



SITHNEY COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL

Our School Offer for Disability and Special Educational Needs (DSEN)

Sithney School:

- puts children at the heart of the learning process
- gives children the opportunity to initiate learning experiences and follow lines of enquiry
- allows adults to use observation and assessment to plan further learning experiences, correct misconceptions, establish possible lines of development and identify next steps for learning
- develops the core learning skills of children by listening to their dialogue and then providing opportunities that will facilitate their learning further
- ensures all aspects of the curriculum (EYFS and NC) can be met through a play-based, stimulating and exploratory learning environment
- encourages children to be independent, self-motivated and reflective learners

As a Community Primary School with 'family' values and at the heart of everything we do, it is important for us to create a fully inclusive environment where each child can develop emotionally, socially and academically.

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The levels of support and provision offered by Sithney School

Throughout their time at Sithney School pupils may receive different levels of support according to their educational needs. At Sithney, we endeavour to adapt to changes in need of individual pupils to ensure they progress in all aspects of their school life.

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Listening to and responding to children and young people	<p>The views and opinions of all students are valued.</p> <p>Pupils are listened to and feel valued within the school family.</p> <p>Pupils are respectful towards each other and are aware of the differing needs they may have.</p> <p>Pupils are involved with setting targets and how they will work towards them.</p> <p>Pupil opinions can be heard through: Pupil questionnaires Assemblies Pupil Conferencing School Council Consultation (negotiation/explanation) – Part</p>	<p>All DSEN pupils’ voices are listened to in the same way as other pupils.</p> <p>Small focused groups are set up to encourage discussion, build confidence and guide how to form and voice their own opinions or views.</p> <p>SEN questionnaires.</p> <p>Pupils are involved with setting new targets.</p>	<p>Documentation is presented clearly so pupils can access independently or are individually supported by adults, enabling them to voice opinion.</p> <p>Student’s views are an integral part of Early Support meetings, SEN reviews/parent meetings, including Assess, Plan, Do, review meetings.</p> <p>The TIS (Trauma Informed Schools) approach for children 1:1 who may need individualised support.</p> <p>Adults advocate for children who struggle to vocalise/verbalise their needs.</p>

	<p>of the decision making process.</p> <p>Staff use the TIS PACE approach to listen to pupils and respond to their needs.</p>		
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Partnership with parents and carers	<p>The School prides itself with an open door policy with all parents and carers.</p> <p>Teachers speak with parents regularly at the beginning and end of the day, as part of our open door policy.</p> <p>All parents are encouraged to attend parent/teacher consultation evenings. (1 each term)</p> <p>Annual reports are sent home at the end of the academic year.</p> <p>Parent questionnaires are used as a format to gauge parental views/opinions. These are responded to.</p> <p>Parents are consulted about changes to the routine/practice of the school. The school has a Forum meeting once a term where parents can raise concerns, suggest ideas.</p>	<p>Booster sessions for Y6 are accessed after school, to which parents are also invited.</p> <p>Parents are invited to attend meetings regarding their child's Assess, Plan, Do, Review and encouraged to contribute where appropriate.</p> <p>Where it is deemed external support will support a child, parents are consulted and permission for involvement is requested.</p> <p>Where there are external agency forms to be completed by parents, staff will support parents with completing them on request.</p>	<p>Teaching Assistants who provide individual support build close, working relationships with parents/carers.</p> <p>Parent/carers are supported in attending, and are actively involved in Early Support meetings and reviews and EHC Plan reviews.</p> <p>Parent/carer's views are an integral part of Early Support meetings and EHC Plan reviews.</p> <p>Documentation is presented in a format that is easy to access by parents.</p> <p>Parents are encouraged to support school trips where appropriate.</p> <p>Where appropriate, daily communication with parents and</p>

	<p>Parent/carers know exactly who to contact if they have any concerns.</p> <p>The website, enables parent/carers to understand more about what their child is learning through the documentation provided.</p> <p>School Forum – meeting where parents can raise or discuss issues with the school, termly.</p> <p>Weekly newsletter.</p> <p>School emailing of newsletters.</p> <p>Texting service.</p> <p>Google Classroom for pupils and parents.</p>		<p>the teacher are provided via email, through Tapestry or a brief chat at the end of the day.</p>
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The curriculum	<p>The school follows the 2014 National Curriculum which is designed to ensure the inclusion of all students.</p> <p>All teachers are experienced in adapting lessons to ensure all pupils have access and are included.</p> <p>Class Topic approach – The theme/focus will change termly.</p>	<p>Pen Fit to support handwriting and fine motor control. Dough gym/disco (EYFS/KS1)</p> <p>Additional resources available for those with specific learning difficulties e.g. dyslexia. (overlays, reading rulers, dyslexic friendly dictionaries etc.)</p> <p>Visual timetables where needed.</p>	<p>Pupils access the curriculum at their own ability level – supported and adapted for the age range they are working in.</p> <p>1:1 support is provided to enable access to curriculum.</p> <p>Additional resources are used to engage learners e.g. practical/visual to support understanding and</p>

	<p>A range of activities are planned for, to interest and encourage all types of learners.</p> <p>Subject planning is created by the class teacher and monitored by the subject leaders.</p> <p>Knowledge organisers are created to support learning in school and at home.</p> <p>Robust on-going assessment of pupil progress and attainment.</p> <p>Whole school approach to guided reading and phonics/spelling sessions. (Read, Write, Inc. at KS1, Whole class reading at KS2)</p> <p>Whole school behaviour and reward system. Displayed and used in each class, celebrating attitude to learning and successes.</p> <p>Dough gym/disco (EYFS/KS1) to develop fine motor skills/writing skills.</p> <p>Outdoor Learning opportunities linked to the curriculum.</p>	<p>Interventions are analysed for impact and reports added to individual trackers/assessment systems.</p> <p>Assess, Plan, Do, Review documents.</p>	<p>alternative ways of recording are used as appropriate.</p> <p>Personalised work to promote life skills (crossing the road safely; hygiene; nutrition, money...)</p> <p>Fresh Start and Fast Track RWI interventions as needed.</p>
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	<p>Planning is differentiated within each class to ensure progress at all ability levels.</p>	<p>Small intervention groups. Pupils requiring further support may need more input and explanation.</p>	<p>Personalised and highly differentiated work is provided enabling independent learning.</p>

<p>Teaching and learning</p>	<p>Resources are available to support understanding within lessons.</p> <p>Learning walls to support and enabling pupils in learning.</p> <p>Objectives are referred to within the lesson.</p> <p>Pupils are encouraged and supported to be responsible, independent learners.</p> <p>Assessments inform future planning.</p> <p>All staff use questioning skills to encourage pupils to think for themselves and to deepen their understanding.</p> <p>Different groupings are identified for each class and adults support appropriately.</p> <p>Teaching assistants/class teachers work with small groups to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - ensure understanding - facilitate learning - foster independence - keep students on task. <p>A whole school Marking Policy is adhered to and teachers provide feedback (written and verbal) to acknowledge achievements and identify next steps in learning.</p> <p>Morning lessons are comprised of English and Maths.</p>	<p>Class teachers and teaching assistants share information and lesson plans to ensure that students with SEN have targeted support and provision.</p> <p>Independent pupil learning is supported by the use of technology, for example:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - computers - i-pads - talking tins - talking pegs - dictaphones <p>Adults may scribe some work to enable pupil thoughts and ideas to flow/to support writing.</p> <p>Assess, Plan, Do Review documents to set targets.</p>	<p>1:1 support is in place for pupils who need more intensive support.</p> <p>Separate working spaces when required (within the classroom setting).</p> <p>Quiet area/room for pupils who require learning breaks.</p> <p>Sensory equipment used within and outside the classroom (Inside: fidget toy, chair band etc. Outside: trampoline, ball...).</p> <p>Assess, Plan, Do Review documents to set targets.</p> <p>External agencies contacted for support/advice, as and when required.</p>
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	<p>Alternative ways of recording are used.</p> <p>Pupils have opportunity to 'polish' their writing, responding to feedback.</p> <p>Robust on-going assessment of pupil progress and attainment.</p> <p>Visual Timetables.</p> <p>Dialogue, where possible, is pupil-led. Pupils add/build on each other's comments.</p>		
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Self-help skills and independence	<p>Pupils use the self-help skills (with a wink, awing and some wind, I can fly...).</p> <p>Learning walls are regularly updated and changed to reflect the current work which enables pupils to use them and help them with their learning.</p> <p>Teachers plan for a variety of independent, paired and group tasks.</p> <p>Classes have 'Learning Buddies' in KS2 to support and model good learning attitudes.</p>	<p>Specific resources are provided in zipped pockets for some pupils to ensure they have what they need (word cards, reading rulers personalised dictionaries...)</p> <p>TAs help to facilitate independency through further explanation, more scaffolding and questioning.</p> <p>Use of computers and ipads.</p> <p>Visual timetable.</p>	<p>Teaching assistants working 1:1 with pupils but 'step back' to providing opportunity to work independently.</p> <p>Teaching staff also promote the use of the self-help skills (with a wink, awing and some wind, I can fly...) and ask them what they could do if they are stuck/don't know what to do.</p> <p>Picture cards to communicate and</p>

	<p>Resources are easily accessible in each classroom for pupils to use as they need.</p> <p>Pupils are given responsibilities throughout the school – they carry these out independently.</p> <p>Children are expected to evaluate their own learning and respond to feedback through 'purple polishing'.</p> <p>Visual timetable. (KS1 and LKS2)</p> <p>Pupils have access to pencil grips, overlays, talking tins etc.</p> <p>Pupils are expected to dress themselves for PE, apply own sun cream, toilet independently etc.</p>		<p>break down learning tasks. (Communication Print, Communication board).</p> <p>Traffic light system to help pupils move from one activity to the next.</p> <p>Now and next cards to support pupils with expectations/routine.</p> <p>Referrals to other agencies for support/advice, as and when required.</p> <p>Support with encouraging independent toileting and dressing – buttons, zips, washing hands etc.</p>
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Health, wellbeing and emotional support	<p>A safe and positive learning environment</p> <p>2 hours of P.E. weekly</p> <p>After-school sports clubs</p> <p>Termly Outdoor Learning sessions for KS2 Weekly for EYFS and KS1</p> <p>Mile of the Day.</p>	<p>Socially speaking groups.</p> <p>Opportunity for 'Time Out'. Children take time in the class corridor/reading area to self-regulate</p> <p>Sensory breaks</p> <p>School TIS Practitioners for 1:1 support sessions.</p>	<p>Healthcare plans (multi-agency)</p> <p>Early Support Meetings</p> <p>Additional support for pupils can be requested from:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Educational Psychologist - CAMHS - SEN Service - Early Help Hub

	<p>School Council who advocate others' views.</p> <p>Excellent staff role-models.</p> <p>PSHE sessions in each class.</p> <p>Worry boxes – anonymous. These can then be addressed generally in the class setting/assembly.</p> <p>Playmakers/Sports Leaders – playtime games organised by pupils.</p> <p>Access to play equipment (traverse wall; adventure course)</p> <p>Pupils know they can talk to staff about concerns or worries.</p> <p>Learning Buddies/Learning Ambassadors – peer support in the classroom</p> <p>A body of staff trained in first aid and other medical interventions e.g. epilepsy.</p> <p>TIS whole school approach – PACE.</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Penhaligons Friends - CHaLK - Communication Support Team - Occupational Therapy - School Nurse - Diabetes/Epilepsy Nurse - SEN service - Parent Partnership Service - Speech and Language Therapy - Autism Team/Advisor - Behaviour Support Therapy - BF Adventure <p>School TIS Practitioners for 1:1 support sessions</p>
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Social	All pupils have opportunities for	Socially speaking groups to aid	Pupils are individually supported by

interaction opportunities	<p>social interaction, regardless of need</p> <p>All pupils are invited on trips and visits.</p> <p>All pupils have access to visitors to school, appropriate to the age range being catered for.</p> <p>Wide range of extra-curricular activities.</p> <p>Combined school break times (whole school)</p> <p>All pupils are given opportunity to attend at least 1 sporting event throughout the year.</p>	children in understanding social interaction and situations.	<p>TAs.</p> <p>TAs use social stories with individual students when pupils go on trips or routines are altered.</p> <p>Traffic light system used.</p> <p>Communication board/programme.</p> <p>Working with a friend on a game to promote turn taking and communication with peers., for example.</p>
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The physical environment (accessibility, safety and positive learning environment).	<p>All areas of the school are accessible to everyone including those pupils with DSEN.</p> <p>Students feel safe and in an environment where there is zero tolerance to bullying and where issues are dealt with promptly and effectively.</p> <p>There is a named 'Designated Safeguarding Officer' (and deputy) and a named 'Child in</p>	<p>Fidget cushions and 'Wobble Stools' to support children with sitting still. Objects to 'fiddle' with to support concentration when learning.</p> <p>Different height tables to ensure pupils are sat at the correct height.</p>	<p>Specialised equipment e.g. writing slope.</p> <p>Disabled toilet.</p> <p>Accessibility plan.</p> <p>Care plans.</p>

	<p>Care' teacher.</p> <p>All areas of the school are uplifting, positive and support learning.</p> <p>Teachers focus on rewarding good behaviour to promote a positive learning environment.</p> <p>The rewards and sanctions system is robust, displayed in each classroom and is used around the school.</p> <p>Well maintained playground and field. All staff and pupils take ownership of the environment.</p> <p>All pupils can access the on-site outdoor learning area.</p> <p>Staff are first aid trained.</p>		
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Transition from year to year and setting to setting	<p>The Pre-school is part of the school and they access the same learning area, teachers and support staff as EYFS pupils.</p> <p>All pupils in KS1 and KS2 have a transition day to their next class in the summer term.</p>	<p>Summer school opportunities are offered by the secondary school for pupils who would benefit in Y6.</p> <p>Y6 teacher provides the secondary school with information regarding the needs of SEN children transferring.</p>	<p>Y6 pupils are offered extra transition sessions to ensure they become familiar with their secondary school surroundings/teachers etc.</p> <p>Secondary and primary SENCos</p>

	<p>Teachers have handover sessions to discuss all children.</p> <p>Y6 pupils spend transition days at their secondary school.</p> <p>Staff are aware of vulnerable pupils.</p> <p>Some Y5 and Y6 pupils benefit from taster sessions run by the secondary school, after school.</p> <p>Y6 pupils are visited by secondary school staff, sometimes with Y7 pupils to discuss transition. The Y6 teacher meets with the Secondary School staff to discuss pupils needs and achievements.</p> <p>Pupils starting reception are invited to attend transition sessions in the term before they start, along with their parents.</p> <p>If children come from a different pre-school setting, the reception class teacher visits the children.</p>	<p>One secondary school offers a mentoring system to support new pupils if they choose to partake.</p> <p>.</p>	<p>attend the Y6 annual review meeting.</p> <p>EYFS pupils are offered extra transition opportunities.</p> <p>Photos and booklets of new classrooms and staff are created to help pupils settle into their new surroundings. These are often taken home in the summer term so parents can help them prepare for September.</p>
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Services and organisations that we are currently working with:

Service/organisation	What they do in brief	Contact details
Sithney School Governing Board	SEN Governor meets with the SENCo to discuss issues relating to SEN e.g. progress, resourcing...	Chris Scarborough – via the school
Specialist Speech and Language Therapist	Support speech development by providing support and advice to teaching staff and creating Assess, Plan, Do, Review objectives for the pupils to work on while they are in school.	Cornwall Partnership NHS Foundation Trust/Cornwall Council Jenny Paramor
Educational Psychology Service	Provide advice and support for staff, assess pupils on request and meet annually with the SENDCo to discuss the children identified as having educational needs.	Poppy Dalton Children’s Social work and Psychology Service Council Offices Dolcoath Avenue Camborne
Occupational Therapist	Periodically assess pupils under their care and inform staff of any changes to intervention required.	
CHaLK	Counselling sessions	contacted via school Rhonda Dow
ASD team	To observe pupils and offer advice to support children	Amanda Burgess
EWO	Attendance	TBC
School Nurse	To provide confidential advice and health information.	Helston Health Centre
Behaviour Support Therapist		Gill Hawkins

Answers to Frequently asked Questions

How does your school know if children need extra help?

Teachers are continually monitoring and assessing your child's progress – academically, physically, behaviourally and emotionally. Through this rigorous assessment process, teachers identify gaps in children's learning and plan for pupils to receive extra support in the classroom. This may be through differentiated activities or additional adult support. Teachers talk regularly to parents and request their support in the home environment to try and overcome barriers to learning.

What should I do if I think my child may have special educational needs?

It is important that you communicate effectively with the school and discuss your concerns. Talk to your child's class teacher in the first instance, who will inform the SENCo of your concern and take appropriate action where necessary. This may be an observation in the first instance and ensuring resources and differentiation is in place to support your child. An Assess, Plan, Do, Review document may then be created to support your child's learning in school. This will be regularly reviewed and discussed with the child and the parents each term. In some instances, the SENCo may request advice, with your permission, from other external agencies who may feel it appropriate to assess your child's needs.

Who is responsible for the progress and success of my child in school?

The Governors of the school are ultimately responsible for ensuring your children are making good progress. The Headteacher works with the staff to ensure pupil targets are being met and that children are being challenged appropriately. The Senior Leadership Team analyse data and monitor teaching and learning to ensure teachers are meeting the needs of the pupils.

How will the curriculum be matched to my child's needs?

The school works hard to provide a broad and balanced curriculum, which is topic based throughout the school. In all subjects planning is differentiated to match the learning needs of the pupils, support and challenge being provided. We incorporate different styles of teaching and learning to accommodate all children and engage them in the learning.

How will school staff support my child?

At Sithney we strongly believe in promoting independence, and through our support we endeavour to build confidence in your child's learning.

Support may be through differentiated activities, working with a learning buddy, adult support or written step by step instructions so your child knows what to do. There are also intervention groups where children may receive additional support for spelling, handwriting or social skills, for example. We also utilise IT by providing maths and English programs the children have access to. Pupils are aware that they can talk to any member of staff about anything.

How will I know how my child is doing and how will you help me to support my child's learning?

Staff regularly talk with parents after school so there is opportunity for parents to request a meeting to discuss progress if they wish to, in line with our open-door policy. Where a teacher feels there is a concern, parents are asked to come in and discuss the issue. Advice on how to provide extra support at home is given. Pupils are given homework and we ask parents to ensure this is completed to a high standard. Children in Y6 receive extra booster sessions after school (Spring term) to develop understanding and confidence with SATs. In the past, where requests for how to help with, for example, phonics and reading have been made, we have set up meetings to support parents in understanding what we do in school and how they can help at home.

In the Autumn and Spring term there is a formal parent/teacher meeting to discuss your child's progress and attainment, and at the end of the academic year a written report is sent home and parents can also make an appointment to discuss the report.

What support will there be for my child's overall wellbeing?

Children's' well-being and emotional health is recognised at Sithney as being an important aspect of their academic progress. We endeavour to provide personalised learning journeys where children can succeed at their own ability level. We celebrate every child's abilities through the use of multi-intelligence badges which are awarded when we recognise a strength e.g. logical thinker, community involvement, musical talent, active star... All children are included in this reward system. Each week we hold an assembly where achievements from both inside and outside school are celebrated. Staff have also received Trauma Informed School training and use the PACE approach across the school with all pupils to support their wellbeing.

How do I know that my child is safe in school?

In school we have 2 members of staff and 1 school governor who have received tier 3 Safeguarding training and all staff have received tier 1 training. Staff follow procedures outlined in the safeguarding policy and the designated governor is responsible for ensuring statutory guidance is met. There are regular fire alarm checks and practice drills so pupils know what to do in an emergency. There are always members of staff who have undergone the 'First Aid in the Workplace' training. The school keeps a record of who has received the training and when they qualified, to ensure training is always current. Additional training for specific conditions, such as epilepsy or diabetes, is undertaken by the relevant staff working with the child/ren.

Sithney School carries out risk assessments for all school trips: these are monitored by the Senior Leadership team. Teachers are responsible for ensuring risk assessments are carried out and they follow the school trip 'planning procedure' to ensure all aspects of the school trip have been addressed. Water related trips and camps are approved by the County Outdoor Education team.

The Health and Safety Governor, together with the MAT caretaking team, carry out health and safe assessments of the school site.

The school holds personal details of all children – this is kept in line with GDPR. This information contains contact details for parents/carers and the next of kin. Parents are asked to inform the school if there are any changes. This ensures parents/carers can be contacted at anytime of the school day, allowing us to notify them of changes to the school day e.g. school closure due to severe weather.

The front door is open during the day to allow access to the reception area but an inner 'locked door' prevents people from accessing the school. The gate to the playground is padlocked. At playtimes, 2 members of staff are on duty with the pupils. There is a high fence surrounding the school playground.

All staff have identity badges and visitors and governors are issued badges when in school.

What SEN training have the staff at school had or are having?

The SEN Co-ordinator has been awarded The National Award for Special Educational Needs Co-ordination. Teachers and Teaching Assistants attend relevant courses to support the children they are working with. This information is then shared with the rest of the staff at staff meetings.

How accessible is the school environment?

The entire school is wheelchair accessible. See the Accessibility Plan

How are the school's resources allocated and matched to children's special educational needs?

We take a whole school approach to providing the resources every child needs for their learning, regardless of their ability. Each class is supported by a Teaching Assistant in the morning. Extra interventions, led by experienced Teaching Assistants, are provided for small groups of pupils. Classroom resources are shared and additional resources are purchased where necessary to enhance the learning.

How is the decision made about what type and how much support my child will receive?

Decisions about the support each child receives are based on the school's in-depth knowledge of the child. Lengthy discussions between relevant staff members take place and the child's progress is monitored. The support may change as the needs of the child change. Staff listen to parent/carer views and advice from outside agencies.

What should I do if I feel that the School Offer is not being delivered or is not meeting my child's needs?

Parents/carers who believe their child's needs are not being met are asked to:

- Meet with the class teacher to raise your concerns.
- Talk with the SENCo to address the issue or concern.
- Address the issue or concern with the Headteacher – appointments can be made.

Where parents/carers feel the issue or concern has not been addressed, they are asked to contact the Chair of Governors. The school has a complaints policy which can be found on the school website.

How is your School Offer reviewed?

The School Offer will be formally reviewed by the Governing Body in consultation with the Senior Leadership Team, at least once every three years. However, the Senior Leadership Team will monitor the School Offer throughout the academic year and amend with appropriate changes, in consultation with the Governing Board.

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