

# Marshland High School

SEND information report (Updated December 2024)

All governing bodies of schools and nurseries have a legal duty to publish information on their website concerning the implementation of their policy for students with SEN.

This information will be updated at least annually.

# Schools approach and rationale

Marshland High School is committed to providing a full and efficient education to all students and embraces the concept of equal opportunities for all.

We endeavour to:

- Be a welcoming, safe, happy place where everyone is respected and listened to
- Provide Quality teaching
- Nurture within a caring environment
- Provide Achievement, Progress and Support Assistants (APSA) and Learning Mentors to support and encourage independence
- Be supportive for the whole family
- Provide a stimulating learning environment
- Commit to teamwork
- Provide varied experiences including a wide range of opportunities

# Who's who in our team



Nicki Maddison  
SEN Governor



Mr S Cozens  
Chair of  
Governors



Mr C Jansen  
Headteacher



Mr O Mackett  
Deputy  
Headteacher



Mrs S Pettifar  
Trust Assistant SENCo



Ms R Bazeley-Smith  
Trust SENCo

						
Mrs K Boltwood APSA	Mrs M Calvert APSA	Mrs L Compton- Cook - APSA	Miss E Forrest APSA	Mrs E Hanslip APSA	Miss C Hawkins APSA	Miss E Hilton APSA
						
Mr D Kirby APSA	Miss A Maryon APSA	Miss S Miller APSA	Miss J Moore APSA	Miss E O'Cruelly APSA	Mrs N Reader APSA	Miss L Robinson APSA
						
Miss I Taylor APSA Apprentice	Miss A Warner Administrator	Mrs D White APSA				

# Training of staff

## SENDCo - Ms Rachel Bazeley-Smith

- BSC (Hons) Earth studies (1995)
- PGCE July (1996)
- SEN Coordination Accredited SENDCo Award (2017)
- Multi-agency training in domestic violence (2017)
- FSP training (2019)
- Mental Health First Aider (2020)
- Safer Recruitment training (2021 and 2024)
- Level 5 Diploma in Trauma and Mental Health Informed Schools and Communities (Practitioner Status) (2022)
- Senior Mental Health Lead (DfE assured trained) (2022)
- Multi agency training in managing and holding risk (2023)

## Trust Assistant SENDCo - Mrs S Pettifar

- BA (Hons) English Literature & History
- Norfolk SENCO Now training
- Btech Level 3 - Hearing Impairment
- Safer Recruitment (2024)
- ASD Awareness
- Recognising and Supporting Pupils with ADHD
- Teaching and Supporting Pupils with Dyslexia
- Safeguarding training
- Epilepsy Awareness
- Managing behaviour in SEND

## APSAs

- Safeguarding / Sexual Harassment / Understanding Eating Disorders / Moving and Handling Awareness / ASD Awareness / ADHD Awareness / Mental Health / Levels of Support Triangle / Scenarios - shared practice / Health & safety/

## Specific APSA's

- BTEC L3 - Hearing Impairment / Level 4 - Speech, Language and Communication / Understanding ADHD - Current
- Research and Practice

## Teachers

- CPD programme by West Norfolk Academies Trust 2021 and 2022, 2022 and 2023, 2023 and 2024

# Responsibilities: Special Educational Needs and Disability Co-ordinator (SENDCo)

- Co-ordination of all support for students with special educational needs and/or disabilities.
- Development of the school's SEND policy to ensure that all students receive a consistent, high quality response to meeting their needs in school.
- Ensuring involvement of parents in supporting their child's learning, informing them of the support they are receiving and including them in the review of their child's progress.
- Liaison with providers of external support.
- Updating the school SEND record of need (system to ensure that all needs are known and understood) and ensuring that records of all needs and progress are maintained.
- Ensuring that all staff are aware of each student's individual needs and/or conditions and the specific adjustments required to enable them to be included and make progress.
- Ensuring that all staff are supported in delivering the planned work or programme for each student to enable them to make the best possible progress. This may involve the use of additional adults, external specialist help and specially planned work and resources.
- Providing specialist support for teachers and support staff to enable them to help all students with SEND to achieve their potential.
- Organising training for staff to ensure that they are aware of and confident in meeting the needs of all SEND students.

# Responsibilities: Teaching staff

In our school the class teacher is recommended as the first point of contact for parental concerns and is responsible for the following:

- Ensuring that all students have access to high quality teaching and the curriculum is adapted to meet individual students' needs (through appropriate scaffolding and support).
- Checking student progress and identifying, planning and making reasonable adjustments as required. For example, targeted work, additional support, adapting resources and discussing amendments with the SENDCo as necessary.
- Ensuring that the school SEND policy is followed in their classroom for all students with any SEND.

# Responsibilities: Student and Home

Students with SEND often have a unique knowledge of their own needs and circumstances, as well as their own view concerning the support they need to help gain the most from their education.

They will be encouraged to participate in the decision making process, including the setting of learning targets and contributing to plans. This will be achieved through a variety of approaches as appropriate to the age of the student. These include:

- Student interviews
- Questionnaires
- Self-evaluation (pictures or written answers)
- Student set targets

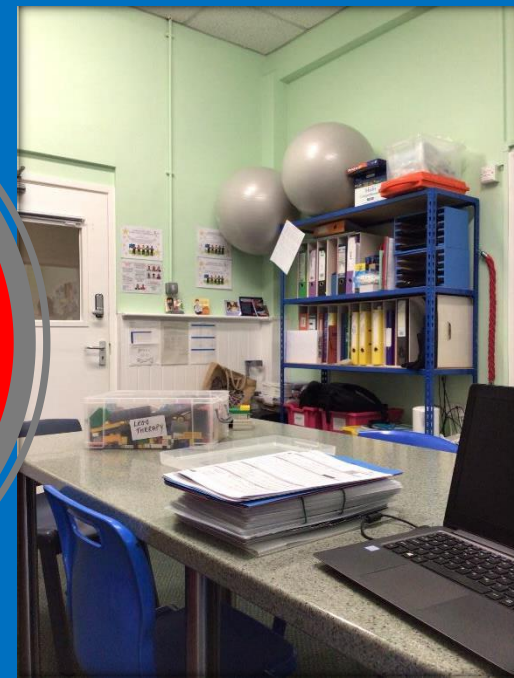
Home will be expected to provide:

- Love
- Nourishment
- Emotional support
- Clothes and equipment
- Varied experiences
- Wide range of opportunities
- Homework support



## Marshland Support Centre

The support centre consists of a focused area to provide bespoke support alongside other areas in school





# Definition of Special Educational Needs (SEN)

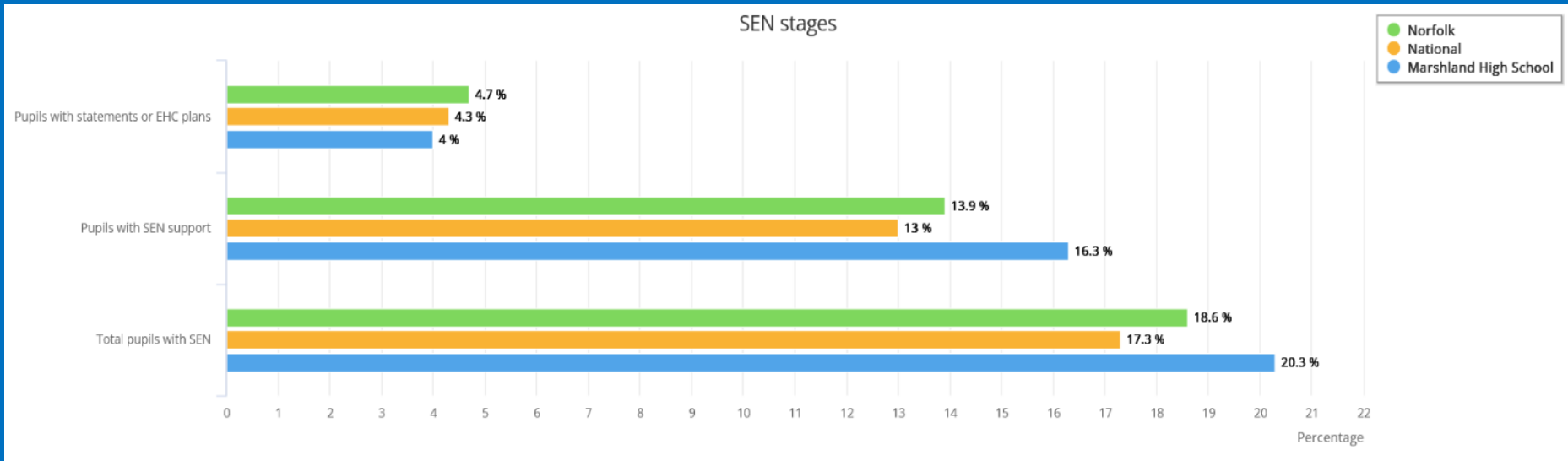
Students have a learning difficulty if they:

- Have a significantly greater difficulty in learning than the majority of students of the same age.
- Have a disability which prevents or hinders them from making use of educational facilities of a kind generally provided for students of the same age in schools within the area of the local education authority.
- Are under compulsory school age and fall within the definitions given above or would do so if special educational provision was not made for them.

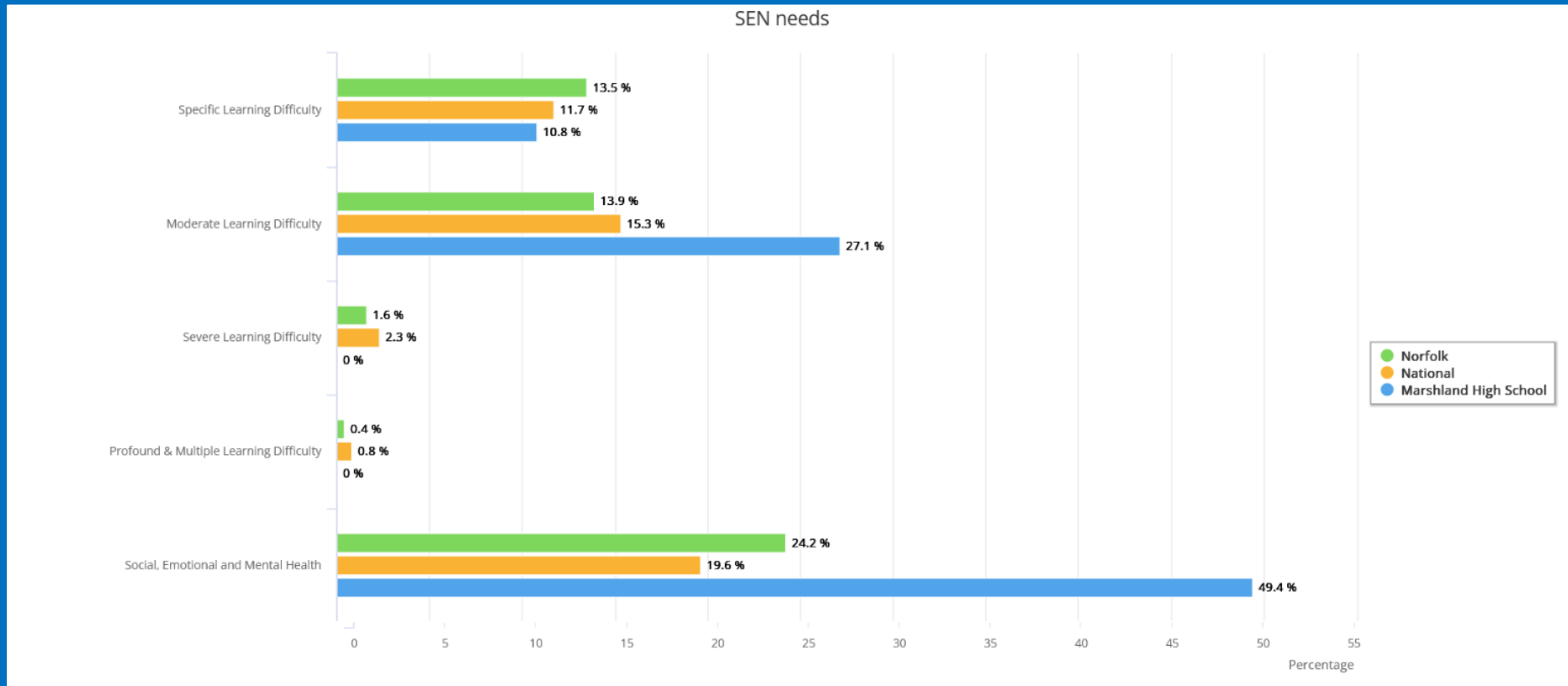
# Types of Special Educational Needs

- Communication and Interaction
  - ASD (Autistic Spectrum Disorder)
  - SLCN (Speech, Language and Communication Needs)
  - Speech and Language Difficulties
  - Autism
- Cognition and Learning
  - MLD (Moderate learning difficulties)
  - SLD (Severe learning difficulties)
  - PMLD (Profound and Multiple learning difficulties)
  - SpLD (Specific learning difficulties) For example dyslexia, dyspraxia, dyscalculia and dysgraphia.
- Social Emotional Mental Health
  - ADHD or ADD (Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder or Attention Deficit Disorder)
  - ADD (Oppositional Defiant Disorder)
- Sensory needs
  - VI (Visual Impairment)
  - HI (Hearing Impairment)
  - MSI (Multi-Sensory Impairment)
- Physical Difficulties / Disability
  - Cerebral Palsy Hydrocephaly
  - Muscular dystrophy

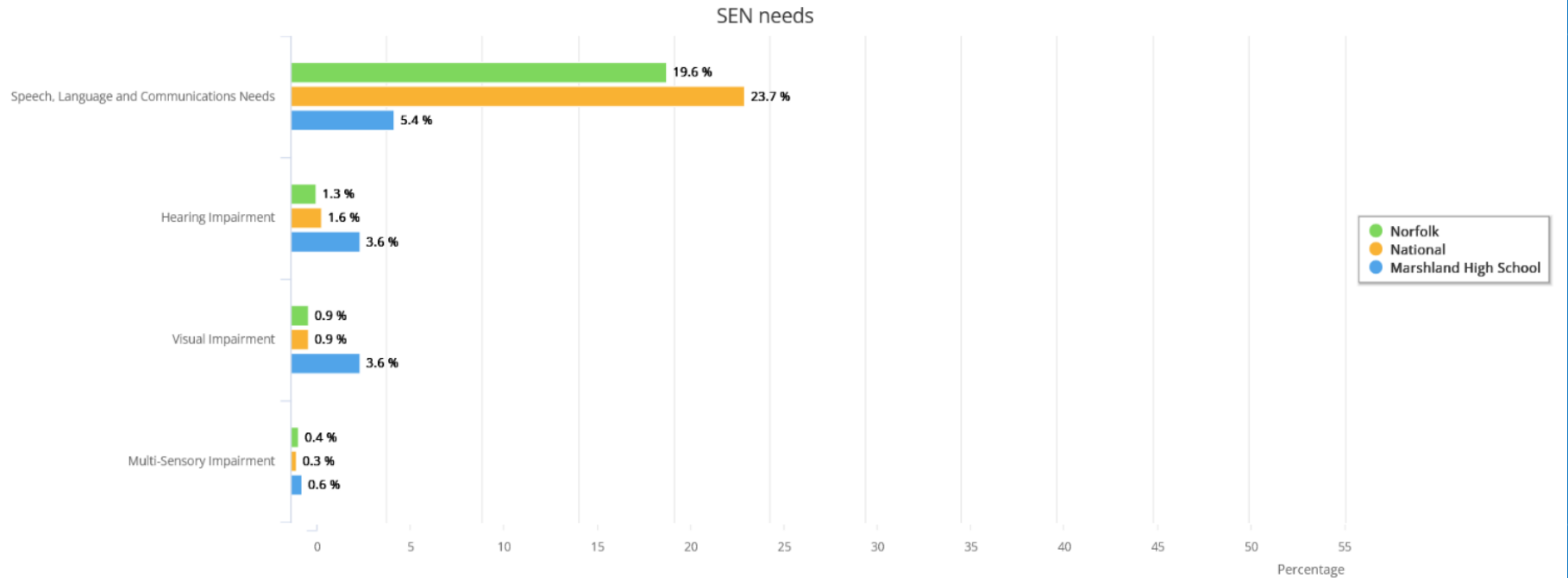
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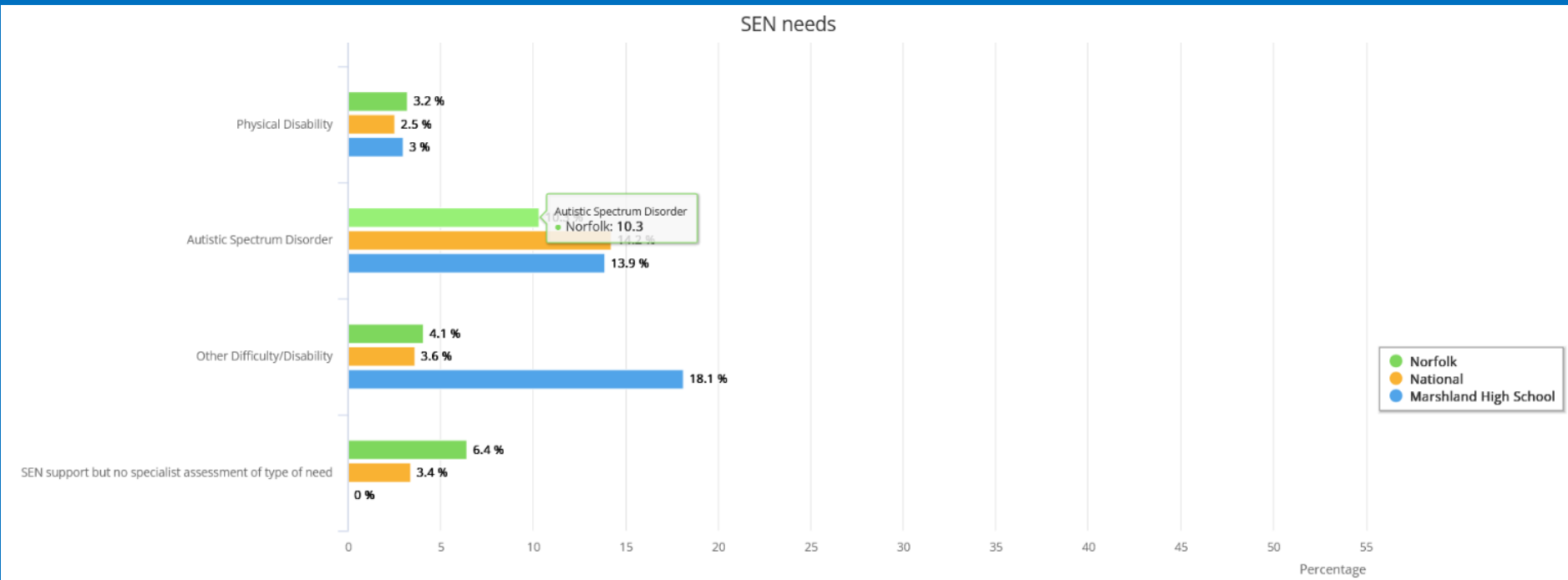
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# Working together

At Marshland High School we are committed to working together with all members of our school community. This local offer has been produced in conjunction with students, parents/carers, governors and members of staff.

Parents who wish to provide feedback or become involved in future reviews of our offer are welcome to contact the school on:  
01945 584146

Or email the team at: [SENCO@marshlandhigh.co.uk](mailto:SENCO@marshlandhigh.co.uk)

We would really welcome your views so please get in contact.

# Identification of special education needs

At Marshland High School we are committed to ensuring that all learners have access to learning and for those who are at risk of not learning, we will investigate and intervene. It does not follow that all vulnerable learners have SEND. Only those with a learning difficulty which requires special educational provision will be identified as having SEND and therefore added to the SEND register.

Learners can fall behind for many different reasons. They may have been absent from school or have attended many different schools and not had the opportunity to learn consistently.

We endeavour to ensure that students' needs are identified and met as early as possible and adopt the following procedures for identification and assessment:

- When a student joins the school, the analysis of data including information from primary schools or other placements, Key Stage 2 SAT's, reading and spelling ages and reports from other professionals who are involved with the student.
- Teacher concerns.
- Acting on parental concerns.
- Student self-referral.
- Tracking individual student progress over time.
- Student progress meetings.

In some cases a more in-depth, individual assessment may be carried out by the school. This can take many forms, including a reading assessment, observation of the student, one-to-one work in a certain area or a specific questionnaire. The school has adopted levels of intervention which are based on the code of practice.



# Identification of special education needs

- A continuous cycle of planning, teaching and assessment taking account of the wide range of abilities, aptitudes and interests of our students forms the foundation of our work. The majority of students will learn and progress within this framework.
- In addition specific strategies designed to meet differing needs may also be used.
- If the SENCo (or a teacher) identifies a special educational need for a student, they may use additional or different interventions to those provided within the usual differentiated curriculum offer and strategies. Following consultation with parents, specific interventions may also be used.

# Assess Plan Do Review (APDR) cycle

If there is a identified a special educational need for a student, they may use additional or different interventions to those provided within the usual differentiated curriculum offer and strategies implemented by the class teacher. We will use an “assess-plan-do-review” cycle.



# Application for an Educational Health Care Plan (EHCP)

- If a student continues to make less than expected progress, assistance from external services would be requested, again in consultation with parents.
- External specialists can play an important part in the very early identification of special educational needs and in advising schools on effective provision.
- If a student is still a cause for major concern or making no progress, an application for an Education Health and Care Plan may be considered.
- Where a request for an Education Health and Care Plan assessment is made by a school to the Local Authority, the student will have given significant cause for concern. The students needs are not being met by the local offer.
- The Local Authority will seek evidence from the school that any strategy or programme implemented by the “assess-plan-do-review” cycle for the student has been continued for a reasonable period of time without success for several cycles.

# The local authority and their support services in meeting the needs of pupils with special educational needs.

Local offer:

<https://www.norfolk.gov.uk/children-and-families/send-local-offer>

This local offer for students with Special Educational Needs has been developed in conjunction with the cluster local core offer in order to provide a consistent response to all students and families in our care.

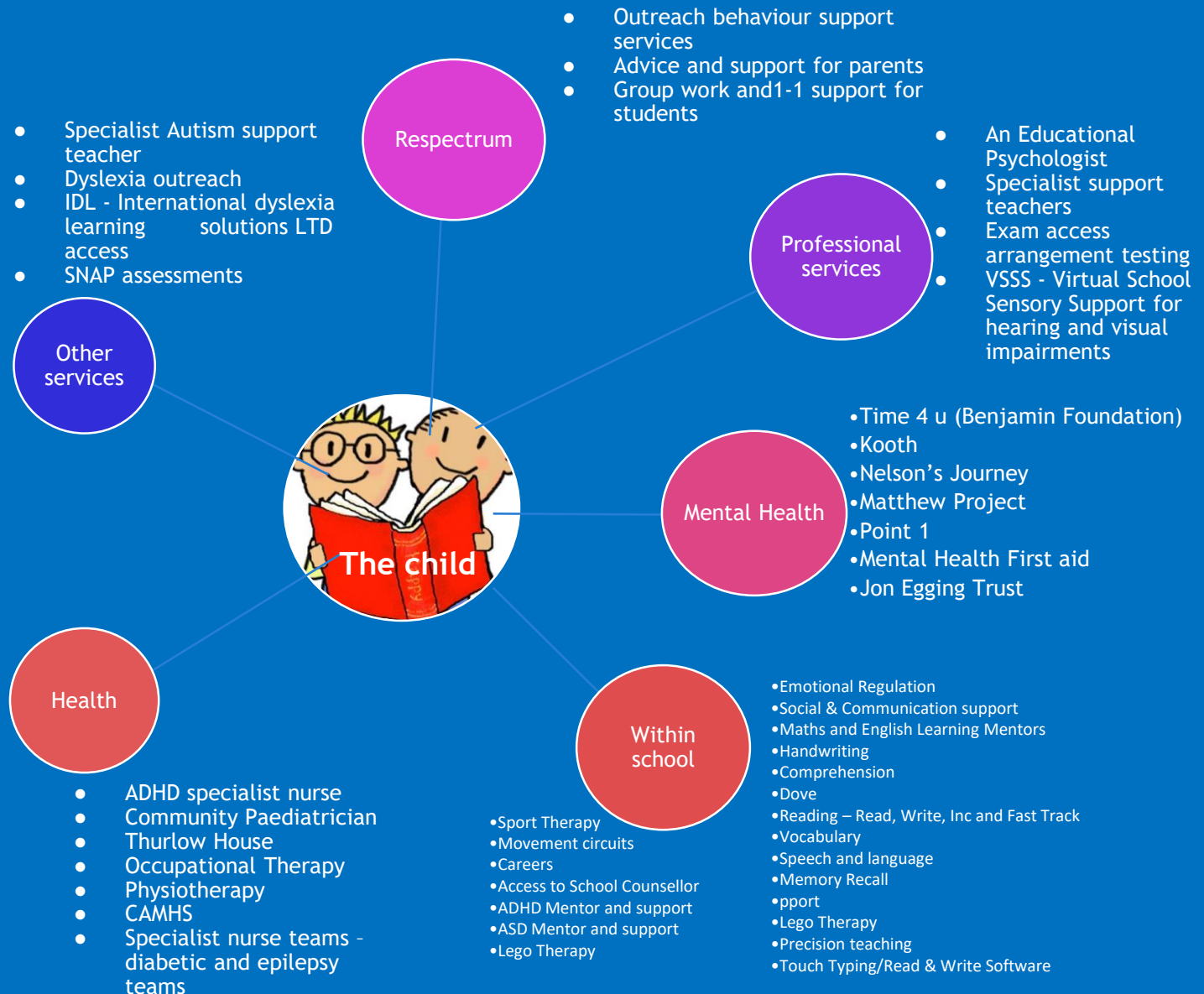
This local offer will provide clear, comprehensive and accessible information concerning the provision made for students with SEND. It also forms part of the Norfolk Local Offer for learners with SEN.

# What is the provision for special educational needs at Marshland High School?

Marshland High School has access to support from a number of different services.

Reasonable adjustments are made to cater for the needs of individual children and we have a variety of programmes to boost and support pupils if necessary.

In addition, we employ Achievement, Progress and Support Assistants and Learning Mentors who deliver interventions within the provision map co-ordinated by the SENDCo.



# Adaptations the curriculum and learning environment for pupils for special educational needs

- All staff are trained to adapt lessons to enable every student to learn at their own pace and in their own way.
- Additional resources are created or provided as required.
- Staff are trained to adapt lessons to a range of specific learning difficulties including dyslexia, autistic spectrum disorder, speech, language and communication needs and behavioural, emotional and social difficulties.

# Our school's approach to teaching SEND

Our high quality teaching includes:

- lessons structured to support SEND students with routine. All lessons start lessons with a calm meet at door and we are clear what is expected of students in lessons.
- a retrieval quiz in lessons to check on understanding.
- support for students with scaffolding and model answers.
- pupils grouped in a mixture of ways. In some subjects they are in mixed ability groups and in the core areas they are set according to ability.
- a number of transitions throughout the school day. We can support students with transitions with visual timetable if needed. There are warning bells so students are clear on times to transition between lessons and breaks.
- Other practical ways we support students (this is not a complete list):
  - Overlays, coloured paper and exercise books
  - Larger text
  - Time out cards
  - Reading pens
  - Braille
  - Laptops
  - Interventions – spelling, reading, anger management, handwriting, touch typing, to name a few
  - Exam access arrangements – prompts, quiet spaces, reading pan, scribes, 25% extra time

# Engagement of learning supported

- We run planned interventions by need:
  - Reading – Read, Write. Inc and Fast Track
  - Emotional Regulation
  - Social & Communication
  - Handwriting
  - Touch typing
  - Lego therapy
- We will work with outside agencies, for example:
  - Physiotherapy
  - SALT - Speech and language Teams
  - ATT – Access Through Technology
- Other ways we support students:
  - Support for physio for cerebral palsy
  - Disabled toilets and shower facility



# Arrangements for assessing the progress and reviewing the progress of pupils with special educational needs

## Assessment:

Effective assessment systems are implemented as early as possible in conjunction with other agencies by:

- Encouraging parents/carers to work together to recognise and support students with special educational and disability needs at the earliest stage, drawing on external advice where necessary and using delegated resources flexibly to make appropriate provision.
- Ensuring that the cluster schools, in liaison with other agencies, meet statutory obligations to students with special educational and disability needs and their families within the prescribed timescales.
- Working with other agencies to implement Family Support Plans (FSP) as part of a co-ordinated and staged approach to early identification and intervention.

# Arrangements for assessing the progress and reviewing the progress of pupils with special educational needs

## Monitoring:

Monitoring progress is an integral part of teaching and leadership at Marshland High School. Parents, carers, students and staff are all involved in reviewing the impact of interventions for learners with SEND. The 'assess, plan, do, review' model is followed to ensure that parents/carers and students are involved in each step. The SENDCo collates the impact data for interventions to ensure that they are effective. Whole school progress data for all students is collated and monitored by teachers, senior leaders and governors. Whole school and cluster data is also monitored by the Local Authority and Ofsted. Student progress towards target outcomes is assessed by:

- The use of tracking data to check that progress is good across the curriculum.
- Monitoring the progress of students at least every term by the SENDCo.
- For students with Education and Health Care Plans, the SENDCo and where possible the appropriate teachers and teaching assistants, discuss progress with parents at individual review meetings.

# Funding

Marshland High School receives funding from the Local Authority to support the needs of students with SEND.

The funding for 2024/25 is: £726,110

Including: £181,333 top up or exceptional needs funding.

Link to our budget share tracker:

<https://csapps.norfolk.gov.uk/BudgetShare/ReportsMenu.aspx>

# Additional support for learning

Equipment/Resources for additional support:

- We use a range of individual or group programmes to assist learners according to their needs.
- Any specific or physical requirements will be assessed individually, and equipment will be provided, where possible, to meet those needs with the help of the Local Authority SEND services.
- All learners should have the same opportunity to access extra-curricular activities. The school offers a range of additional clubs and activities and is committed to making reasonable adjustments to ensure participation for all.

# Evaluation the effectiveness of provision

There is clearly a challenge to allocate resources and interventions with respect to funding.

In providing additional support for students, this will be provided from a perspective of evidence based scenario.

If we find that from school-based activities or research that interventions do not improve student outcomes we may withdraw this intervention. Again we will use the “assess-plan-do-review” cycle.

In general, interventions are undertaken in six week blocks with an assessment at the beginning and end to review effectiveness.

## How we enable pupils with special educational needs to engage in the activities of the school together with students who do not have special educational needs

We have a number of extra-curricular activities that take place at Marshland High School, ranging from after school clubs to residential trips abroad.

We support students on these by ensuring we make reasonable adjustments are made that every young person is included in every aspect of school life.

We therefore undertake risk assessments for all our pupils in conjunction with the school trip leader, parents, and any outside agency where appropriate.

All our buildings are wheelchair accessible and we have a number of disabled facilities within school ranging from toilet facilities to parking bays.

# Support for social emotional, and mental health (SEMH) development of pupils with special educational needs (SEN)

At Marshland High School we have a 'whole school approach' to a young person's well-being. Their wellbeing and mental health are everyone's business. That is, all staff, other students, governors, the community and outside agencies.

Wellbeing checks are completed on our extremely vulnerable students by the SEND department.

Our pastoral team are trained Mental Health First Aiders. Our team are:

- Mr R Sedgeley - Year 7 Pastoral Manager
- Miss M Chandler- Year 8 Pastoral Manager
- Mrs C Stearne - Year 9 Pastoral Manager
- Mrs S Hobbs - Year 10 Pastoral Manager
- Miss K Palmer - Year 11 Pastoral Manager

We have developed a culture of talking about emotions and feelings. There is an acknowledgement of difficulties, and that it is ok to accept help.

# Consultation with parents and young people about special educational needs and involving in their education

In accordance with the SEND Code of Practice, Marshland High School believe that all parents of children with SEND should be treated as equal partners.

Marshland High School has a positive attitude to parents, provide user- friendly information and strive to ensure that they understand the procedures and are aware of how to access advice and support.

Parents will be supported and enabled to:

- Recognise and fulfil their responsibilities as parents and play an active and valued role in their children's education.
- Have knowledge of their children's entitlements within the SEND framework.
- Make their views known regarding how their children are educated and, where appropriate, co-produce plans to meet their Special Educational Needs.
- Access information, advice and support during the assessment process.



# Transfer support to next phases of education

Marshland High School is committed to working in partnership with children, families and other providers to ensure positive transitions. Transition may be to a new class in school, a new teacher, moving to a new school, training provider or moving from school to employment.

Prior to admission to Marshland High School we liaise closely with other professionals who have had recent links with the pupil in the following ways:

- Annual Reviews in Year 5 and/or Year 6 will be attended where appropriate to support transition.
- Additional visits and discussions with parents and the child will be explored and where needed further transition support during Year 6 will be included.
- For those with an EHCP and where this is known in sufficient time, interventions will be planned and in place for the first weeks.
- Where a primary school has identified a child as having SEND and additional support, this will be recorded by the secondary school, shared with teaching staff and monitored across the first year. Needs will be evaluated and if sufficient progress is made, the pupil will be removed from the SEND register.
- Where progress is not as expected the class teachers in conversation with the SENDCo will discuss further assessment and other interventions could be put in place.

At Marshland High School we also work closely with post-16 providers.

- In Year 10 and Year 11 pupils and families will be supported to make a firm decision for post 16 and to familiarise themselves with the new setting.
- For those pupils with an EHCP joint planning and preparation for the next steps will be part of the preparing for adulthood review meetings from Year 9 to Year 11.
- All students with SEND have access to careers advice and those with an EHCP are provided with 1-1 Careers advice.

# Complaints and the Governing Body

Parent views are important. The first point of contact is always the person responsible, which may be the class teacher, form tutor, or SENCo.

If this does not resolve the matter, parents should refer to the relevant Headteacher or ask to contact the school's governor representative. If a parent feels that an issue has not been resolved, they can request a meeting with the Chair of Governors of the school.

The School's Complaints Policy found online:

<http://www.westnorfolkacademiestrust.co.uk/page/?title=Policies&pid=11>

# Signposting of Policies and Procedures

Safeguarding Policy

SEND policy

Accessibility plan

Equality and diversity statement

Behaviour policy

Medical Needs policy

Admission policy

All policies can be found at:

<https://www.marshlandhigh.co.uk/policies>

# Further sources of support

Support name	Website address	Email address	Telephone numbers	Brief description of service	Who is it for
Local offer	<a href="https://www.norfolk.gov.uk/children-and-families/send-local-offer">https://www.norfolk.gov.uk/children-and-families/send-local-offer</a>	n/a	n/a	Find information on support in education Learn about special needs services that can help children, young people and their families Find a support network - parents, groups and organisations. Get guidance and advice about how to help a young person plan their adult life	Anyone in the life of a child or young person aged 0-25 who has a special educational need and/or disability (SEND) in Norfolk.
Norfolk SENDIASS (Information, advice & support services)	<a href="https://www.norfolksendias.org.uk/">https://www.norfolksendias.org.uk/</a>	norfolksendiass@norfolk.gov.uk	01603 704070	We provide free and impartial information, advice and support about special educational needs & disabilities (SEND).	For children, young people, parents and carers.
Contact a family	<a href="https://contact.org.uk/">https://contact.org.uk/</a>	info@contact.org.uk	0808 808 3555	Contact is a trading name of Contact a Family. We run a free helpline for parents and carers with a disabled child aged from birth to 25, living in any part of the UK. Your child does not need a diagnosis for you to call our helpline. We support families, bring families together and help families take action for others.	Parents and carers with a disabled child.
SEND Gateway	<a href="https://www.sendgateway.org.uk/">https://www.sendgateway.org.uk/</a>	info@wholeschoolsend.com	020 3925 3596	The SEND gateway is an online portal offering education professionals free, easy access to high quality information, resources and training for meeting the needs of children with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND).	Educational professionals
Independent Parental Special Education Advice (IPSEA)	<a href="https://www.ipsea.org.uk/">https://www.ipsea.org.uk/</a>	office@ipsea.net	01799 582030	Our vision is that children and young people with special educational needs and disabilities are able to fulfil their potential. We help children and young people with special educational needs and disabilities, and their families and carers, to get the appropriate education, training and support to which they are entitled under the law.	Children and young people with special educational needs and disabilities, and their families and carers
Family Voice	<a href="https://www.familyvoice.org.uk/">https://www.familyvoice.org.uk/</a>	office@familyvoice.org.uk	07950 302937	Is the parent carer forum for Norfolk. We work with (not for) the local authority, health and social services to improve services for children and young people with special educational needs and/or disabilities (SEND) and their families.	Families, children and young people with SEND.