

SEN Specialist Expertise

The SENCo Team

We have three qualified SENCos at Wormley Primary (Mrs Laura Gilpin, Mrs Adrienne Viall and Miss Ashleigh Davies) all of whom hold the SENCo accreditation. Between them they have a vast knowledge, expertise and experience in a wide range of Special Educational needs. They continue to regularly update their training to keep up to date with developments and practices. More details on the role of the SENCo can be found within our SEN Policy.

We have developed a small team of highly skilled and committed SEN Learning Support Assistants who help us deliver personalised provision designed to meet the needs of children with EHCPs and Learning Plans. Each member of the team has their own specialities.

- Mrs F Drake (qualified teacher and lead in Specific Learning Difficulties- SPLD)
- Mrs L Cliss (qualified teacher and lead in early intervention and support)
- Mrs D Kendall (lead in speech and language support)
- Mrs N Lockwood (lead in emotional wellbeing)
- Ms Lorraine Andrews (lead in traveller support)
- Mrs D Metz (lead in forest school)
- Mrs N Mason (Key Stage 1 SEN support)

Our SEN governor is Becky Millward. She can be contacted on bmillward@wormleyprimary.co.uk

What training do staff supporting children with SEND have?

Staff are kept up to date with relevant professional development, including specialist and accredited training. Examples include:

- Hertfordshire STEPs training- a therapeutic approach to behaviour
- Tier 1 - 3 AET Autism training
- Supporting pupils with speech and language difficulties – Talk Boost, Elklan Communication Friendly School accreditation, Word Aware, Makaton training (We also use Wellcomm assessments to assess pupils' understanding of age appropriate language)
- Supporting children with social, emotional, mental health needs (SEMH) – Nurture training, Well-being Award for Schools, Mental Health First Aid training, Forest School accreditation
- Supporting children with medical needs – First Aid, Paediatric First Aid, Mental Health First Aid, AAI (EpiPen training), epilepsy training.
- Supporting children with working memory difficulties
- Level 1 Safeguarding, including regular updates
- Level 2 Safeguarding for designated safeguarding leads

Which other professionals might support my child and our family?

Wormley Primary School enjoys good working relationships with a wide range of people who provide services to children with SEND and their families. The SENCOs contact external agencies when a child is demonstrating further cause for concern or their learning need is more complex and persistent. This is after discussions with the parents/carer and where possible the child.

These include:

- Middleton Special School Outreach
- Specific Learning Difficulties (SpLD) advice,
- Specialist Advisory Service (Autism)
- Private Play Therapist
- Limited support from NHS Speech and Language Therapist (SLT)
- Additional support from an independent Speech and Language Therapist (SLT).
- Education Psychologist
- HABS Family Support Services (based at the school and work with a number of families in crisis.)
- Hertfordshire Public Health Nursing Service
- Step 2 Early Mental Health support
- Child and Adolescent Mental Health Service (CAMHS)
- Hertfordshire Special Educational Needs Inclusion Team
- Social Workers
- SENDIASS

If you would like to discuss your SEND requirements in detail please contact the SENCO team to arrange an appointment.