

# LOWER PARK PRIMARY SCHOOL

## Our Local Offer for Special Educational Needs and/or Disability



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| <b>Specific Age range</b>  | 4 – 11 years   |
| <b>Number of places</b>  | 280  |
| <b>Which types of special educational need do you cater for? (IRR)</b> | <input type="checkbox"/> We are an inclusive mainstream setting catering for children and young people with a wide range of needs who are able to demonstrate capacity for accessing the mainstream curriculum with differentiation and support. <div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 150px; width: 100%; margin-top: 10px;"></div>  |

Each section provides answers to questions from the Parent/Carer's Point of View. The questions have been developed using examples from Pathfinder authorities, such as the SE7 Pathfinder Partnership, in conjunction with questions from Cheshire East parent carers.

The requirements for the SEN Information Report have been incorporated into this document, based on the latest draft version of *the Special Educational Needs (Information) Regulations* (correct as of May 2014). Questions providing information required as part of the Information Report Regulations are shown using the letters **IRR** (Information Report Regulations).

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### Questions from the Parent/Carer's Point of View:

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#### Identification

##### **How will you know if my child or young person needs extra help? (IRR)**

We believe every child has the right to receive an education which will enable them to be the best they can be. Children with SEND are identified as early as possible within our setting. Initial identification is usually through comments or concerns brought by parents or school staff working directly with the child. These concerns may be based on the pupil's general wellbeing, their emotional or behavioural presentation, their progress in comparison to their peer group or their profile against recognised characteristics of specific forms of SEND. School staff receive a regular programme of training to support them in the identification of SEND. Early identification is paramount, and therefore staff working in school monitor the children's progress carefully on a termly basis through regular pupil progress meeting which are led by the senior leadership team.

Concerns are initially raised with the school's Special Educational Needs Coordinator (SENCO) who would discuss them with those working with the pupil, the pupil's family and the pupil themselves. This discussion focuses on the desired outcomes for the child and looks at what provision might be necessary to enable the child to reach those outcomes. Depending on the level of the child's needs the decision might be made to offer class based support approaches, for example advice might be offered to the class teacher in order to support differentiation for the pupil. For some pupils, in addition to the class based support approaches, a package of out of class interventions might be offered. Those pupils with the highest levels of need might be referred to other agencies for further advice and support. The SENCO keeps a register of pupils requiring additional support in order to monitor the progress of these pupils and to plan for provision across the school.

##### **What should I do if I think my child or young person needs extra help?**

If you have concerns about any aspect of your child's education the first port of call should be your child's class teacher. Class teachers are usually available at the end of the school day and are happy to make appointments if you require a longer discussion. The class teacher may then seek the involvement of the school SENCO. Alternatively the school SENCO can be contacted directly, either at the end of the school day, or via the email address [admin@cheshire.sch.uk](mailto:admin@cheshire.sch.uk).

##### **Where can I find the setting/school's SEND policy and other related documents? (IRR)**

The school's SEND policy and other relevant policies can be found on the school website by following this link: [www.lowerpark.cheshire.sch.uk](http://www.lowerpark.cheshire.sch.uk) The SEND Policy and other relevant information can be found under the policies section.

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### Teaching, Learning and Support

#### **How will you teach and support my child or young person with SEND? (IRR)**

The school teaches pupils with SEND in accordance with the Cheshire East Area Local Offer; [www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/localoffer](http://www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/localoffer) or [http://www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/children\\_and\\_families/special\\_educational\\_needs/local\\_offer.aspx](http://www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/children_and_families/special_educational_needs/local_offer.aspx)

It is our aim that all children are given the opportunity to access appropriate learning opportunities in an inclusive manner. Our priority is the provision of high quality class teaching which is differentiated to meet the needs of all our learners. Class based approaches might include alternative forms of recording work, visual prompts, small group or individual teaching etc. Class teachers and support staff are supported through regular professional development opportunities to support them in differentiating learning opportunities for the learners in their class.

The school has a wide range of intervention programmes available to support children who require support which goes beyond class-based approaches. Some of these intervention approaches are published or commercially available packages of support, such as ELS, ALS and Numicon etc. Others are bespoke/personalised approaches based on best practice guidance, for example social skills groups.

For those with significant or complex needs the school seeks the advice of specialists, for example Speech and Language Therapists and Occupational Therapists. In some cases these specialists might work in school with the child or school staff might attend therapy sessions out of school with the pupil. Where additional levels of support are required, a personalised support plan is created which will outline the provision available to each child and will be available to parents. In addition parents will be fully involved in the planning of support for their child and will have the opportunity to discuss their child's progress at regular parent- teacher meetings. There is also the opportunity to contact the school SENCO to discuss pupil's needs in more detail.

#### **How will the curriculum and learning environment be matched to my child or young person's needs? (IRR)**

All class teachers take responsibility for meeting the needs of all learners in their class by differentiating the learning. Where pupils have SEND, class teachers will be aware of the pupil's areas of strengths and weaknesses, and will make every effort to accommodate these. For example, for learners with literacy difficulties the class teacher may provide personalised spelling banks, or for those with language processing differences, visual supports may be used to accompany auditory information. We use a password protected integrated information management system for all electronic data in school which highlights pupils SEND and medical needs to all staff who log into the system. This system is linked to our registration and assessment tools meaning that information about pupil need is visible to staff alongside academic data. Information about individual pupils with SEND is shared with supply staff via a one- page profile (Pen Portrait). Where learners are working at an attainment level below that of their peer group class teachers adapt teaching to ensure that gaps in learners' knowledge are covered, for example by re-visiting objectives covered in previous year groups. We aim to encourage independence in all learners and this is promoted by ensuring that independent work tasks are matched as far as possible to the strengths of the learners. For those learners who require a more specialist approach to learning, class teachers are encouraged to discuss approaches to differentiation the SENCO. All additional provision for pupils with SEND is overseen by the school SENCO, and monitoring of these pupils' progress takes place at regular SEN meetings held between class teachers and the SENCO and regular pupil progress meetings that include the headteacher and all teachers within the child's key stage.

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| <b>Teaching, Learning and Support</b>   |
| <p><b>How are the setting, school, or college’s resources allocated and matched to children or young people’s needs?</b></p> <p>In order to ensure that quality first teaching approaches, which are the first wave of provision for learners with SEND are used fully in each classroom, a proportion of the SEND budget is used towards class based provision. This might take the form of additional physical resources in classrooms e.g. additional computers, writing slopes, alternative seating etc. For those requiring provision additional to class based approaches, funding facilitates the school’s “menu” of intervention programmes. In some cases it might also be used to provide additional human resource e.g. teaching assistants, therapists etc. Funding is matched to the provision required to enable pupils to achieve specified outcomes (i.e. outcome identified in discussion with teachers and parents or on EHCPs). The SEND budget is the responsibility of the Head teacher who is accountable to Governors and regular discussion and monitoring takes place to ensure that resources are allocated appropriately and cost effectively.</p> |
| <p><b>How is the decision made about what type and how much support my child or young person will receive? Who will make the decision and on what basis?(IRR)</b></p> <p>When children’s needs are initially identified a discussion takes place between teachers, parents and where possible, pupils. At this meeting desired outcomes for the pupil will be discussed and the provision or support the pupils needs to meet those outcomes will be agreed. School staff are usually best placed to advise on the nature of the support / provision needed, but occasionally the school seeks the support of other agencies to advise on this. Parents and pupils will be fully involved in decisions about support and provision, and any decisions to implement provision which is different from or additional to that received by the majority of children are made in conjunction with parents and pupils. If there are differences of opinion about the nature of support required the school may seek the advice of external agencies to support the decision making process.</p>   |
| <p><b>How will equipment and facilities to support children and young people with SEND be secured? (IRR)</b></p> <p>The school possesses a range of equipment and facilities (e.g. differentiated reading material, Numicon resources, Nessy resources, writing slopes, coloured overlays, interactive whiteboard background colouring etc) to support pupils with SEND and the school SENCO makes strategic decisions about the allocation of these resources based on the needs of pupils. Additional resources are procured as and when required. Where more specialist personalised equipment is required (e.g. large print books, audio equipment, specialist seating) the school SENCO liaises with the relevant external advisory service (e.g. occupational therapy, sensory impairment services) to seek advice on the best options for the procurement of these. Parents will be involved wherever possible in these discussions.</p>   |
| <p><b>How will you and I know how my child or young person is doing and how will you help me to support their learning? (IRR)</b></p> <p>All school staff have high expectations for all learners. Monitoring of progress takes place on a day to day basis by class teachers, and they are often best placed to identify where progress is falling or excelling. For learners with the most significant needs, daily contact with families takes place, for example through informal conversation at the end of the school day or sometimes in home-school diaries. Formal monitoring of progress takes place termly in the form of a pupil progress meeting held between class teachers and senior leaders. Information about pupil progress is shared with parents at parent-teacher meetings which are held twice a year and via the annual school report to parents which is sent home during the summer term (appointments available upon request). For learners with</p>   |

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SEND, personal provision plans will be discussed with parents at parent-teacher meetings, and for those with EHCPs an annual review will be held. Parents are welcome to seek additional appointments to discuss their child’s progress as required and class teachers are usually available for informal discussions at the end of each school day.

#### **How does the setting, school or college consult with and involve children and young people with SEND in planning and reviewing their education? (IRR)**

Every effort is made to ensure that the opinions, thoughts and feelings of our pupils are an integral part of any plans made about their education. Pupil’s opinions are sought at a level which is accessible to the individual. For some learners this might mean that they are supported to attend meetings with professionals, for others this might mean enabling them to contribute to meetings without actually attending (e.g. opinions expressed via writing). Younger or less able children are given the opportunity to contribute their ideas in discussions which take place with a familiar adult who acts as an advocate for them at any meetings. We recognise that there is sometimes a need to protect pupil’s self- esteem, and that it may not always be appropriate to highlight to the pupil the range of their difficulties, in these circumstances, pupil involvement is carefully planned with those who know the pupil best, i.e. families and those working closely with them.

#### **How does the setting/school/college assess and evaluate the effectiveness and sufficiency of its arrangements and provision for children and young people with SEND? (IRR)**

The school’s SENCO, along with the head teacher and other members of the leadership team undertake regular monitoring of pupil progress and of the effectiveness of provision. The success of intervention programmes in school is monitored carefully to ensure they provide high quality outcomes and remain good value for money. The individual opinions of pupils and parents regarding the effectiveness of support are sought termly and collated to inform decisions about future provision.

We use a password protected integrated information management system for all electronic data in school which highlights pupils SEND and medical needs to all staff who log into the system. This system is linked to our registration and assessment tools meaning that information about pupil need is visible to staff alongside academic data.

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### Keeping Students Safe and Supporting Their Wellbeing

#### **How do you ensure that my child or young person stays safe outside of the classroom?**

Pupil safety is paramount. Information about pupils with SEND is communicated to relevant school staff and outlines any areas which could pose a risk to the pupil. Where risks are identified measures are taken to limit these, for example supervising a child more closely during the transition between class and care-giver at the end of the day. For some children, this is written down and shared with parents and teachers and reviewed at a termly meeting. Where necessary alternative arrangements for the most “risky” times of the day are made, for example a smaller, more highly supervised playground is available at lunchtimes. For some pupils, a detailed risk assessment is undertaken which is shared with parents, and reviewed regularly by the class teacher and SENCO. At the end of each school year, the SENCO and headteacher meet with parents of children with an EHCP to aid communication and a smooth transition to the next class.

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### Keeping Students Safe and Supporting Their Wellbeing

#### What pastoral support is available to support my child or young person's overall well-being?

##### **PASTORAL**

We recognise that pupils with SEND can experience a range of social and emotional issues. As well as a whole school focus on social and emotional wellbeing through our PHSE teaching we offer a range of interventions, both commercially published and bespoke to address specific issues as they arise. We recognise that for some pupils, social and emotional factors can be complex and therefore we seek to ensure that the provision we offer in this regard is highly personalised, and is generated through discussion with pupils and their families.

##### **FRIENDSHIPS**

All children in school are supported to develop relationships with their peers. For those pupils who find this most difficult there are alternative arrangements at play and lunchtime where play skills can be actively taught or modelled by staff. Midday Assistants are trained to encourage team building and to support children to develop friendships.

##### **PEER / SIBLING SUPPORT**

It is sometimes appropriate for us to offer support to the peer groups / siblings of pupils with SEND. Sometimes this takes place in an open and frank manner, enabling peers to ask questions and learn about the needs of their class mates (e.g. Circle of Friends intervention). At other times this takes a more general form such as working with the class on celebrating diversity. We also hold whole school assemblies which address some of the key areas of need within our school.

##### **BULLYING**

The school holds a clear position on bullying, and all pupils are taught to distinguish bullying from isolated acts of unkindness. There is a range of assemblies and whole school events linked to anti bullying, and class teachers are vigilant in monitoring the children's behaviour for indications of bullying. Where bullying is suspected, personalised support measures are put in place for both victims and perpetrators which take into account the needs of all the pupils involved.

#### How will the setting, school or college manage my child or young person's medicine or personal care needs?

##### **ADMINISTRATION OF MEDICATION**

We are aware that some children with SEND also have medical or personal care needs which require attention during the school day, including the administration of medication. Our usual protocol for the administration of medication is that, following signed parental consent, medication is kept in the fridge. Medicine is then administered members of staff, one of whom is the nominated First Aider who signs to acknowledge correct administration.

In some cases pupil's medication may be more appropriately stored in the schools' medical room (e.g. epi-pens, inhalers etc). When this is applicable, a clearly identifiable safe place in the medical room is chosen. Pen portraits that include photographs of the children, are displayed in the medical room, staffroom and kitchen, so that staff are aware of possible reaction to allergies. A first aider prepares all the medication and accompanies the children on all educational visits. Medicines are locked in first aid storage cupboard in staff room

##### **TOILETTING**

There is an expectation that pupils entering school, where possible, are independent in their toileting, and we would seek in the first instance to support toilet training programmes in place at home. Where toilet training is not appropriate, pupils are encouraged to take as much responsibility as possible for their toileting.

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For those pupils who wear nappies or continence pads, we request that parents provide us with the appropriate equipment as well as a spare change of clothes in case of accidents. We work closely with families and where appropriate seek the advice of the continence service when meeting pupil's toileting needs.

#### **PRIVACY AND DIGNITY**

For some pupils it may be more appropriate for medical care to take place in private and arrangements for this are made based on the context of the pupil's needs. For other pupils, medical care might take place within the daily routine of the classroom. Where this occurs close adult supervision is maintained to ensure the safety and dignity of all pupils.

For those pupils with toileting needs, every care is taken to ensure the pupil's dignity, particularly in the case of older pupils e.g. offering alternative toilets, or allowing pupils to use the toilet at quieter times of the school day. Some of the toilets are adapted for disabled pupils.

#### **SHARING OF MEDICAL INFORMATION**

We use a password protected integrated information management system for all electronic data in school which highlights pupils SEND and medical needs to all staff who log into the system. This system is linked to our registration and assessment tools meaning that information about pupil need is viable to staff alongside academic data. Information about the medical and personal care needs of pupils is noted on the pupils' Pen Portrait. For those pupils with more complex medical needs, medical care plans, produced in discussion with parents / carers and health professionals are used and made known to staff. For those pupils with medical conditions which can present with medical emergencies, a clear and detailed plan is made alongside parents and carers detailing the procedure to be followed in the event of an emergency (eg epilepsy, diabetes). This information is shared in more detailed plans as appropriate.

#### **MEDICAL APPOINTMENTS**

Where pupils need to take extended periods of time off to attend medical appointments, parents are encouraged to discuss how best to support the pupil with any missed work with the class teacher in the first instance. Sometimes it is appropriate to provide additional 'catch up work' for completion at home. Wherever possible the school will work flexibly to support pupils who miss work due to unavoidable medical appointments or through illness.

#### **TRAINING**

Staff undertake regular first aid training and are trained annually by the school nurse in the administration of rescue medication such as epi pens and asthma inhalers. The school also has a defibrillator. Where necessary the school seeks out relevant training to address the specific needs of pupils.

### **What support is available to assist with my child or young person's emotional and social development? (IRR)**

Personal Social and Emotional wellbeing is at the heart of our curriculum and class teachers address this through regular sessions in class. Staff promote an environment in which positive personal relationships can flourish and seek to support children in managing their emotions and relationships on a day to day basis. For those requiring further support, the school may employ a counsellor who might work individually with children or might support pupils in a more holistic way (e.g. family support, peer support etc). The school also employs a member of staff who is given time to administer a 'Share' box where children can leave notes about their worries. These worries are addressed by the member of staff who meets with the child and will liaise with the class teacher in order to find a resolution.



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#### What support is there for behaviour, avoiding exclusions and increasing attendance?

##### **BEHAVIOUR**

The school has a clear behaviour policy which is implemented consistently. Where pupils are unable to follow this policy or require additional support with behaviour a range of measures are used to support them in adhering to the school rules. For some pupils this involves alternative arrangements at key trigger points during the day, for others this may involve a time out arrangement enabling pupils to find a designated safe space at times of stress. A key focus of the school in supporting pupils whose behaviour is challenging is to firstly understand this behaviour. Our focus is on proactively avoiding behaviours, deescalating emotional incidents and supporting pupils, firstly to understand and then change their own behaviours. We work flexibly in response to pupil behaviour and aim to find creative strategies to support pupils in managing their behaviour. In some instances advice may be sought from (CEAT, Cheshire East Autistic Team). Parents would be fully informed and involved in this positive step to seek additional advice in order for the child to be supported more effectively in school.

##### **EXCLUSION**

It is very rare that we would consider exclusion for any pupil.

##### **ATTENDANCE**

We take active steps to improve attendance and any absence is followed up quickly and the school secretary will attempt to make contact after 10.00am if the parent has not notified school of the reason for the child's absence. For further details see our Attendance Policy on the school website

[www.lowerpark.cheshire.sch.uk](http://www.lowerpark.cheshire.sch.uk) About Us/Policies/Attendance Policy.

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#### What is the role of my child or young person's class teacher?

The class teacher has the overall responsibility for pupil's learning and their day to day well-being in school. They are the first port of call for pupils and parents and act as a hub for information about the pupil. Class teachers are expected to plan and deliver appropriate learning opportunities for pupils and to ensure that any resources in place to support pupil learning are used effectively (e.g. additional adults, physical prompts, interventions etc). The class teacher will direct the day to day support of any teaching assistance for the child.

#### Who else has a role in my child or young person's education?

The head teacher oversees the running of the school ensuring that all elements of a pupil's education are in place.

The Head teacher and SENCO have the responsibility for co-ordinating the provision for pupils with SEND. The SENCO will have an overview of all SEND pupils, she will usually host formal meetings such as termly and annual reviews and be responsible for information concerning each pupil.

In addition to the class teacher and SENCO, pupils might come into contact with the following:

Outside agencies such as O.T., SaLT, Physiotherapist, school nurse etc.

(Parental consent required for any contact).

There are also a number of support staff (teaching assistants) working in school. Many of these are highly skilled and experienced. Some of these staff run intervention programmes under the guidance of the teaching staff; others work in classrooms supporting pupils in small groups or on a 1:1 basis. For pupils with the highest levels of need, an additional adult might be assigned to work with the pupil on a 1:1 basis.

#### How does the setting, school or college ensure that information about a child's SEND or EHC plan is shared and understood by teachers and all relevant staff who come into contact with that child?

We use a password protected integrated information management system for all electronic data in school which highlights pupils SEND and medical needs to all staff who log into the system. This system is linked to our registration and assessment tools meaning that information about pupil need is visible to staff alongside academic data.

All class teachers and any key workers involved with the child will be given a copy of SFP/EHCPs and there are regular opportunities to discuss the content of these at termly SEN meetings with the SENCO.

#### What expertise is available in the setting, school or college in relation to SEND? (IRR)

All school staff has a good awareness of SEND through opportunities for regular training within Cheshire East.

The SENCO has expertise and knowledge gained over many years and regularly consults with other SENCOs in the cluster of local schools.

#### Which other services do you access to provide for and support pupils and students with SEND (including health, therapy and social care services)? (IRR)

The school works with a wide range of services. We have close links with health professionals, for example, CAMHS, SaLT and OT. Some of our pupils access SaLT, OT and physiotherapy on site.

We regularly organise multi-agency meetings to discuss pupil's needs, (e.g. CAF) and aim to ensure good communication with these groups in order to meet the

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need of pupils and their families. The SENCO attends half termly meetings with the educational psychologist and other local schools' SENCOs to gain advice on strategies to address individual cases (parents' consent is gained first).

#### **Who would be my first point of contact if I want to discuss something?**

Your first point of contact should be your child's class teacher. The school SENCO is also available by appointment to support you in matters relating to SEND.

#### **Who is the SEN Coordinator and how can I contact them? (IRR)**

The school SENCO is Mrs G Ripper. She can be contacted at school on 01625 872560

#### **What roles do have your governors have? And what does the SEND governor do?**

The school governors have responsibility for ensuring the quality of provision across the school. There is a designated governor for SEND, and meetings between the SEND governor and SENCO take place to ensure that all pupils including those who are looked after make progress.

#### **How will my child or young person be supported to have a voice in the setting, school or college? (IRR)**

Every effort is made to ensure that the opinions, thoughts and feelings of our pupils are an integral part of any plans made about their education. Pupil's opinions are sought at a level which is accessible to the individual. For some learners this might mean that they are supported to express their views in alternative formats e.g. opinions expressed via written means. Younger or less able children are given the opportunity to contribute their ideas in discussions which take place with a familiar adult who acts as an advocate for them. There is a school council, made up of pupils who meet regularly and to share the views of their peers. Pupils with SEND are represented within this group.

#### **What opportunities are there for parents to become involved in the setting/school/college and/or to become governors?**

Parents are encouraged to take an active role in the setting. Many parents volunteer in school e.g. hearing readers, accompanying trips etc. There are opportunities to join the parent teacher association who organise events and fundraise on behalf of the school. The school also has a Parent Council that meets regularly to address any issue that parents forward to their class representative. Parent governors sit on the governing body and when their term of office expires details of how to stand are advertised in the school newsletter.

#### **What help and support is available for the family through the setting, school or college? (IRR)**

We recognise that there can be a huge amount of paperwork as a parent of a child with SEND. The SENCO provides support to parents as required. This might be completing forms with parents or signposting them to agencies who can help further.

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### Inclusion & Accessibility

#### **How will my child or young person be included in activities outside the classroom, including trips? (IRR)**

As an inclusive school setting we seek to ensure that all pupils regardless of need are able to attend enrichment opportunities such as after school clubs, school trips etc. Therefore we work creatively and flexibly to make relevant adaptations to enable pupils with SEND to attend. For example, this might mean offering support to pupils attending after school clubs, booking accessible accommodation for residential trips etc. We have a range of out of school clubs and activities which change from time to time (details available on the website) all of which are available to every pupil regardless of need. For those pupils whose very high levels of need mean that the standard out of school activities on offer are inappropriate we seek to liaise with families about suitable alternatives ( for example a day trip in place of an overnight residential).

#### **How accessible is the setting/school/college environment?**

Is the building fully wheelchair accessible?

Details (if required)

Yes, there are ramps to allow wheelchair users to access parts of the school and all doorways have been widened

Are disabled changing and toilet facilities available?

Details (if required)

Yes, there is an accessible toilet with space to change.

Do you have parking areas for pick up and drop offs?

Details (if required)

Yes, there are two designated disabled parking spaces in the staff car park.

Do you have disabled parking spaces for students (post-16 settings)?

Details (if required)

N/A

Every effort will be made to provide reasonable adjustments to ensure that its facilities are accessible. Our **Equality Statement** can be found on the school website: [www.lowerpark.cheshire.sch.uk](http://www.lowerpark.cheshire.sch.uk), under the About Us.

Pupils with SEND are supported to access the facilities available to their peers, for example by providing large print text for those with visual impairments, providing additional adult support for sports sessions, voice transmitters etc. Where required the school seeks to make reasonable adjustments to the auditory and visual environment for those learners with sensory impairments. The school also has a hearing loop system in the school hall. We aim to personalise communication to suit families. For those who find it difficult to access written documents we communicate in person, by phone or text.

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| <b>Transition</b>  |
| <b>Who should I contact about my child/young person joining your setting, school or college? (IRR)</b>   |
| For information about entry please email the main school office ( <a href="mailto:admin@lowerpark.cheshire.sch.uk">admin@lowerpark.cheshire.sch.uk</a> ) who will discuss the entry process with you.  |
| <b>How can parents arrange a visit to your setting, school or college? What is involved?</b>   |
| We offer a range of transition visits for new reception pupils, however we encourage the families of pupils with SEND to arrange a separate visit with the Head teacher and school SENCO so that information which specifically relates to your child’s requirements can be shared. The SENCO and Foundation Stage Co-ordinator meet with parents of children with additional needs and will also meet with the child’s key worker in order to facilitate a smooth transition. A meeting is recommended in the first instance, however, if this is not possible to arrange then the SENCO will communicate with everyone involved. The SENCO also introduces herself and explains her role at the new intake meeting for parents of reception children.  |
| <b>How will you prepare and support my child or young person to join your setting, school, or college and how will you support them to move on to the next stage, or move on to adult life? (as applicable for setting) (IRR)</b>  |
| <p><b>ENTRY</b></p> <p>Prior to entry to our school it is usual for families of pupils with SEND to visit for an informal tour of the school. For pupils who will be able to access mainstream learning opportunities information from this meeting is then shared with the prospective class teacher. For those pupils with a higher level of need if it is agreed at this point that the school is able to meet the pupil’s needs, a multi-agency Action for Inclusion meeting is held. This meeting is an opportunity for families and professionals to share information about the pupil and for actions to be set to ensure the pupil is appropriately included. Following this meeting the school considers the provision necessary and if appropriate takes steps to acquire any resources needed to implement the provision. The action plan is then reviewed either prior to entry or shortly after. Prior to entry to school a range of transition measures are in place. This is personalised to meet the needs of the pupil but may include visits to the setting, visits by school staff to the pupil’s current setting, a transition pack containing photos etc.</p> <p><b>TRANSITION TO NEW SETTINGS</b></p> <p>Wherever possible, we prepare pupils for transition to new settings in a manner most appropriate to the individual. For some pupils this takes the form of additional visits to the new setting, for others this might be working through materials which address key aspects of the new setting. Some of our pupils benefit from lengthy transition work whereas others find an extended transition stressful and require a shorter introduction. We work closely with families at this time to ensure consistency of information. We have excellent links with our feeder high school, Poynton High School and work very closely with staff. Members of staff from Poynton High School attend meetings with staff at Lower Park and parents of children with SEND in the final year before transfer to aid a smooth transition and to transfer all relevant information. Comprehensive transition procedures take place between Lower Park staff, Cheshire East Assessment Team and High School staff for pupils transferring to high school.</p> |

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| <b>Additional Information</b>   |   |
| <b>What other support services are there who might help me and my family? (IRR)</b> |   |
|   | The school SENCO ( <a href="mailto:admin@lowerpark.cheshire.sch.uk">admin@lowerpark.cheshire.sch.uk</a> ) in school can provide details of further support for families.<br>Parent partnership can be accessed by following this link ( <a href="https://www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/schools/parents/parent_partnership.aspx">https://www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/schools/parents/parent_partnership.aspx</a> )   |
| <b>When was the above information updated, and when will it be reviewed?</b>        |   |
|   | July 2014 to be reviewed July 2016  |
| <b>Where can I find the Cheshire East Local Offer? (IRR)</b>                        |   |
|   | The Cheshire East Local Offer can be found at <a href="http://www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/localoffer">www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/localoffer</a>  |
| <b>What can I do if I am not happy with a decision or what is happening? (IRR)</b>  |   |
|   | As a school we encourage parents to address any worries or concerns promptly initially with the class teacher, and then if they are unable to help, with a senior member of staff such as the SENCO, Deputy Head or the Headteacher. Details of these people are listed below. In the vast majority of cases we find that by talking things through we are able to find solutions to most problems. However, if after discussing your concerns with these people, you remain unhappy with any aspect of the school's performance our complaints procedure can be found on the school web-site: <a href="http://www.lowerpark.cheshire.sch.uk">www.lowerpark.cheshire.sch.uk</a> under the Policies section.<br>Guidance on what to do if you are unhappy with a decision made by the <u>local authority</u> regarding a pupils SEND can be found on <a href="http://www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/children_and_families/special_educational_needs/sen_in_schools.aspx">http://www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/children_and_families/special_educational_needs/sen_in_schools.aspx</a> |
| <b>CONTACT DETAILS FOR LOWER PARK PRIMARY SCHOOL</b>                                |   |
|   | HEADTEACHER: Mr I G Coulson Tel: 01625 872560 <a href="mailto:head@lowerpark.cheshire.sch.uk">head@lowerpark.cheshire.sch.uk</a>  |

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