

Please remember that we are always here to listen and answer any questions you may have.

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Parent Guide to how we support your child at school

This guide has been put together by parents, for parents, in consultation with the Special Educational Needs and Disability Co-ordinator (SENDCo) and SEN Governor.

Support at Gorran School

At Gorran we believe that all children should be valued and we aim to be inclusive of all children, whatever needs they may have.

The facilities we have and the education we provide are tailored to meet individual needs both inside and outside of the classroom environment. Staff at Gorran are all trained to cater for the needs of the children in their care and many staff have had additional training specific to individual children.

We have an 'open door' policy, so if you have any questions about your child's learning please come and see us or email us: support@gorran.cornwall.sch.uk.

What do we do if...?

We will always talk to you if we think that your child may need additional support. Similarly, we ask that you always talk to us if you have a concern.

Your child's class teacher will then consult with the Special Educational Needs and Disability Coordinator (SENDCo), Mrs Rawlings, who may then carry out observations of your child in class, look at their work and talk with your child to gain more information.

As a part of this process we may put in place additional interventions to support your child. This could be in the form of:

- further in class support
- short-term specific interventions
- 1:1 sessions
- home-school interventions
- other learning interventions developed on an individual need basis
- support from external agencies where appropriate

What happens next?

Once your child has begun receiving additional support for their needs an Individual Education Plan (IEP) may be drawn up, detailing short-term specific targets. This will also tell you and your child how these targets will be supported and how you will know if the targets have been met. Parents will be invited to a short meeting to review the IEP on a termly basis. These reviews take place in October, February and May and are in addition to the normal Parent Consultation Meetings.

What further support can we offer?

If your child continues to have difficulty in one or more areas then the SENDCo may refer them to external agencies who may carry out an assessment of your child's needs. Examples of these agencies include the Speech and Language Therapy Service and Educational Psychology Team. Advice from these professionals is then acted upon and reviewed regularly.

Special Educational Needs are any needs that a child may have which affects their ability to learn. This may include their:

- communication and interaction
- cognition and learning
- social, emotional and mental health difficulties
- sensory and / or physical needs

There are sometimes occasions where children still do not make the progress we would expect or where there needs require more specialized support. In these cases we would work together with you and your child to consider requesting an Education, Health and Care Needs Assessment. This is where we would begin to involve the Cornwall Local Authority in assessing the needs of your child, who may decide to issue an Education, Health and Care Plan (EHCP).

More information about the EHCP process can be found on the Family Information Service website:

www.cornwallfisdirectory.org.uk

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Resources and Support for Parents

One of the most useful resources and sources of information is the Cornwall Family Information Service. www.cornwallfis.org.uk. They are the 'go to' people for advice on all aspects of family life, including SEN.

Another wonderful service in Cornwall is the Special Educational Needs and Disability Information and Advice Support Service (SENDIASS) who offer free confidential, independent and impartial support for parents. They can be contacted on (01736) 751921 or via their website www.cornwallsendiass.org.uk.

Other useful websites:

www.autism.org.uk

www.nasen.org.uk

www.bdadyslexia.org.uk

www.dyslexiaaction.org.uk

www.cornalldyslexia.org.uk

www.cornwallmentalhealth.com