

## **ADDITIONAL EDUCATIONAL NEEDS**

The needs of every child are varied; each child is an individual. We have a well-established learning support system with specially trained staff working either alongside children in class or in small groups. We regularly monitor the progress of children receiving support. After full discussion with parents it may then be necessary for us to place a child on the AEN (Additional Educational Needs) register, to provide tailored support through a Personal Plan.

The level of support will vary from child to child depending on their need. Support, guidance and assessment can be sought from professionals to provide a holistic approach to your child's learning and developmental needs.

If you would like any further information on this subject, then please review the school's 'Local Offer' which can be found on our website. Alternatively please request a copy of our SEND policy along with any further guidance materials that we have. Please ring the school and we can send you copies of the appropriate policies.

## **FAMILY SUPPORT**

The **Family Support Team** consists of Hannah Holmes, Andrea Flux and Louisa Burt, who ensure that all families in school have open access to support. The team has an open door policy for all parents and families, listening and responding to family and children's needs, developing action plans with you to provide your family with confidential and personalised support.

Our school **Inclusion Team** consists of Vicki Thomas, Chloe Johnson and Jessi Holmes whose remit is to ensure that all children on the AEN register are supported throughout school, enabling them to achieve the very best outcomes in all aspects of school life. Additionally, Claudia Hodgson SpLD (Specialist Learning Disability) teacher supports the children in school with her specialist knowledge and provides teachers with assessment data to ensure interventions are targeted to meet the personalised needs of children in school.

The Inclusion Team holds monthly AEN coffee mornings and workshops for parents and carers who have children on the AEN register. A range of topics are discussed, guest speakers often join the meetings, information is shared and parents are invited to attend 'taster sessions' that enable personal experiences to be gathered relating to the intervention undertaken with pupils in school.

## **HELPING IN SCHOOL**

We are delighted when parents offer to join in school activities. If you would like to help or you have a particular skill to share please let us know. Children and teachers greatly appreciate help with a range of activities, e.g. cookery, sewing and other crafts. Regular help with reading is also greatly valued. Parents, guardians and carers are encouraged to be as involved as possible, as the school believes that a 'partnership with parents' is key to the successful education of the child. Parents and carers are welcome to join us as much as they are able.

The school has an active parents and friends support group which organises fundraising activities and family events throughout the year.

To enable parents and carers to develop an understanding of the ways we are working with the children we have family learning sessions, workshops and community opportunities for families to get to know one another. If parents and grandparents volunteer regularly in school we will complete an enhanced Disclosure & Barring Services (DBS) check in line with our safeguarding policy.

## **HOME SCHOOL LINKS**

Parents play a vital role in helping their children to learn, develop and understand their potential. We want to work in partnership with you to achieve these common goals. Lanesend is well equipped with many modern resources including a range of the latest technological equipment, which is very different from our school learning experiences! Life in a modern technological society has many new and interesting demands and challenges and we want to ensure that we can prepare your children for life in this society. Throughout the year there will be many opportunities for you to become involved and the staff work hard to put on exhibitions, theme weeks and displays. Please support us by showing an interest and coming along to see what and how your children learn. Some of these sessions will include working with your child in the classroom. Please support your child with any homework, especially daily reading together. Your support means a lot to all of the staff but especially to your children.

Some parents work in the school on a voluntary basis, and we welcome and encourage this. If you would like to become involved with this, please contact the school and we can make all of the arrangements. In the interests of safety and child protection all parents who volunteer to work in the school must undergo a safeguarding check. We have consulted our pupils, parents, staff and Governors on a new home-school agreement, which we feel ensures that our children are supported by everyone.