psychologists and CAMHS.



How does Wren's Nest identify and assess children's individual Complex Learning Difficulties?

As part of the assess, plan, do, review process, the SENCO has access to a considerable amount of data (attainment and progress), as well as information about each child's additional needs including SEMH, speech and language, physical needs etc. Additional information is accessed through a range of outside agencies including the Learning Support Service, Speech and Language Therapists, Occupational Therapists, CIPS, Educational Psychologists and CAMHS. Parents are also asked as part of the EHCP assessment /review process where they would like their child to be placed. This will inform Professional decisions and provide information to plan effectively for next steps.



Home/school liaison:

We aim to be approachable and open, fostering a positive relationship between children, their teachers and parents:

- Wren's Nest operates a well-established open-door policy, enabling parents to come into school at any time to share key information or concerns about their child. For the Shooting Stars, we will also keep in contact in other ways, including daily face to face contact as the children are dropped off in the morning into the group room by their parents.
- Home school diaries, phone calls and notes home are also used.
- Termly Inspire Sessions are also held, giving parents and their children an opportunity to work together on aspects of the school curriculum further strengthening the home and school links.



The main principle of the Shooting Stars Provision is to provide an appropriately resourced curriculum, learning environment and range of teaching styles and support tailored to develop the varied strengths and needs of the individual children within the group as they "reach for the stars" to achieve their personal aspirations.



Additional Information:

What kind of learning needs are catered for within Shooting Stars?

Provision has been made for children who may experience a significant learning delay, moderate and/or specific learning difficulty requiring a curriculum that is heavily adapted to meet their individual learning needs and styles. The provision enables children to get the best of every school experience:

- access to a broad and balanced curriculum,
- continued engagement with their peer group, enabling friendships to develop and flourish
- Needs led English and Maths curriculum (whilst working within the remit of the national curriculum)
- some children may access strength lessons in their mainstream classroom for part of the day

What are the school admission arrangements for pupils with CLD needs?

All children within the Shooting Stars group have an EHCP or are in the process of being assessed for one. Decisions about which children will be offered places will be made by the school SENCO and Headteacher with the support of external agencies such as the EP service and Learning Support acting on the advice and assessments collated as part of the EHCP assessment/review process.



How does Shooting Stars assess pupil progress towards the outcomes for pupils?

Children's progress towards meeting their outcomes is identified through:

- Sonar gap analysis – progress is monitored half termly.
- Ascent Assessment Tracker – AAT – progress is monitored half termly.
- EHCP /SEN Plan assessment/review
- Assessments and monitoring carried out by the external professionals
- Additional assessments carried out by the SENCO within school.



Other Related Policies

Other relevant information that should be read in conjunction with this policy statement are:

- SEND Policy
- Behaviour Policy
- Use of Reasonable Force
- Exclusion Policy
- Child Protection Policy
- 'Keeping Children Safe in Education'
- Medical Needs Policy
- School Information Report
- Use of Reasonable Force
- Early Years Foundation Stage Policy

The whole policy statement is available for alt://www.wrens-nest.dudley.sch.uk