

Bitterne Church of England Primary School

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Information Report for Special Educational Needs and Disability (SEND) - 2026-2027

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We believe:

- all children should be valued regardless of their abilities and behaviours;
- all children are entitled to a broad and balanced curriculum which is matched to meet each individual's needs;
- all teachers are teachers of children with special educational needs;
- all children can learn and make progress;
- all children should be challenged to achieve their full potential,
- all children benefit from a proactive team approach between home and school.

We believe in:

- effective assessment and provision for children with SEND;
- effective working partnerships with parents, children, the Local Authority and other external agencies;
- developing pupils' self-esteem, confidence and independence in preparation for the future.

Education Framework

The following table demonstrates how we put support in place for all pupils with SEND (including the areas of need below).

- Learning difficulties
- Speech, language and communication difficulties
- Autism spectrum condition
- Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder
- Specific learning difficulties



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- Physical difficulties and medical needs
- Sensory difficulties
- Behaviour, emotional and social difficulties including mental health

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Teaching Approaches 	• All teachers are teachers of children with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND). Teachers will make provision within the classroom for children who require additional support. • Consistent routines and systems across the whole school. • Regular assessment of pupils' progress and setting 'next steps' in class learning scaffolded and differentiated class work. • Flexi grouping - Groups changed to reflect pupils' learning needs for each lesson -. • Structured classroom environment to support learning. • Dyslexia, ASC, ADD/ ADHD Friendly learning environment. • Teachers use a variety of adaptive teaching approaches, technologies and strategies to enable children to access the learning.	• Staff regularly assess targeted pupils to identify their next steps in learning and to plan for specific groups. • Small groups may be supported by either the class teachers, Higher Level Teaching Assistants (HLTAs) or Teaching Assistants (TAs) as appropriate.	• Detailed individual assessments may be used to identify the best teaching approaches for individual children and identify gaps in learning. • Learning tasks are adapted to meet the needs of individual children. • Staff will identify Key Objectives by gathering evidence from a range of sources and will develop and review achievable learning targets for individual pupils with Individual Education Plans (IEPs). • Additional positive support is put in place for pupils who are struggling to make progress.



Learning / curriculum approaches 	Pupils have full access to the National Curriculum and Religious Education. Children in Year R will have full access to the Early Years Foundation Stage Framework. The School has created a concepts curriculum which builds on prior knowledge each year. This is adapted to the needs of all learners regardless of their abilities and needs. Children are assessed regularly and parents are always informed of any concerns regarding their children's progress. Termly Parents' Meetings can be booked online or through the school office for progress updates.	Intervention for small groups and individuals are planned with support from the class teacher, phase leader or inclusion team. Additional meetings with parents are held with a focus on learning. During these staff listen to parents' views and give further advice and training where requested about how to support their child further at home. The school uses a variety of methods to identify underachievement, children who learn effectively but do so at a slower pace and special educational needs. These include: • Assessments • Discussions with parents • Pupil Progress meetings • Class teacher discussions with the Inclusion Team	Parents and school meet more frequently when necessary to discuss more individualised approaches for specific children. The Inclusion Team may carry out further assessment when additional educational needs are identified and outside agencies may also be involved. Parents will be consulted if outside agencies need to be involved. Passports are created in collaboration with parents and the child for pupils who have a Special Educational Need.
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Support 	Bitterne CE Primary School is a fully inclusive school, where the whole school community respects the rights and needs of others. All staff are made aware of specific needs of a child and are advised on teaching strategies for High Quality teaching.	The school has Higher Level Teaching Assistants who specialise in supporting pupils with specific needs and coaching other Teaching assistants. These include: • A SALSA who supports in - developing a pupil's speech, language and communication skills. • An Autism Ambassador http://www.ascambassador.org.uk/	Children with SEND in school may also be supported by external agencies and parents are always consulted. The primary contact for these agencies is the Inclusion Leader and/or SENDCO, who will involve other staff members as appropriate and liaise with parents.



	The school has a dedicated Family Support Officer who helps strengthen the link between home and school, ensuring that every child and family has access to the right support when they need it. Teaching and support staff regularly receive training which is aimed at maximising participation, access and achievement of children with a variety of needs. Instructions are simplified and supported with visual and auditory aids where necessary with checks for understanding.	• Staff trained through the Southampton Autism in School's project. • A HLTA responsible for monitoring pupils with traits of or a diagnosis of ADHD. Targeted opportunities are given to access individual and small group work to develop independence and organisational skills. These can include working on targets agreed with the child and celebration for their achievement. Children with Additional Need have extra support within transition to ensure a clear understanding of the support that they require. Where pupils require some additional support with changing, toileting or temporary medical needs, staff and parents will agree one of the following:	Where a pupil needs significant support or has complex needs with intimate care or medical needs, staff will follow the guidance of the relevant NHS department. An Individual Health Care Plan may be created if requested by parents or medical professionals as explained in the Medical needs Policy.
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Environment and physical resources 	Bitterne CE Primary School is an inclusive setting that welcomes all children regardless of their abilities. Reasonable adjustments are made to include all members of the school community. The school supports individuals who rely very heavily on structure to manage change and unpredictable events.	The school has one dedicated Nurture Room providing a structured programme of work to support identified children with their social and emotional needs. These provide children with opportunities to work cooperatively with their peers and manage their feelings. Sensory and Accessibility audits are performed when needed and reasonable adjustments are made. The school uses a range of resources such as standing desks and wobble stools to support children's needs.	The Inclusion leader and/or SENDCO co-ordinates the liaison and multi-agency working to support children with disabilities and to provide any specialist equipment or adaptations that may be needed. A Higher-Level Teaching Assistant (HLTA) coordinates and liaises with NHS staff to implement occupational and physiotherapy programmes. The school has two large disability toilets with space for hi-low beds when allocated for identified children. Staff receive training to use equipment and procedures safely and according to policies.



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Social, Emotional and Mental Health



Bitterne CE Primary School is a [School of Sanctuary](#).

The school works hard with families to meet the needs of all pupils with their social, emotional and behavioural development. We are proactive in developing acceptance of Inclusivity in all pupils.

Personal, Social and Health Education (PSHE) and Citizenship is taught to all pupils in all year groups and the school follows the Story Book Project. The foci are outlined on the curriculum overview under the PSHE sections.

The school encourages extra-curricular clubs and sports activities to develop social and interactional skills with opportunities to

If children require additional focused support with their social, emotional and behavioural development, teachers may offer individualised targets to the children. They may also offer individualised or group Zones of Regulation support.

The school has one nurturing group which runs every afternoon. Some children who have been identified as requiring additional social, emotional and behavioural support (SEBD) through a Boxall Profile or through another analysis may be targeted to attend these groups if it is felt appropriate.

For children who can find the start of the day challenging, the school offers a 'Soft Start Club.' This is a small breakfast club where children are referred to the Inclusion team who will allocate a space for a fixed period of time if appropriate before reviewing. Children come in at the normal start time to a small, calm space where they can have breakfast and an opportunity to ready themselves before joining their main classroom setting.

Where pupils meet the criteria, the school can refer pupils to the NHS [Mental Health in Schools](#)

We have a two trained Emotional Literacy Support Assistants (ELSA) who can support pupils when a need has been identified. These are Teaching assistants who has received additional training from educational psychologists on aspects of emotional literacy including emotional awareness, self-esteem, anger management, social and friendship skills, social communication difficulties, loss, bereavement and family break-up.

Some children who display challenging behaviour have Behaviour Response Plans. These plans are shared across the school to ensure a consistent approach during each stage of escalation and de-escalation.

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	work cooperatively with peers. The school has a Behaviour and Anti-bullying Policy which outlines expectations with clear rewards and sanctions. The school uses a Positive Behaviour Support approach (PBS). This is a person centred approach to support all children including those with additional learning needs to understand school expectations and rules. All children are supported through Zones of Regulation throughout the school. All children have access to a range of fiddle tools in their classroom to support focus and engagement in learning.	Team (MHST) which can provide additional support for emotional wellbeing. For children who have significant difficulties at lunchtimes or require supervision for eating, the school offers a 'Lunch Club.' This is a small club where children are referred to the Inclusion team who will be allocated a space for a fixed period of time if appropriate before reviewing or for children who have this as a named provision on their EHCP. Children come in at the normal lunch time to a small, calm space where they can have lunch and an opportunity to develop social skills. Some children can access different parts of the lunch club dependent upon their needs.	
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The school has two calm areas; Lunar lounge located in KS1 and Forest Lounge located in KS2. Where pupils need a safe space to regulate or speak to an adult, they can access these freely.

The school has two pet Guinea Pigs which support children's Social and Emotional development. Children are encouraged to care for the Guinea Pigs and where needed can access these to support their regulation.



Frequently asked questions from the young person's point of view:

Question	Answer
What sort of school are you? I have a special need. Would you be able to help me to learn? Would I be able to join your school?	We are a mainstream school, which means that anyone can join our school. We try hard to help children learn with all different types of need.
How does Bitterne Church of England Primary School know if I need extra help?	<i>Your teachers track your progress and they will know if you need extra help.</i>
What should I do if I think I need extra help?	<i>You can talk to someone at home and they can talk to your teacher. You can also talk to your teacher or Teaching Assistant.</i>
How will I know if I am doing as well as I should?	<i>Your teacher will let you know how well you are doing in class through talking to you and through their marking when they give you a tick and a tip. Someone from home will have meetings with your teacher to explain how you are doing. You will also have a school report in the summer term. Whenever needed, your teacher will speak to someone from home so you will know how well you are getting on in your learning.</i>
How will my work be organised to meet my individual needs?	<i>Your teacher will give you work that will allow you to learn and make progress. They will make sure that it is not too easy and not too hard but it will make you think.</i>
Who will tell me what I can do to help myself and be more independent?	<i>All the staff at Bitterne Church of England Primary School can help you to become independent.</i>
If I have difficulty in taking part in school activities, what different arrangements can be made? a. How will I know who can help me? b. Who can I talk to about getting involved in school activities if I need extra help?	<i>You will be introduced to all staff that will be working with you so that they understand your needs.</i> <i>You can talk to your class teacher or Teaching Assistant if you would like to be involved in school activities where you may need extra help.</i>
How can I get help if I am worried about things other than my school work?	<i>You can talk to any teacher or Teaching Assistant. You can also ask to speak with an Emotional Literacy Support Assistant or the Family Support Officer.</i>
How will I be involved in planning for my needs and who will explain it and help me?	<i>Your teacher will have a meeting with you to discuss how you are getting on. This is called a pupil conference. Your teacher will also tell you what your targets are.</i>



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	<i>If you have a Passport or a Behaviour Support Plan, this will be discussed with you by your teacher or teaching assistant.</i>
What should I do if I am worried about something?	<i>Talk to your teacher, Teaching Assistant or any other familiar adult in the school.</i>
Are there staff in school who have been trained to help young people who need extra help?	<i>Our Inclusion Leader and SENDCO are trained to help children with learning needs. They have been on lots of courses and have made sure that the Teaching Assistants are well trained and know how to help you.</i>
Can school staff get extra help from experts outside the school if they need to? (eg advice and training on medical conditions)	<i>We work with lots of people who can support you too, for example, specialist teachers, therapists, nurses and social workers.</i>
I use a wheelchair. Will I be able to move around your school easily?	<i>There are ramps in the playground and at doors. Most of the school is on the ground floor, but the year 3 and 4 classrooms are up a flight of stairs. Unfortunately, we do not have a lift. We have several accessible toilets that you can use. The playgrounds are on a flat tarmac surface, so that should be easy for your wheelchair to move over for games sessions and at playtimes. It would be a good idea for you to come and have a look round to see what you think.</i>
What help is there to help me get ready to start at my school?	<i>We will talk to your current school and your parents/carers. You are welcome to come and visit Bitterne Church of England Primary School. We can give you a school prospectus and write you a social story if this would help you. A member of staff or some other children will give you a tour of the school once you have started.</i>
I am worried about moving up to a new year group. How can you help me?	<i>We will organise extra sessions for you to visit your new year group and meet with your new teacher and other staff. We will give you photographs to remind you and we will write you a social story if it helps.</i>

Frequently asked questions from the parent carer's point of view:



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What type of school are you, what special educational needs do you cater for and are there eligibility criteria?	• Bitterne Church of England Primary School is a mainstream primary school catering for the needs of pupils from Year R to Year 6. • The Governing Body supports the Local Authority admissions criteria, which does not discriminate against pupils with special education needs or disabilities. Its admissions policy has due regard for the guidance in the Code of Practice. • No pupil will be refused admission to school on the basis of his or her special educational need. In line with the SEN and Disability Act we will not discriminate against disabled children and we will take all reasonable steps to provide effective educational provision. • Parents or carers seeking the admission of a pupil with mobility difficulties are advised to approach the school well in advance so that consultations can take place.
How does the school know if children need extra help? What should I do if I think my child/young person may have special educational needs?	• We are committed to early identification of special educational needs and follow a graduated approach. A range of evidence is collected through our usual assessment and monitoring arrangements. We also listen to the advice of other agencies for example health and special schools. If this information shows that your child is not making the expected progress, the teachers will decide whether extra help is necessary and discuss this with you. • If your child has an Educational Health and Care plan, it will tell us clearly about the extra help that your child needs. • If you are concerned and think that your child may have special educational needs, you need to speak to your child's class teacher or contact the Inclusion Leader or SENDCO through the school office.
How will both you and I know how my child is doing and how will you help me to support my child's learning?	• Bitterne Church of England Primary School has a clear policy for the inclusion of pupils with special educational needs and disabilities. You can find a link to this document on the school website. • Your child's progress is regularly monitored by the class teacher, subject leaders and the senior leadership team, through day to day assessments which are carried out in class. We check each pupil's progress at Pupil progress meetings every half term. • If necessary, we may arrange for a more in-depth assessment to be carried out on your child through a Specialist Teaching Assistants or outside agencies. These experts will



	then support our school in making appropriate provision for the individual needs of your child and will help us set targets. • You will be invited to contribute to any professional meetings about your child. • If your child has an Educational Health and Care plan (EHCP), it will tell, an annual review is held according to the guidance in the Code of Practice to which you will be invited and we will all discuss how well your child is doing and the next steps in their learning at home and school. • You will have regular opportunities to discuss your child's progress at termly Parents' Evenings, where the class teacher will discuss the progress that your child has made and explain their targets to you, along with suggestions about how you can help. • We keep parents informed at all stages when additional needs have been identified. • You will receive a written report annually and we will always ask to see you if we have concerns about your child's progress. • We have an 'open door policy' at Bitterne Church of England Primary School. If you want to know how your child is doing at any time, you can ask your child's class teacher for a meeting when you see them at the end of the day or send them a message via the class messaging app, or you can leave a message for them to contact you at the office. • Bitterne Church of England's governing body are responsible for overseeing the school's provision for pupils with SEND (special educational needs and disabilities). There is a group of governors known as 'The Inclusion Team' who liaise regularly with, and support the Inclusion Leader and SENDCo. • Data showing how children with special educational needs are progressing is discussed regularly at governor meetings. The governors ask questions about the support we put in place, and ask us to prove that it is effective.
How will the education setting staff support my child?	• For details about the varying levels of support for children with different special educational needs and disabilities, please look at the chart at the top of this document. • Your child's class teacher and the SENDCO will oversee and plan your child's education programme. Depending on the intervention required, your child may be working in a small group with support during literacy and/or mathematics.



	• Sometimes a pupil requires support to access the curriculum or to manage his or her behaviour; a Teaching Assistant may support your child to be a successful member of the school community. • It may be appropriate for your child to have one-to-one support for example with a speech language and communication programme or support for reading. This will all be explained to you by your child's class teacher. • If an intervention is put in place, we will check that it is working regularly. • We use a range of interventions which have been shown to have good results on pupil progress. • We work closely with parents to make sure that your child receives the best possible support both in and outside of school. • Provision for pupils with SEND is the key responsibility of the Inclusion Leader and SENDCO, supported by the Head teacher, the Senior Leadership Team and the Class Teachers.
How will the curriculum be matched to my child's needs?	• All teachers are teachers of children with SEN. All teachers plan to include everyone in their lessons and work is provided at the appropriate levels for children to access their learning and make good progress. For details about the varying levels of support for children with different special educational needs and disabilities, please look at the chart at the top of this document. • Staff will make reasonable adjustments to meet the range of special educational needs within their teaching. • Support for your child will often be through adapting the teaching materials or physical environment, or through small group teaching. • Teaching and learning is monitored by the Senior Leadership Team. • Assessment of your child's learning is used to plan and adapt lessons. • Some pupils will require support above and beyond this differentiated learning. These pupils will have an individual plan, known as a Learning Plan. Parents and other experts may contribute to the targets on this plan. • Feedback both verbal and written is given to pupils about their learning. This identifies something they have done well, and something they should aim to do to improve their learning.



	• Pupils are encouraged to discuss and evaluate their own learning performance and to identify what they think they might need to make progress. Peer group assessment is used to good effect. • Class Teachers and Teaching Assistants work closely with the Inclusion Leader or SENDCO and other specialist agencies to discuss the needs of individual children. They will consider the most effective strategies and if additional resources are required. • Bitterne Church of England aims to ensure that your child is given every opportunity to develop self-confidence and independence in all aspects of school life.
How is the decision made about what type and how much support my child will receive?	• Every term (with additional reviews), the leadership team meets with each class teacher to discuss pupil progress. If there is a need for some extra support this will be discussed with you and agreed by everyone that needs to help your child. • The local authority provides funding for schools to meet the needs of all children with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities. If your child has an identified need, the leadership team will allocate support. For example, your child might have extra group sessions, individual sessions, or the leadership team may allocate a Teaching Assistant to work in class so that the class teacher can focus more closely on your child when necessary. • If your child has an EHC, we will ensure that the provision specified in Part 3 is provided.
How will my child be included in activities including trips run by your setting?	• Our school tries to ensure that all children have equality of opportunity in all aspects of the curriculum. This is outlined in our Single Equality Policy in line with the Equality Act 2010 (Amendment) Regulations 2023. • Inclusion may require a pupil to be given alternative, adapted or additional activities and opportunities to achieve the same learning outcomes as their peers. • Risk assessments are carried out for ALL out of school trips and visits. The needs of vulnerable pupils such as those with SEND are considered as part of this process and appropriate arrangements are made to ensure all pupils are fully included.
What support will there be for my child's overall well-being?	• At Bitterne Church of England school we have high expectations of all of our pupils. We aim to ensure that your child makes the best possible progress through individual target setting. This allows pupils to achieve a positive sense of success with their own learning and abilities.



	• The Senior Assistant Headteacher is in charge of behaviour and will support pupils with difficulties in this area to improve their 'behaviour for learning' and also to give advice and ensure a consistent approach with staff. • A range of rewards are awarded to pupils for exemplary or improved behaviour, work and/or attitude. • The Senior Assistant Headteacher for Inclusion also manages the school's ELSA (Emotional Literacy Support Assistant), who provides support sessions for identified pupils. They also support children in their overall well-being, whilst working alongside parents. In addition, the school has a Nurture Group for children who need additional support with social, emotional and behavioural difficulties. • We celebrate children's successes and progress through a variety of achievement assemblies. • The Inclusion Team will monitor your child's overall wellbeing. They will inform other staff of any situations which they need to be aware of in order to support your child. They will develop risk assessments for your child if necessary alongside yourself and key staff in order to keep them as safe as possible. • The Inclusion Team monitor and supports children with Special educational Needs and Disabilities and will check that they have suitable programmes and targets to help them make progress. Your child's class teacher will set these and discuss them with you. • To support medical needs a healthcare plan will be produced alongside parents and medical professionals. A medical register is kept of these needs. Healthcare plans are easily accessible to staff in the class information folder. Emergency medication is recorded on a red card to prioritise your child's well-being and safety in school. Your child's picture and details of what to do in an emergency will be clearly displayed for relevant staff to refer to quickly. • If your child has a need involving the administration of medicines or intimate care, the school aims to be flexible and supportive wherever possible and has comprehensive policies to offer guidance to staff and parents. These policies are available on request. We have close links with our partners in health, for example with our school nurse. • The school supports children with SEND contributing to all aspects of school life and they are encouraged to take on roles of responsibility such as peer mediators and prefects. If necessary additional support is provided in order to help them achieve this.
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What training have the staff supporting children and young people with SEND had?	• The named SEN Coordinator is Natalie Gear who holds the National Professional Qualification for Special Educational Needs. She is line managed by the Senior Assistant Headteacher for Inclusion Clare Bailey who is an experienced SENCO of over 20 years. The SENDCo identifies training needs alongside the Senior Assistant Headteacher for Inclusion. • All staff at Bitterne Church of England School undergo regular training relevant to their role in supporting your child and there is a programme of continuing professional development in place for all teaching and support staff. • Individual staff members may be trained to deliver specific interventions under the guidance of the SENCO, the SEN Team, or Specialist Support Teams. • Some support staff are responsible for delivering special interventions to individuals working on targets set by partner agencies. (eg. Speech and Language or SAOS - Southampton School's Outreach Service). In this instance training will be provided on an ongoing basis, directly from these specialist agencies, who continue to oversee the delivery of these interventions. • Staff are also supported in the classroom through coaching. Teaching assistants are coached by the Inclusion Team and Specialist Teaching Assistants.
How accessible is Bitterne Church of England Primary School?	• The Single Equality Act 2010 (Amendment) 2023 Regulations requires all public service providers to ensure that their establishments are accessible to all potential users including those with SEND. As part of our Single Equality Policy we regularly review the accessibility of the school premises. • Our school building is on two levels with stairs. We do not have a lift. We make every reasonable adjustment possible. • We will work with other agencies to ensure that any additional access requirements that your child needs are put in place where possible. • There are ramps available to access the building and we have three accessible toilets. • The playground is mainly flat and of a tarmac surface suitable for wheelchairs.
How are parents/ young people currently involved in your education setting? How can I get involved and who can I contact for further information?	• We welcome involvement from all parents and aim to work in partnership with them. We will work with you to support your child's learning at home and school, and are willing to offer help and support.



	• You may wish to volunteer in school. We have special teaching assistants which will help you do this. All our volunteers must have safeguarding training and a DBS check. This is very easy to organise. All you have to do is ask at the office and they will do the rest. • The school has an active Parent Forum, who will keep other parents informed of any opportunities to support the school. • Our school website and regular newsletters provide information to parents about how you can support your child's learning and be involved in school events. • You may wish to find out about opportunities to be a school parent governor, a member of Bitterne Friends Parent Teacher Association or a parent forum representative. Please ask at the office for further details about these opportunities. • You can discuss your child's needs and receive feedback from the class teacher at termly parents evenings; however, if you wish to have further updates, you can request a meeting either directly with your child's class teacher at the end of the day, or by leaving a message with the office. • If your child has an EHC plan we will organise additional review meetings. Both you and your child will be invited to contribute. These may form part of your termly Parents Meeting. • We recognise that all pupils should be involved in making decisions. Where appropriate your child will be involved in monitoring and reviewing their progress. • We try to fully involve all pupils by encouraging them to: • state their views about their education and learning • be involved in individual target setting • self-review their progress and identify their next steps.
What steps should I take if I have concerns about the school's SEND provision?	• Your first point of contact, if you want to discuss something about your child, is your child's class teacher. • If you have further concerns, you should ask at the office and make an appointment to speak to the SENDCo. • You can contact any member of the school leadership team if you are still worried. • In the unlikely circumstances that your issue has not been resolved, the school's Formal Complaints Policy, (available at the office) will support you in how to make a formal complaint to the governors.



What specialist services and expertise are available at or accessed by Bitterne Church of England Primary School?	• In the same way as all other Southampton Schools, we have access to a range of professionals and specialist agencies to support your child's individual needs. Your permission will always be asked for in order to involve other agencies. • All support agencies operate a system of criteria for their involvement and a process of referral must be followed. We receive support from a variety of agencies including: • Educational Psychology Services • Southampton Inclusion Partnership (SIP) • Southampton Neurodiversity Team • Southampton Specialist Teaching and Advisory Service • School Nurse • CAMHS (Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services) • Speech and Language Therapy Services • Occupational and Physio Therapy Services • 'Family Matters' support workers • MHST (Mental Health in School's Team) • Southampton's Neurodiversity Team (NDT) • We work closely with parents and use the CRS (Children's Resource Service) where appropriate to liaise and refer to other agencies.
How will the Bitterne Church of England Primary School prepare and support my child to join the school and then transfer to a new school?	• When your child joins the school, you will be shown round by a member of staff and introduced to key members of staff who will support your child. This will be a chance for you to ask any questions that you may have. • Staff make visits to pre-schools in order to find out about your child and plan for them before they join us. • If your child is joining us from another school, a member of staff will phone the school to find out about the support they have been receiving and request relevant paperwork. • If your child has more complex special needs, then a member of our staff will meet with you to plan their transition. This member of staff will either be an Inclusion Leader and/or the SENDCO, or will liaise closely with them.



	• When your child moves year group, they will be involved in transition days, where they spend part or all of the day in their new classrooms with their new teachers. • If your child has additional social or emotional needs, a personalised transition plan may be put in place to allow a longer period of gradual transition. Our ELSA is involved with this special transition. Parents and other professionals as appropriate are invited to be a part of this plan. • Within school, teachers meet for 'handover' meetings to ensure that your child's new teacher are well aware of their needs. • Year 6 staff, the SENDCo and the Senior Assistant Headteacher for Inclusion liaise with the receiving Secondary schools. Extra transition visits are arranged as necessary.
Who can I contact for further information?	• If you would like to apply for a place at Bitterne Church of England Primary School please contact the school to arrange a visit and make an application through Southampton Local Authority admissions. • To find out further information about the Local Authority's Local Offer, click on the link at the end of this document.

Where can I find out more information about SEND at Bitterne Church of England Primary School?

The school's SEND Policy can be found on the Schools website. www.bitterneceprimary.net

What should I do if I need further advice?

The Southampton Special Educational Needs and Disability (SEND) Information Advice and Support Service (IASS) is a local organisation contracted by Southampton Local Authority to deliver an independent service to families with children and young people with special educational needs living in the city. <https://www.southamptonsendiass.info/>

Contact: Phone: 0300 303 2677

Email: southamptoniass@roseroad.org.uk



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Where can I find out information about the Local Authority Local Offer?

Visit the local authority website: <https://www.southampton.gov.uk/schools-learning/send-local-offer/>

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