

All about Special Educational Needs

Approximately one in five children will have Special Educational Needs (SEN) at some time during their school career.

This means they may have difficulty with:

- Reading, writing, mathematics
- Understanding information
- Expressing themselves
- Organising themselves
- Sensory perception or physical mobility
- Managing their emotions
- Making friends or relating to adults

These difficulties cause barriers to learning. At Smith's Wood we will assess your child to identify their strengths, needs and extra help they require.

They may be at one of two stages on the SEND Code of Practice, according to need:

SEN Support:

extra help in class from a teaching assistant, small group support, ICT access. Advice from outside specialists, e.g. specialist teacher, speech and language therapist, health professional will be sought if appropriate

Education Health and Care Plan:
when needs are complex

Action relating to SEN support will follow an assess, plan, do and review model.

What is offered to your child

The school offers the following according to your child's special educational needs:

- Quality first teaching
- A curriculum to match needs
- Enhanced access to ICT or specialist equipment
- In class support from teaching assistants
- Catch-up programmes in literacy and maths
- One-to-one or small group work with a learning mentor
- BEAM
- Play Therapy
- Speech and Language Therapy
- Playtime and lunchtime support
- Extra help from other service

See school Information Report for a full list of the provision at Smith's Wood Primary Academy

Outcomes for pupils

The extra help the school offers will enable your child to:

- Reach their full potential
- Achieve their personal best
- Make progress
- Feel valued and included
- Enjoy school

Partnership with Parents

We will work in partnership with you to meet your child's needs. This means:

- We listen to and value your views
- You are equal partners in your child's education
- We will keep you informed about your child's needs and progress
- We will invite you to informal meetings to discuss SEND issues and listen to guest specialist speakers

What to do if you have any concerns

- Speak to the teacher and SENCO
- Speak to the Principal or the SEN Governor
- Seek advice from the Solihull SEND Partnership Service SENDIAS

Attendance

- Attendance and punctuality are vitally important to the progress of all pupils. We work with parents to ensure children, including those with SEN, have above 95% attendance, enabling them to fully access and embrace our curriculum.
- Good attendance also helps children feel included in school life, adding to their enjoyment of school and enhancing their opportunities to build friendships.

The School SEND Policy and Information Report

Every individual with Special Educational Needs or Disabilities in this inclusive school has the entitlement to fulfil his/her potential.

Every pupil has the right to: consideration, politeness and respect for their feelings to foster a sense of belonging to our school

At Smith's Wood Primary Academy we will:

- Meet the needs of individual children
- Remove barriers to learning
- Raise pupil self esteem
- Develop pupil independence
- Provide access to our creative curriculum
- Match learning needs with teaching styles
- Promote inclusion

The school SEND policy is reviewed regularly and revised in discussion with parents/carers, pupils, staff and governors.

You can get a copy of the SEND policy and school SEND information report from the school office or from the school website: www.smithswoodpri.solihull.sch.uk

The Local Authority SEND Offer

You can get a copy of the local authority SEN policy from the council website: <https://www.solihull.gov.uk/children-and-family-support/localoffer>

For further information contact the:

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SEN Governor: Mr. N Hobbis
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Other sources of information and help:

Solihull SENDIAS Service:
Offers free impartial advice in confidence
0121 5165173
<https://www.family-action.org.uk/what-we-do/children-families/send/solihullsendias/>

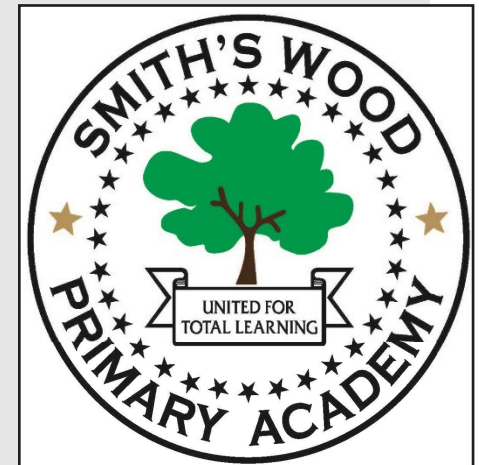
Autism West Midlands:
<https://autismwestmidlands.org.uk/>

Publications:

- Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND): A Guide for Parents and Carers
- Special Educational Needs Code of Practice 2014 (updated April 2020)

Both are available from:
www.direct.gov.uk

A Parent's Guide to Special Educational Needs at Smith's Wood Primary Academy



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