

## **Peacehaven Community School**

# **Special Educational Needs/Disability Information Report**

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1	<p><b>About this report</b> (SEND CoP 6.81)</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Children and Families Act 2014 says that all maintained schools must publish a special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) information report every year.</li> <li>• This report explains how our school meets the needs of pupils with SEND and it will make reference to the county local offer.</li> <li>• The local offer outlines support available for parents and families and can be found here: <a href="http://www.eastsussex.gov.uk">www.eastsussex.gov.uk</a></li> <li>• In the report, we explain how we meet our duties towards pupils with special educational needs and disabilities.</li> <li>• This report will be published on our school website and reviewed annually. We will gather the views of parents and pupils to inform this report. If you want to give us your views about the report, please contact the SENDCo.</li> </ul>
2	<p><b>Who do I contact?</b> (SEND CoP 6.79 bullet 5)</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The special educational needs and disabilities coordinator (SENDCo) is responsible for managing and co-ordinating the support for pupils with special educational needs, including those who have education health and care (EHC) plans.</li> <li>• The SENDCo also provides professional guidance to school staff and works closely with parents and other services that provide for pupils in the school.</li> <li>• The SENDCo at Peacehaven Community School is Nicky Channon, who is a qualified teacher and has been accredited by the National Award for SEN Coordinator. The Deputy SENDCo is Charlotte Dowling, who has also achieved the National Award for SEN Coordinator.</li> </ul> <p>Nicky Channon is available on 01273 581100 or <a href="mailto:nicky.channon@swale.at">nicky.channon@swale.at</a> To contact Nicky or the SEND team please call 01273 575804 or email <a href="mailto:pcs-senddepartment@swale.at">pcs-senddepartment@swale.at</a>.</p>
3	<p><b>Which pupils does the school provide for?</b> (SEND CoP 6.79 bullet 1)</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Peacehaven Community School is part of Swale Academies Trust and we admit pupils from age 11 to 16 years.</li> <li>• We are an inclusive school. This means we provide for pupils with all types of special educational needs: dyslexia, dyspraxia, speech and language needs, autism, Asperger's syndrome, cerebral palsy, learning difficulties and behaviour difficulties</li> <li>• There are other kinds of special educational needs which do not occur as frequently and with which the school is less familiar, but we can access training and advice so that these kinds of needs can be met.</li> <li>• There may be instances where the needs of a pupil are significant and/or complex and we will need to seek additional resources and advice or request statutory assessment for an appropriate provision and/ or setting to be identified.</li> <li>• The school also currently meets the needs of pupils with an education, health and care plan with the following kinds of special educational needs:             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Cerebral Palsy, ASC, Specific learning disability, Moderate learning disability, SCLN, ADHD, Visual Impairment and Foetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD).</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

- If you want a place for a pupil who has an Education, Health and Care plan, contact your assessment and planning officer at East Sussex County Council.
- If you want a place for any other pupil with special educational needs, you should apply as normal and your application will be considered in the same way as applications from pupils without special educational needs.

**Please follow the school's website link for further information about admissions:**

<https://www.phcs.org.uk/>

**Local authority school admissions:**

- East Sussex admissions - [ESCC Secondary School admission page](#)
- Contact information for families for admissions advice (East Sussex) 0345 60 80 192

<b>4</b>	<b>How does the school meet the needs of pupils with SEN and disabilities?</b> <i>(SEND CoP 6.79 bullet 5, SEND CoP 6.80 re looked after child)</i>
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**Our School Vision**

Achievement is a focus for all within an inclusive and supportive school community. We develop confident, happy, ambitious students who take pride in their learning and flourish. Students will be socially aware and leave our school being academically successful, having the skills and qualities to face new challenges.

**Our Motto**

**Aspire, Believe, Contribute, Achieve**

- We are committed to meeting the needs of pupils with SEND as part of a whole school approach within our duties described under the Children and Families Act 2014, and the Equalities Act 2010.
- We provide an appropriate and high-quality education for every pupil, delivered through quality first teaching.
- Sometimes additional support is required to support a pupil's progress and achievement, making reasonable adjustments where necessary.
- Where a pupil is identified as having special educational needs, the school will use a four-part cycle of support - Assess, Plan Do, Review (APDR).



- An analysis of a pupil's needs is carried out and evidence is gathered in collaboration with parents/carers and the pupil where appropriate.

- Targeted intervention is delivered within a given time frame and this is supervised by the inclusion team and the class teacher.
- The effectiveness of support and progress made against these targets is reviewed at agreed intervals and next steps are planned, including referrals to external, specialist agencies.
- The SEND register is updated each term and distributed to members of staff. The SEND profile of the school is provided to the local governing body when requested.
- If the pupil is looked after by the local authority, they will have a bespoke Personal Education Plan (PEP) or an Additional Needs Plan (ANP). We will coordinate these plans with the SEND support plan and will involve parents and carers as well as foster carers or social workers in discussions.

<b>5</b>	<b>How does the school identify pupils' special educational needs?</b> <i>(SEND CoP 6.79 bullet 5)</i>
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| 5 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• We aim to identify pupils' special educational needs (SEND) as early as possible, so that every pupil achieves the best possible outcomes.</li> <li>• A pupil has SEND when their learning difficulty or disability calls for special educational provision.</li> <li>• That is provision which is different from or additional to that normally available to pupils of the same age.</li> <li>• The identification of pupils with SEND is built into our overall approach to monitor their development and progress.</li> <li>• We gather information about any additional needs or concerns relating to individual pupils during transition meetings with parents and pre-school providers before they enter the school. At the same time, we consider evidence that a pupil may have a disability under the Equality Act 2010 and what reasonable adjustments may need to be made for them.</li> <li>• We then assess pupils' current skills on entry, building on information from previous settings and, where applicable, continue the provision and support necessary for them.</li> <li>• Class teachers, supported by the senior leadership team, monitor the progress of all pupils six times a year to review their academic progress. We also use a range of assessments with all the pupils at various points, such as spelling ages and reading ages at the end of each academic year. Speech and Language Link, and Mastering Memory are also used throughout the year for individual students</li> <li>• The school uses a number of 'in house' diagnostics assessment tools: LUCID RAPID, Speech and Language Link, CTOPP2, DASH, WIATT III, WRAT 5 and DST.</li> <li>• For higher levels of need, we draw on specialist assessments from external agency professionals, e.g. an educational psychologist.</li> <li>• These seek to identify pupils making less than expected progress given their age and individual circumstances. This also includes a pupil's wider development.</li> <li>• The SEND Code of Practice, 2015: 6.17, identifies less than expected progress: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <i>is significantly slower than that of their peers starting from the same baseline - fails to match or better the pupil's previous rate of progress</i></li> <li>- <i>fails to close the attainment gap between the pupil and their peers</i></li> <li>- <i>widens the attainment gap.</i></li> </ul> </li> <li>• Where progress continues to be less than expected, the class teacher, working with the Inclusion Team, will assess whether the pupil has SEND according to the broad areas of need identified in the SEND Code of Practice, 2015.</li> <li>• The ESCC SEN digital matrix also supports this process.</li> <li>• We work with parents/carers and the pupil when appropriate as part of the assessment and in order to agree the desired outcomes.</li> </ul> |
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- This is also the case for a pupil with behavioural difficulties who may have SEN (6.21) and a pupil with English as an additional language (6.24).
- Pupils may have one or more broad areas of special educational need:

**Communication and interaction** – including speech and language difficulties and autism

**Cognition and learning** – including developmental delay and specific learning difficulties such as dyslexia, dyscalculia and dyspraxia.

**Social, emotional and mental health difficulties** – including difficulties with behaviour, attention deficit hyperactive disorder, an attachment disorder or anxiety.

**Sensory and/or physical needs** - including visual and hearing impairment, dyspraxia, cerebral palsy and other physical disabilities or medical conditions which affect a pupil's learning.

- We will ensure that all teachers and support staff who work with the pupil are aware of the support to be provided and the teaching approaches to be used.

6	<b>How does the school teach and support pupils with SEND?</b> <i>(SEND CoP 6.79 bullet 7)</i>
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- Teaching of students on the SEND register is a whole-school responsibility. The majority of students will learn and progress with the general teaching and learning arrangements provided by the school. In planning and teaching the National Curriculum, teachers will adopt the principles of inclusion.  
They will:
  - set suitable learning challenges
  - respond to students' diverse learning needs
  - overcome potential barriers to learning and assessment.

- Some students, however, will need an enhanced level of provision. A range of additional support is available to meet the additional needs of students at PCS.

These include:

- In-class support
- Learning in small teaching groups for students who have low cognition and learning/significant speech and communication needs.

At Key Stage 3, English, Maths and Humanities are taught in a small teaching group of approximately 15 students with one teacher or a small team of teachers, teaching all three subjects. Students are taught in this group for between 40 – 50% of the week. This class also has additional support 100% of the time. At Key Stage 4 students are taught in small groups in English and Maths. The small group curriculum is differentiated to enable access for students who join PCS in year 7 working at below average levels in core subjects. A student with slightly higher academic levels but high levels of emotional need may, on occasion, also be offered a place in the small group.

These pupils benefit from:

- individual or small group teaching in literacy, language and communication e.g. social skills
- individual or small group teaching in numeracy.
- individual or small group teaching of social and emotional skills
- personalised curriculum at Key Stage 4 including Entry Level qualifications, a Life Skills

course offered as an option choice and access to engagement programmes

- support with homework
- access to software that develops the use of specific skills e.g. Touch Type Read and Spell, and access to ICT in class and for independent working. A range of software is used to support the development of literacy and numeracy skills and access to the curriculum e.g. Read, Write; Sparx and Bedrock. Other technological aids will be made available where appropriate.

- We use a wide range of teaching strategies to meet the needs of pupils with SEND according to the SEND Code of Practice, 2015: 6.19.
- Additional intervention and support cannot compensate for a lack of good quality teaching Code of Practice 6.37.
- Class teachers plan high quality lessons and will demonstrate the use of the following adaptive strategies: effective questioning, modelling, explicit teaching of vocabulary, use of success criteria, recall quizzes and use of visuals which support the learning of all.
- Lessons are adapted according to individual needs and, where applicable, these reflect individual targets.
- Pupils with an EHCP have bespoke support based on the targets and identified provision in their individual EHCP.
- Resources are deployed to meet any sensory or emotional needs of pupils to support their full access to the curriculum.
- Staff demonstrate sensitivity to the needs of pupils with SEND when determining learning partners, seating arrangements and groupings.
- The inclusion team provides advice for staff and a first contact for obtaining more specific advice from external professionals.
- A multi-sensory approach, using a range of practical resources, equipment and computing skills, supports all stages of learning.
- Where required, learning is supported and enhanced through the use of symbols in visual aids, social stories and by Makaton signs.
- These can be used for the pre-teaching of key vocabulary or for supporting social and independence skills.
- When appropriate, teachers will make meaningful cross-curricular links between subjects in the curriculum. Real life, practical links are made wherever possible to ensure that pupils see the 'big picture.'
- There is an emphasis on learning through dialogue, with regular opportunities for children to talk individually, in groups and pairs.
- The expectation is that pupils will accept responsibility for their own learning and work independently where possible.
- Adults will use encouragement and praise to engage and motivate pupils.
- Strategic, adult deployment is coordinated by the inclusion team to ensure support staff are used effectively to support pupils' additional needs.
- Provisions for students that are additional to what is usually available are recorded on a centralised system. Interventions are reviewed and impact monitored.
- Teachers remain responsible and accountable for the development and progress of the pupils in their class, including when pupils access support from teaching assistants or specialist staff.
- Teaching and support staff participate in continued professional development opportunities to refine skills and practice to meet the needs of pupils with SEND. Recommendations from external specialists will also be implemented.



- We follow the East Sussex Matrix <https://www.eastsussexmatrix.co.uk/> advice developed by Kent County Council to ensure that our teaching conforms to best practice.
- In meeting the East Sussex SEND Matrix, the school employs some additional teaching approaches, as advised by internal and external assessments.
- These are delivered by additional staff employed through the funding provided to the school as 'notional SEND funding.'

<b>7</b>	<b>How will the curriculum and learning environment be matched to pupils' needs?</b> (SEND CoP 6.79 bullet 8)
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- As part of our requirement to keep the appropriateness of our curriculum and learning environment under review, we update and publish our current school accessibility plan and equalities objectives on our website.
- All pupils will have access to a broad and balanced curriculum.
- We will set high expectations for all pupils. Please see our curriculum tab on the school's website for further information regarding your child's curriculum overview and whole school subject areas.
- We adjust the curriculum for each pupil with SEND to make sure that they can access the subjects at their own level and make progress whilst remaining ambitious in terms of outcomes. This is called 'differentiation'.
- We will look at the pupil's level of achievement and see what support they need to make good progress and reach their potential. We will talk with pupils and parents as part of the SEND 'assess, plan, do, review' support cycle.
- According to our statutory duties under the Equality Act 2010, we make reasonable adjustments and provide auxiliary aids and services to prevent a disabled child being disadvantaged.
- We are a school that also promotes a dyslexia-friendly learning environment where seating arrangements can be adjusted with a reduction in background noise and visual movement.
- Resources are clearly marked and arranged so that they can be found easily.
- Individual pupils may benefit from periods of quiet reflection in a safe space away from the main learning environment to help reduce levels of anxiety and frustration.
- Pupils may be given a designated workstation for occasions when they are unable to cope at a shared table or with classroom activity and noise levels.
- Social stories and visual aids support the routines and expectations in the classroom and for additional areas around the school.

<b>8</b>	<b>How are parents and carers involved in reviewing their child's progress and planning support?</b> (SEND CoP 6.79 bullet 3 and 5)
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- Peacehaven Community School is committed to working in partnership with parents and carers.
- Parents/carers are actively involved in the construction and review of pupil passports/ additional needs plans, where these are necessary.
- EHCPs are reviewed every 12 months or sooner if required.
- Parents are given the opportunity to meet with external agency professionals to discuss their child's additional needs during multi-agency meetings, including children looked after (CLA) reviews, individual health care plan construction, risk reduction planning, children protection review conferences, core group meetings and family support meetings.
- In addition to parents' evenings we have a 'meet the tutor' evening to discuss the mentor's role in supporting your child at school, as well as SEND surgeries and coffee mornings. Parents or carers can meet with their child's class teacher informally after school if they have a concern.



- They can also make an appointment to meet with a member of the inclusion team to discuss specific provision and any SEND related issues.
- There is an overview of the curriculum for each year group available on our website so that parents or carers are aware of what is being delivered each term.
- An annual written report will be received by parents or carers at the end of each academic year.
- They are also encouraged to support their children with homework activities and through attending key performances or special events.
- The school uses a range of communication methods to share messages and achievements to foster a positive partnership between home and school e.g. emails home, positive postcards and achievement points that are tangible rewards to exchange for other rewards.
- Parents or carers are welcome to register as volunteers to provide classroom help, reading or support during school trips.
- Parenting workshops have been arranged at the school in order to support families with topics such as:
  - Growing resilience in your SEND child
  - Financial support available to families of children with SEND
  - Supporting your child to develop friendships
  - What does a special facility placement at PCS look like - 'a typical day'
  - Preparing for college and transitioning to adulthood including what post-16 options are available, how and where to access travel training, and key skills to develop for independence.
  - Managing meltdowns
- Parental questionnaires enable the school to receive constructive feedback.
- Parents and carers are warmly invited to contact the SEND department with any queries or concerns about their child using [pcs-senddepartment@swale.at](mailto:pcs-senddepartment@swale.at)

**9**      **How are pupils involved in reviewing their progress and planning support?**  
*(SEND CoP 6.79 bullets 4 and 5)*

- Wherever possible, the school will always encourage pupils with SEND to be involved in the decisions regarding their learning experiences.
- We will:
  - Listen to the views, wishes and feelings of pupils
  - Provide them with appropriate information and support to help them make decisions
  - Nurture all aspects of their development so they achieve the best possible educational and wider outcomes in preparation for adult life.
- We will achieve this through the use of:

<b>Activity</b>	<b>Who's involved?</b>	<b>How often?</b>
<i>Worry Box/Suggestions box</i>	<i>Pupil, class teacher/form tutor</i>	These are placed within the Library and Reception area for students to access whenever they require.

<i>Individual Pupil Voice/ Pupil conferencing</i>	<i>Pupil, SENCo, class teacher/ form tutor</i>	<i>At least twice a year</i>
<i>SEN support review meetings</i>	<i>Pupil, parents, class teacher/form tutor supported by SENCo</i>	<i>At least three times a year</i>
<i>Annual reviews (statements and EHC plans only)</i>	<i>Pupil, parents, SENCO, class teacher/ form tutor, support services, local authority.</i>	<i>Once a year</i>

**10 How does the school prepare and support pupils to transfer to a new school/ college or the next stage of education and life?**  
*(SEND CoP 6.79 bullet 6)*

The staff at PCS work closely with primary schools to support all children when transferring to our school. In addition, we run a weekly transition programme in terms 5 and 6 for students with a high level of need. Parents and carers of Year 6 students are invited to meet with their child's tutor for an induction meeting and to attend an induction evening. Staff from the Learning Support and Development Team will, where possible, attend the Year 6 Annual Reviews of children with an Education Health Care Plan.

- We are sensitive to the individual needs of your child at all points of transition and there are well structured arrangements within and between phases which can be tailored to suit specific needs.
- Appropriate members of staff will arrange and undertake transition meetings.
- Multi-agency transition meetings will be necessary to ensure a smooth transition for a pupil with more significant needs.
- Additional internal or external visits are organised when required.
- Preparation work can also be carried out with individual pupils to reduce feelings of anxiety for a smoother transition, using tailored resources.
- The school liaises with onward destinations to plan a series of transition sessions according to need.

At PCS we have a team of dedicated staff to monitor all careers/post-16 choices. These include Josie Turner (Assistant Headteacher) and Jemma Newman (Librarian and Careers Coordinator).

- A Personal Intensive Adviser will advise on suitable post 16 courses for your child, and PCS staff will accompany children with high levels of need on college taster days and attend interviews with students if required to do so.
- SEND students with an EHCP are seen by an external careers advisor and parent/carers are invited to attend these meetings.
- Post-16 careers fairs

For our students who have been identified as having the highest need we provide travel training and independent living skills aimed at students who will be going onto further education or apprenticeships.

For more information please click on the links below:-

<https://www.eastsussex.gov.uk/childrenandfamilies/specialneeds/preparingadulthoodlife/>  
<https://www.phcs.org.uk/page/?title=Policies+and+Guidance&pid=11>  
<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/careers-guidance-provision-for-young-people-in-schools>

<b>11</b>	<b>What training do school staff have?</b> (SEND CoP 6.79 bullet 9)
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- When we plan support for a pupil, we think about the knowledge and skills their teachers and support staff will need.
- Training is planned to reflect expectations in the school strategic plan which is reviewed annually by senior leaders, governors and staff.
- The SENDCo, Nicky Channon has gained the National Award in Special Educational Needs Coordination in June 2020:
- Teaching and support staff have participated in a range of continued professional development opportunities including: Dyslexia Training, Tourettes Syndrome, PDA, Trauma, Sensory Needs Team.
- PCS SEND staff have a wide range of knowledge and expertise, including specific qualifications in SEND (general), Speech and Language needs, Specific Learning Difficulties and Autistic Spectrum Conditions.
- We access training from East Sussex County Council e.g. the Educational Psychology Service, the Inclusion Development Programme [inclusion-development-programme-idp.org.uk](http://inclusion-development-programme-idp.org.uk) and other external providers according to need.

We have a wide range of training available to us:

*E-learning service* - <https://www.educare.co.uk/>

*Advanced training materials* - [advanced-training.org.uk](http://advanced-training.org.uk)

<https://czone.eastsussex.gov.uk/school-effectiveness/sles-training/>

<b>12</b>	<b>How does the school measure how well it teaches and supports pupils with SEND?</b> (SEND CoP 6.79 bullet 10)
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- We regularly and carefully review the quality of teaching for all pupils to make sure no-one under-achieves.
- We use information systems to monitor the progress and development of all pupils. This helps us to develop the use of interventions that are effective and to remove those that are less so.
- Every pupil in the school has their progress tracked and discussed at pupil progress meetings. The tracking tools we use at Peacehaven Community School, are taken from the six data entry points throughout the year.
- The Trust SEND Leadership Group supports us in regular self-evaluation and this informs our school SEND action plan.
- Leaders review the quality of teaching and learning for all pupils with SEND through lesson observations, learning walks, book looks and pupil voice.
- This is to evaluate whether teaching and programmes of support have made an impact on pupils' progress within the four broad areas of need.
- Senior leaders hold regular meetings with the inclusion team to maintain a strategic overview and to facilitate a consistent, professional dialogue in order to plan next steps.
- The school has a three-layered provision management system:

- Layer 1 provides a strategic overview of all interventions taking place according to the four broad areas of need in the SEND CoP, 2015.
  - Layer 2 identifies quality first teaching strategies and intervention entry/exit data to meet the additional needs of groups or individuals in each class.
  - Layer 3 is used by support staff to record intervention target work and progress and this information informs outcomes in Layer 2.
- Intervention delivery is monitored by the inclusion team using 'drop in' sessions with written feedback provided.
  - Layer 2 interventions and exit data are evaluated and discussed during strategic review meetings to inform future planning.
  - The inclusion team maintains regular contact with the SEND governor to review provision against strategic priorities. The agreed report template is then completed and submitted to the governing body.
  - We invite parents/carers to provide feedback in a variety of ways including structured conversations, pastoral support meetings, SEND check-in calls, regular parental surveys, parent forums, SEND surgeries and the Ofsted parent view website: [Parent View Ofsted](#)
  - We send home a parent/carer questionnaire to gather their views and to inform the school's inclusion action plan.

<b>13</b>	<p><b>How accessible is the school and how does the school arrange equipment or facilities that pupils need?</b></p> <p><i>(Section 69 Children and Families Act 2014 )</i></p>
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- The school is subject to the Equalities Act, 2010 and makes reasonable adjustments, providing auxiliary aids and services to prevent a disabled child being disadvantaged.
- Our current accessibility plan and equalities information and objectives can be found on the school's website. This plan is prepared under paragraph 3 of Schedule 10 to the Equality Act 2010.
- Please also see a copy of our current policies: supporting pupils with medical conditions and pupils with health needs who cannot attend school.
- Ramps and slopes are positioned around the school to enable wheelchair access. There is an integrated lift and playgrounds are tarmacked and level.
- Outside agencies are also consulted when necessary for their expertise and advice, e.g. The Sensory Needs Team, Occupational Health, Class, ESBAS, SCLN and Physiotherapy. They will visit the school and/or provide support to teachers and other staff working with identified pupils.
- Specialist equipment or resources may be sourced by the inclusion team to enable identified pupils to access all aspects of the curriculum, (e.g. hearing loops, specialist frames and chairs). These resources will be purchased using the notional SEN funding.

<b>14</b>	<p><b>How are pupils with SEND included in activities with other pupils, including school trips?</b></p> <p><i>(SEND CoP 6.79 bullet 11)</i></p>
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- Our current accessibility plan and equalities objectives can be found on the school's website.
- We have a commitment to every pupil being included in all activities, including physical activities, extra-curricular activities and school trips.
- Through careful planning and reasonable adjustments, pupils with SEND engage in the activities of the school together with those who do not have SEND and are encouraged to

participate fully in the life of the school and in any wider community activity.

- The destination and nature of off-site visits will be taken into account when considering the needs of pupils with SEND and the relevant risk assessments will be written to reflect any additional needs.
- We work with parents/carers and pupils to listen to their views, feelings and wishes with the expectation that they will allow their child's full participation.
- They may be invited to accompany their child during visits or agree to flexible arrangements such as different transportation or adjusted timings.
- Reasonable adjustments are made to ensure that pupils with SEND are able to participate alongside their peers during performances or sports days.

<b>15</b>	<b>What support is there for pupils' overall well-being and their emotional, mental and social development?</b> <i>(SEND CoP 6.79 bullet 12)</i>
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- Peacehaven Community School is proud of its inclusive ethos which forms an intrinsic part of our daily practice to include a wide range of interventions to support the social and emotional development of our pupils.
- A copy of our current Mental health, Social and Emotional Wellbeing Policy is available upon request.
- Our school vision and aims also reflect this commitment: [PHCS school website](#)
- We will monitor and review progress as part of the SEND support planning cycle of assess, plan, do, review (APDR).
- For some pupils with the most need for help in this area we can also provide the following list;
  - Counselling support
  - Mentor time
  - East Sussex Mental Health Support team
  - East Sussex School Health Service
  - Referral to CAMHS
  - Time-out spaces
  - For Key Stage 3 students support from our peer mentor programme.
  - Dedicated page on the school website with advice and links to services.
  - The school may work with external services to support pupils: such as: CLASS, ESBAS, Educational Psychologists, CAMHS.
  - Thrive outreach support is extended to individual children in the school.
  - Provision groups are established: daily lunchtime nurture group, social skills, worry busters, peer mediation and class circle time to develop confidence and positive social interactions.
  - There is also support offered by our Mental Health Practitioner who supports identified families.
  - Young carers are supported by the Young Carers Support organisation.
  - The school accesses local support for pupils suffering a bereavement.
  - Early help key worker (EHKW) or a family support worker may be used to work with pupils and their families for an agreed period of time.
  - Emphasis is placed on regular and well planned personal, social and health education (PSHE) teaching.
  - A daily breakfast and after school club are available for pupils.
  - A robust positive behaviour policy is consistently implemented which includes a clear, staged approach to rewards and consequences.

- The school council meets regularly to discuss a range of issues relating to school management.
- The school also participates in events such as the anti-bullying, mental health day and e-safety weeks.
- 1:1 adult support may be given for pupils with complex needs within the learning environment or during transition times and to support personal care.
- A pupil voice questionnaire may be carried out to gain an understanding of a pupil's perceptions and views.
- Trusted adults are used to check in with pupils to enable them to discuss any worries.
- Individual behaviour plans are also constructed to maximise opportunities for de-escalation as well as steps for how to respond when supporting pupils.
- Staff are informed via teaching/support staff meetings and whole staff briefings of specific, individual needs to ensure there is a consistency of approach, e.g. for risk reduction plans.
- Themed assemblies are used to address topics such as personal safety, online safety, anti-bullying, disability, peer pressure, friendships and ASD.
- Please also see our current policies available either on the school's website or upon request:
  - *Safeguarding and Child Protection*
  - *Accessibility plan*
  - *Equalities statement and objectives*
  - *Supporting pupils with medical conditions*
  - *Children with health needs who cannot attend school*

<b>16</b>	<b>What specialist services does the school use to support pupils and their families?</b> <i>(SEND CoP 6.79 bullet 13)</i>
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- As part of the cycle of SEN support - assess, plan, do, review (ADPR) we will consider whether we need to involve other services to make sure a pupil's specific needs are met.
- Parents or carers will be asked to give their consent for other external specialists to work with their children.
- Specialists from a range of support services might be working with a pupil on a regular basis, over a set period of time, e.g. weekly for one term.
- The school has developed positive links with a number of external agencies in order to support pupils with SEND:
  - School Nurse
  - Educational Psychology Service
  - Speech and Language Therapy Service
  - Communication, Language and Learning Support Service
  - Behaviour and Attendance Support Service
  - Child and Adolescent Mental Health Service
  - Children's Integrated Therapy Service
  - English as an additional language (EAL) Service
  - Virtual College (Looked After Children)
  - Social Services
  - External providers e.g. YMCA Dialogue Counselling Service.



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The designated teachers for looked after children are <b>Mattieu Verniol, Jenna Tucker and Nicky Channon</b>.</li> <li>• <b>Their responsibilities include:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The management of additional needs plans (ANPs)/ Personal Education Plans (PEPS), attendance at CLA review meetings to discuss educational progress and targets.</li> <li>• Regular liaison with The Virtual School, social workers, foster carers/parents where appropriate, relevant adults in the school community, review of behaviour logs.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• The designated safeguarding lead coordinates risk reduction planning for safeguarding issues, attends core group meetings and multi-agency strategy meetings.</li> <li>• Please also see the link to local offer pages on council and health services <a href="http://www.eastsussex.gov.uk/localoffer">www.eastsussex.gov.uk/localoffer</a></li> </ul>
17	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Where can I get information, advice and support?</b> (SEND CoP 6.81 re local offer, Children and Families Act regulation 51, schedule 1 (11) - re advice)</p>
	<p>The 'local offer' on the internet shows advice and advocacy services for children, young people and parents and carers <a href="http://www.eastsussex.gov.uk/localoffer">www.eastsussex.gov.uk/localoffer</a></p> <p>The Local Authority also offers additional support and guidance on their 1Space website <a href="#">1space website home page</a></p> <p><b>SENDIASS AMAZE:</b> Amaze supports children and young people with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) and their families in East Sussex.</p> <p><b>Amaze SENDIASS Helpline:</b> 01273 772289 <b>Email:</b> <a href="mailto:sendiass@amazesussex.org.uk">sendiass@amazesussex.org.uk</a> <a href="https://amazesussex.org.uk/east-sussex/">https://amazesussex.org.uk/east-sussex/</a></p>
18	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>What do I do if I am not happy or if I want to complain?</b> (SEND CoP 6.79 bullet 14)</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• In the first instance, you should contact the class teacher/tutor or a member of the inclusion team and we will work with parents or carers to resolve any issues you may have.</li> <li>• If parents or carers continue to be unhappy, they can use the Swale Academies Trust Complaints Policy, which is available to view via a link on the school's website.</li> </ul>

**Key terms:**

ASD/ASC – Autism Spectrum Disorder/ Condition  
CTOPP-2- Comprehensive Test of Phonological Processing  
CLA – Children that are Looked After  
DASH – Detailed Assessment of Handwriting  
DST – Dyslexia Screening Test  
EHKW – Early Help Key Worker  
HI – Hearing Impairment  
PD- Physical Disability  
SCLN – Speech Language and Communication Needs  
SPLD- Specific Learning Difficulty

SEMH- Social Emotional and Mental Health

WIATT III - Wechsler Individual Achievement Test - Third UK Edition

WRAT 5 - Wide Range Achievement Test Fifth Edition

VI- Visual Impairment