



# **The Aspire Academy Trust**

Our 'Local Offer' for Special Educational Needs and Disability (SEND) 2023-2024

St Keverne primary school is a vibrant, happy and exciting primary school which aims to develop each individual in a caring, family atmosphere. The children, staff and parents are extremely proud of our school 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 St Keverne Primary School are trained to cater for the needs of the children in their care and many staff have had additional training specific to individual children. We are committed to narrowing the gap between SEND and non-SEND pupils. We do this through a variety of different provisions which may include short-term specific interventions, 1:1 sessions, home-school interventions, other learning interventions developed on an individual need basis as well as support from external agencies where appropriate. Every child at St Keverne primary school has the opportunity to follow all subjects in the Primary Curriculum and / or access all areas of learning in the Early Years Foundation Stage, the planning and delivery of which is adapted by our talented team of teachers and their assistants.

<u>Link to Special Educational Needs</u>
<u>Policy</u>

Link to Equality and Diversity
Policy

Link to Accessibility Plan

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### The levels of support and provision offered by the Aspire Academy Trust

### Covid - 19 Response SEND

Whole school approaches The universal offer to all children and YP.	Additional, targeted support and provision	Specialist, individualised support and provision
Robust systems of assessment to ascertain where pupils are now and establish gaps in knowledge and learning.	Robust systems of assessment to ascertain where pupils are now and establish gaps in knowledge and learning.	Review EHCP provision / outcomes are accurate, and any adjustments addressed through formal processes with the Local Authority.
SEND provision overview and SEF/Audit.  Comprehensive Trust wide training sessions for all staff and SENDCos – for example differentiation, social stories, transitions – return to school and from setting to setting,	Review of IEPS for all pupils on SEN support. Ensure any adjustments of targets/provision is in place. Ensure cycles of assess, plan, do, review target and respond to presenting needs now.	EHCP risk assessments, when required.  Educational Psychologist planning, and support when required.
Trauma Informed Schools – advice and guidance to support staff, children and communities.  Ensure parental/family engagement.	Review intervention programmes.  Multiagency collaboration and referrals – risk assessments in place.	Multiagency collaboration and referrals – risk assessments in place.  Individual Motional Assessments to ascertain
Whole class Motional assessments to ascertain emotional wellbeing and embed whole school response strategies.	Individual Motional Assessments to ascertain emotional wellbeing and plan support accordingly.  Visual supports and social stories to communicate	emotional wellbeing and plan support accordingly.  Visual supports and social stories to communicate whole school new routines.
Whole school approaches to embed new school routines.	whole school new routines.	Communicate whole school new routines.

1. Student Voice -Listening to and responding to children and young people

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<ul> <li>The views and opinions of all students are valued.</li> <li>Student voice is represented in all aspects of school.</li> <li>Student voice is heard through:         <ul> <li>Questionnaires</li> <li>Pupil Conferencing</li> <li>Aspire monitoring termly visit</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Students with SEND are included and encouraged to participate in all pupil conferencing.</li> <li>Additional provision is developed in light of student voice where appropriate.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Individual support is responsive to the views of the student.</li> <li>Pupils' views are an integral part of TAC meetings and SEND reviews e.g. by completing an 'All About Me' profile.</li> <li>Student's views are an integral part of TAC meetings and SEND reviews.</li> <li>Students are supported in target setting.</li> </ul>

# 2.Partnership with parents and carers

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<ul> <li>The school works in partnership with all parents and carers.</li> <li>Where possible we have an open-door policy.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Families are invited to attend extra- curricular activities where appropriate.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Parent/carers are supported in attending, and are actively involved in, all meetings where appropriate.</li> </ul>
The parents/carers are invited to attend parent/carer consultation evenings.	<ul> <li>Families are invited to attend information sessions re supporting their child at home e.g. parenting skills, literacy, and numeracy</li> </ul>	Parent/carer's views are an integral part of TAC meetings and SEND reviews.
<ul> <li>Parent/carers know exactly who to contact if they have any concerns:</li> </ul>	skills, independent homework.	Advocacy is available to ensure the

- Class Teacher
- SENDCo
- Head of School
- The school website, enables parent/carers to understand more about what their young children are learning.
- Newsletters, social media and text messages keep parents and carers informed about what children are learning, school events, dates and other key information.

- Websites are available to support parents with homework.
- Parents are able to contact school if they have concerns at any time to arrange a meeting with class teacher, Head of School and/or SENDCo.

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- All documentation can be presented in a format that is accessible to individual parents.
- Parents are invited to join in with school activities where appropriate.
- Parents are encouraged to engage in one-to-one reading and activities.

#### 3.The curriculum

#### Whole school approaches. Additional, targeted support and provision Specialist, individualised support and provision The universal offer to all children and YP The curriculum is designed to ensure Intervention packages are bespoke Students are supported in following the inclusion of all students. and needs led. their interests, and chosen curriculum. regardless of their SEND and/or All students, regardless of their ability The progress of students taking part disabilities. and/or additional needs, have full in intervention groups is measured on Students with special needs and/or access to the curriculum. a regular basis. disabilities can access the curriculum Pupils progress is monitored termly. The intervention packages are with adult support as appropriate. adapted in light of student progress. In exceptional circumstances students All students are able to can be disapplied from some subjects but boost their independent learning and Small group intervention includes: we plan for all children to access the entire literacy skills through application - literacy- reading, comprehension, spelling throughout the curriculum. curriculum at all times. - handwriting numeracy

Assessments (including dyslexia screening) are used to identify students who need specific interventions.	<ul> <li>speech and language</li> <li>keyboard skills</li> <li>motor and co-ordination skills</li> <li>social skills</li> <li>phonological awareness</li> </ul>	Students allocated a place in the ARB are integrated with their mainstream peers when appropriate to their individual learning needs.

# 4. Teaching and learning

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The whole school uses a 'dyslexia- friendly' approach to teaching and learning, where differentiated teaching and outcomes are used to ensure the	<ul> <li>Class based staff share information to ensure that students with SEND have targeted support and provision.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Personalised and highly differentiated work is provided enabling independent learning.</li> </ul>
progress of all students.	Class based staff work with small groups	One-to-one support is in place for students who need more intensive
<ul> <li>The lessons are carefully planned to include clear stages, regular progress checks and different learning styles.</li> </ul>	to: - ensure understanding - facilitate learning - foster independence	support, e.g. for those with physical disabilities, sensory difficulties, speech and language difficulties, autism, severe literacy difficulties/dyslexia etc.
<ul> <li>Pupils are assessed to ensure learning is matched to their individual entry point.</li> </ul>	<ul><li>keep students on task.</li><li>Extend their learning further</li></ul>	Advice from external agencies special schools requested and provision adapted
<ul> <li>Preferred learning styles are used.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Independent student learning is supported by the use of technology e.g.</li> </ul>	accordingly.
<ul> <li>Learning Objectives are displayed and shared with all pupils.</li> </ul>	Chrome books, iPads, interactive whiteboards.	<ul> <li>Personalised learning and timetables are in place to support those who need it.</li> </ul>
Adapted Success Criteria's are	Special support arrangements are put in	

shared.	place for internal and external tests (readers, scribes etc).	
<ul> <li>Students' work is regularly marked and appropriate feedback is given.</li> </ul>		
<ul> <li>Literacy/Numeracy is a priority for all staff: Key vocabulary and key terms should be displayed and discussed.</li> </ul>		
Alternative ways of recording are used.		

# 5. Self-help skills and independence

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<ul> <li>Technology is available to aid independence.</li> <li>Resources are available in all classrooms containing which promote independence.</li> <li>Students have access to: <ul> <li>visual timetables</li> <li>resources to support learning</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Where teaching assistants are in the classroom they facilitate independence.</li> <li>Students have personalised equipment to help them to learn, such as talking tins, overlays, and timers.</li> <li>Students are encouraged to be responsible for their own things.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Teaching assistants working one-to-one with students encourage them to be specific about what they need help with, along with asking them what they have done already to find the help for themselves.</li> <li>Additional support is shared to build resilience in the young person, so that they have self-coping strategies when and if the teaching assistant is absent.</li> <li>Personalised task boards and resources are in place to support independence.</li> </ul>

# 6. Health, wellbeing and emotional support

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<ul> <li>PSHE lessons include all students.</li> <li>There is a named member of staff who coordinates provision for students with wellbeing, emotional, physical and mental health needs.</li> <li>Counselling support services can be accessed where appropriate.</li> <li>Student issues are dealt with by trained staff, as they arise.</li> <li>School nurse service is available through parental or school referral.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Time limited and monitored groups address:         <ul> <li>self-esteem</li> <li>social skills</li> <li>friendship building skills</li> <li>confidence</li> </ul> </li> <li>Risk assessments carried out.</li> <li>Additional Forest School small group sessions.</li> <li>Fun Fit is targeted to help children with coordination difficulties.</li> <li>Lunch club to promote playing with others.</li> <li>Forest school Nurture group for identified children.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>TACs, Early Support meetings and reviews are supported by a range of agencies including the school nurse.</li> <li>Students can be referred by the SENDCo for an initial assessment with an Educational Mental Health Practitioner, who may then offer one-to-one support.</li> <li>Additional support for students can be requested from         <ul> <li>CAMHS</li> <li>Social Care</li> <li>Dreadnought</li> <li>Aspire Trust School</li> <li>Penhaligon's Friends and other appropriate outside agencies.</li> </ul> </li> <li>Students with specific medical conditions have individual health care plans.</li> <li>Specialist external provisions are used, such as BF Adventures, Boot Up, Hugs and Wave APA (Nine Maidens Academy)</li> <li>Sensory room is available for pupils identified to benefit from this</li> <li>1-1 Draw and Talk</li> </ul>

# 7. Social interaction opportunities

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<ul> <li>All students have opportunities for social interaction, regardless of need.</li> <li>All students are invited on trips and visits subject and support is planned accordingly.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Sports teams play in local tournaments against other schools. More talented children are encouraged to join clubs held within the community.</li> <li>Targeted learning groups focusing on social skills and behaviour for learning (Lego Therapy).</li> </ul>	Students are individually supported by TA's to enable their attendance at after school clubs or events when appropriate.

8. The physical environment (accessibility, safety and positive learning environment).

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<ul> <li>All areas of the school are accessible to everyone including those students with SEND.</li> <li>There are trained first aiders on site at all times</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Non-slip, non-breakable equipment available in practical lessons e.g cooking.</li> <li>/ tables can be made available.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Support from Occupational Therapy to ensure any adaptation are risk assessed.</li> </ul>
to deal with any accidents which may occur.	<ul> <li>There are named adults who have been trained in positive handling techniques –</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Classrooms/halls/corridors are made accessible for young people with</li> </ul>

Students feel safe and in an environment where bullying is acknowledged and dealt with	'Team Teach'.	sensory needs.
effectively.		<ul> <li>A sensory room is available for children to access regularly.</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>There is a named child protection officer, 'Designated Safeguarding Officer' (and deputies) and a named 'Child in Care' teacher.</li> </ul>		to discoss regulativy.
<ul> <li>All areas of the school endeavours to be an uplifting, positive and supportive learning environment.</li> </ul>		
Teachers focus on rewarding good behaviour to promote a positive learning environment.		
The rewards and sanctions system is robust and displayed around the school.		

9. Transition from year to year and setting to setting

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<ul> <li>There are links with feeder Nursery schools.         Teachers and SENDCo identify students who may need extra support at transition.</li> <li>Primary children visit local secondary schools regularly.</li> <li>Nursery/Secondary staff visit school to support transition.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>'Buddy' or peer systems are in place for students who are particularly vulnerable at transition.</li> <li>Students identified as possibly struggling with transition have many additional visits in small groups.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>The SENDCo attends SEN EHC reviews.</li> <li>Students have a structured and gradual transition package from setting to setting. This ensures that they are very familiar with routines, key members of staff, running of the school day, environment, etc.</li> <li>Personalised transition booklets</li> </ul>

<ul> <li>Transition events are available and accessible to all pupils across key stages/year groups and settings.</li> </ul>	provided where required. This ensures they are very familiar with routines, key members of staff, running of the school day, environment, etc.
<ul> <li>Regular sessions throughout the year for 6 six pupils within their feeder Secondary school</li> </ul>	
<ul> <li>New children and their parents are welcome to come and visit the school for a tour prior to joining</li> </ul>	

#### 10. Pupil progress

Pupil progress is monitored, at least termly, through the collection of data and termly progress meetings. During these meetings, the SENDCo, class teacher and Senior Leadership Team will look closely at the progress that has been made. Provision will be adapted as a result of the meeting. Progress will also be monitored through the pupil's IEP targets. After each cycle, the plan will be reviewed and progress towards each target will be monitored. New targets will be set according to the progress made and provision adapted accordingly.

### 11. How we know how good our SEN provision is

Rigorous monitoring of the SEN provision is in place. This is a triangulation of information involving the pupil data; book looks and learning walks; and discussions with parents, pupils and staff. When this information is collated together we can see the impact that provision is having for the pupils. The school also uses the Aspire SEN charter Mark as a way of gauging the quality of Provision. This is a set of standards which have been written, using the Code of Practice 2014, to ensure expectations are in place.

### 12. If you wish to complain

If you feel that you have concerns about your child's SEN provision we urge you to contact the school in the first instance, speaking with the class teacher in the first instance. Following this, the SENDCo (Kirsty Joseph), then the Head of School are the next points of contact. If you would like support from outside of the school, SENDIASS are able to offer impartial information, advice and support. They can be found at: https://www.cornwallsendiass.org.uk/

Cornwall's Local Offer can be found on The Cornwall Family Information Services (FIS) website: http://cornwall.childrensservicedirectory.org.uk

### Answers to Frequently asked Questions

#### 1. How does your school know if children/young people need extra help?

Our school has an 'open door' policy to parents and have extremely well-developed links with the parents of the children that attend St Keverne Primary School. Children who may be vulnerable or those who are causing a concern to staff in terms of behaviour or academic progress, for example, are regularly discussed and reviewed by staff. Children's progress and behaviour are monitored through termly tracking systems. If a child transfers to our school from another primary school, then we always do our utmost to find out as much information as possible about that child from both parents and the child's previous school. If there are external professionals involved with that child, then their opinions and reports are sought after to ensure that we get the full picture of the child and their needs.

#### 2. What should I do if I think my child may have special educational needs?

If you think that your child may have a special educational need then talk to us. We are here to listen and to help. You should talk to your child's class teacher in the first instance and then after discussion they may set up a meeting with the Special Educational Needs and Disability Co-ordinator (SENDCo) and / or the Head of School. Following these meetings, steps will be taken to address any concerns you may have about your child.

#### 3. Who is responsible for the progress and success of my child in school?

The progress and success of your child in school is everyone's responsibility. By 'everyone' we mean all school staff, parents as well as the child themselves. Half termly progress meetings with staff ensures progress is tracked and monitored appropriately. Where necessary, specific and targeted intervention support will be deployed and may be monitored by the 'Assess-Plan-Do-Review' process if required.

#### 4. How will the curriculum be matched to my child's needs and how will their needs be supported?

At St Keverne Primary School we are flexible and creative with our approach to the Early Years Foundation Stage Framework and Primary Curriculum and plan lessons to be accessible for all. In all classrooms there are three 'waves' of support:

Wave 1 – support and resources available to everyone in that class;

Wave 2 – support and resources available or tailored for small groups of children;

Wave 3 – support and resources specifically designed for or accessible by individual children. All lessons are appropriately adapted and scaffolded according to the needs of the children in that class or group whether it be by the amount of support children will receive, resources they may use or the expectation the teacher has of those children when that lesson is finished. Children are sometimes withdrawn from the classroom in small groups or on a one-to-one basis for more intensive support from a teacher or teaching assistant, or to take part in an intervention program designed to meet and support the needs of that individual or group of children. Children may also be withdrawn by staff for physiotherapy sessions or individual speech therapy support.

#### 5. How will I know how my child is doing and how will you help me to support my child's learning?

St Keverne Primary School operates an effective 'open door' policy to create a constant positive dialogue with parents. In addition to this staff may ask to speak with parents at the end of the school day, parents are invited to attend Parent Consultations in every term, and in the Summer term annual reports are sent home to parents, after which parents may request an additional consultation with their child's class teacher if they wish. We also hold many informal sessions throughout the year where parents can come to drop-in sessions to work alongside their child. All this constant dialogue between school and parents will help you to support your child's learning at home and inform you of how they are progressing in school. If at any time you wish to discuss your child, then meetings can be arranged with class teacher and / or the Head of School at your request.

#### 6. What support will there be for my child's overall well-being?

Your child's overall wellbeing will be constantly supported in school in a variety of ways. We will help them to be healthy by ensuring that they enjoy good physical and mental health as well as encouraging them to live a healthy lifestyle; we will keep them safe by protecting them from harm and neglect; we will help them to enjoy life and achieve well by giving them opportunities to make the most out of life and by beginning to teach them the skills they need for adulthood; we will help them to make a positive contribution to school, the community and society by being involved in the community and society and discouraging involvement with anti-social or offending behaviour; and we will contribute to their economic well-being by ensuring that they are not prevented by economic disadvantage from achieving their full potential.

#### 7. How do I know that my child is safe in school?

At St Keverne Primary School we have a variety of measures, policies and procedures in place to ensure that your child is safe. All staff are checked by the Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS checks previously known as CRB checks) and have tier 2 child protection training. There are also named members of staff who are trained to tier 3 in child protection. We have a safeguarding policy and have risk assessments in place for a wide variety of activities and situations that may arise.

#### 8. What specialist services and expertise are available at or accessed by your school?

A list of specialist services used by the school and are accessible to us are on the Family Information Service website. http://www.cornwallfisdirectory.org.uk/kb5/cornwall/fsd/home.page

#### 9. How will my child be included in activities outside the classroom including school trips?

Everyone is included in everything at St Keverne Primary School. Activities outside the classroom are a part of everyday life for us and we undertake a wide variety of school trips throughout the year. All children are encouraged to take part in after school clubs, and those children who need it are supported appropriately. The same applies when it comes to trips and camps and adaptations are made where necessary to ensure that every child is included whilst at the same time carefully ensuring that those adaptations do not affect the experiences of other children.

#### 10. How are the school's resources allocated and matched to children's special educational needs?

Each year the school decides on an allocation of money for special educational needs (SEN). For all children on the school's SEN register the school itself is expected to meet the first £6000 of any resources and support required by each individual child. For those children with an Education, Health and Care Plan, spending above the £6000 may be claimed back from the local authority up to a limit set by the resources provided by the statement. In addition to this, these children also have access to free resources and support from external professionals such as Educational Psychologists for example. In-school resources and support are detailed in Individual Educational Plans (IEPs). These plans are individually tailored to each child on the SEN register and specify which resources will be used to support that child, how much support they will receive and whether any additional adult support will be used.

#### 11. What SEND training have the staff at school had or are having?

The Special Educational Needs and Disability Co-ordinator (SENDCo) has achieved the accredited Post-Graduate National Award for SEN Co-ordination (NASENCO), a year-long qualification which looks in depth at the differing types of special educational need, research and pedagogy into a wide variety of educational topics as well as how best to support children with SEN in school. Ongoing CPD and staff training needs are identified and supported through a variety of training delivered by the Aspire Academy Trust.

#### 12. How is your School Offer reviewed?

Our School Offer is reviewed on an annual basis using feedback from a range of sources alongside recent training and CPD.