

FIRTHMOOR PRIMARY SCHOOL



SEND Local Offer

Date to be reviewed: February 2018

School Ethos and Values

At Firthmoor Primary School, we are dedicated to providing the very best care and education for all our children. We want our school to be a happy, inclusive and successful community. Within a safe, positive and supportive environment, our children are encouraged to take responsibility for their own health and well-being.

We promote a love of learning, which encourages our children to aim high and become valuable members of society and pride ourselves on being a school at the heart of the Firthmoor Community, involving pupils, parents and the wider community in our achievements.

School Aims and Objectives

- We promote the development of all children, ensuring learning opportunities and programmes are in place for children to make good progress.
- We enable each person to achieve their full potential by identifying and supporting their needs, offering a broad and balanced curriculum that promotes equal opportunities for all the children within our school.
- We commit to narrowing the attainment gap between SEND and non-SEND students. This may include appropriate intervention and learning programmes developed on an individual needs basis.
- We actively engage with partner agencies in developing appropriate provision and supportive strategies.
- We encourage children to grow and develop their potential by allocating resources, enabling them to fully participate in the life of the school.
- We provide learning support in all areas of transition, ensuring support and continuity is provided across all Key Stages.
- We effectively include and consult all parents regarding Special Educational Needs support provided within school using varying methods of communication.
- We provide a staffing structure with clear lines of responsibility for SEND and ensure staff training is provided as appropriate.
- We promote effective communication within school by sharing examples of good practice and supporting colleagues by working together.
- We operate a system of assessment, record keeping, regular monitoring and effective feedback to support pupil progress.

Meeting Individual Needs

We aim for all pupils to achieve their full potential. We offer a balanced curriculum, which is tailored to enable all pupils to develop their skills and talents through positive and realistic goals. We recognise that some pupils require additional support to reach their potential and use a range of approaches to meet the needs of these children.

Pupils with additional learning needs

We provide support for pupils with a range of additional educational needs which enables them to access all areas of the school curriculum.

Gifted and talented pupils

Pupils with particular gifts or talents in any subject area will find many opportunities to develop these within their regular lessons, either through extension activities or small group work.

Special Educational Provisions

Provision for pupils with disabilities and additional educational needs

Admissions

At Firthmoor Primary School we look at the educational needs of a pupil with disabilities and, in liaison with all other agencies involved with the pupil and their parents, develop an individual education plan, which will allow children to achieve their full potential.

Discrimination

We are committed to ensuring pupils have access to all areas of the curriculum and operate an Equality and Diversity Policy to remove any barriers to access, participation, progression, attainment and achievement.

Access

Our school building is fully accessible for any person with physical disabilities. However, we recognise that there is always room for improvement, and we would welcome any further suggestions as to how we could improve our accessibility to all, whatever their disability.

Staff Expertise

We have a number of staff who have a wide range of experience or have undertaken training in the following areas:

- Speech, Language and Communication Needs
- Specific learning difficulties (such as, dyslexia, dyspraxia and dyscalculia)
- Specific medical conditions (such as asthma, diabetes, eczema, epilepsy)
- Behavioural difficulties
- Working with children with Hearing Impairments
- Working with children with Visual Impairments
- Working with children with Autistic Spectrum Disorder
- Implementing Additional Literacy Strategy work
- Implementing Additional Numeracy Strategy work

Who to contact at Firthmoor Primary School regarding Special Educational Needs

If your child has a disability and you would like to know more about what we offer at Firthmoor Primary School, contact us on **01325 244001** or e-mail us at:
admin@firthmoor.darlington.sch.uk

Mrs A Dixon, Head Teacher

Miss V Johnson, Deputy Head Teacher

Mrs E Dannatt, SEND Co-ordinator

Mrs D Kilpatrick, HLTA and Inclusion Officer