



SEND Information Sheet

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Before applying to Rushcombe First School, contact:

- The school office to arrange an appointment to view the school and discuss any specific needs

To apply for a place at Rushcombe First School:

- Read the booklet, Admissions to School: A guide for parents and carers which is available at <https://www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/education-and-training/schools-and-learning/apply-for-a-school-place/docs/school-admissions-parents-guide-2020-to-2021.pdf>
- The governing body believes that the admissions criteria should not discriminate against pupils with SEND and has due regard for the practice advocated in the Code of Practice.
- Once a place has been offered by the Dorset Council, the school will invite you and your child to a series of events and activities to make starting school as enjoyable and smooth as possible.

Before your child starts at Rushcombe First School, arrange to meet:

- Headteacher
- Inclusion Leader

Before your child starts at Rushcombe First School:

- read the SEND Factsheet
- read the school's SEND Policy which is available on the school's website

Before your child starts at Rushcombe First School, staff need to:

- know about your child's needs
- read information for example reports from any professionals who have met or who are working with your child
- have copies of any assessment reports
- have information from previous school/pre-school setting (if appropriate)

Before your child starts at Rushcombe First School, find out:

- if Dorset Council will be providing a transition package of support (Portage)
- if Dorset Council will be providing access to specialist equipment/facilities

At Rushcombe First School we monitor the progress of all pupils to identify those who may require further support so that action may be taken:

At Rushcombe First School, we aim to offer excellence and choice to all our children, whatever their ability or needs.

We have high expectations of all our children. We want all our children to feel that they are a valued part of our school community.

If progress:

- is significantly slower than that of their peers starting from the same baseline
- fails to match or better the child's previous rate of progress
- fails to close the attainment gap between the child and their peers
- widens the attainment gap

Action is then planned to support the child's progress.

If your child is already at Rushcombe First School and you have concerns, please contact:

- Class teacher
- Inclusion Leader
- Headteacher

If staff have concerns about your child:

- the class teacher will arrange an initial meeting to express these concerns
- the class teacher will compile an information sheet giving details of your child's strengths and difficulties following your initial meeting
- the class teacher will produce a progress plan detailing how your child will be supported
- the class teacher may arrange a further meeting with you and the Inclusion Leader to plan support

If your child is identified as having a barrier to their learning which requires support. The class teacher will then:

- arrange a meeting to speak to you to discuss concerns
- write a progress plan which sets out targets and describes how we all will work together to help your child make progress

There are four categories of need:

- cognition & learning
- speech & language
- emotional social & mental health
- sensory & medical

A child may have needs that fit into one or more categories

There are two different levels of SEND support:

- School Support
- Education Health Care Plan

At Rushcombe First School, if staff or parents are concerned, a child may be monitored for a period before any decision is made about the level of support.

A child with cognition and learning needs may be supported in a number of different ways:

These are some examples of support/interventions we might choose to use.

- additional learning opportunities, such as, extra reading
- small group support
- 1:1 specialist support

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A child with speech and language needs may be supported in a number of different ways, including:

- additional speaking opportunities to develop confidence and fluency of speech
- pre-teaching of vocabulary
- 1:1 speech and language support following a programme written by a speech and language therapist

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A child with social, emotional and mental health needs may be supported in a number of different ways:

- additional opportunities to develop self-esteem/confidence within the school day
- charts
- time with our emotional support assistant
- referral to outside specialists

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A child with sensory and medical needs may be supported in a number of different ways:

- by accessing the disabled toilets
- by having a programme of exercises delivered by a trained TA
- by having outside specialist advice/support

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Facilities to enable access for children with SEND include:

- a disabled toilet
- ramps to enable access to most areas of the school

The school's accessibility is reviewed regularly in line with the Accessibility Policy.

A child with an Education Health and Care Plan (EHC Plan) will have an individually tailored programme of support which could include:

- having a programme of learning tailored to individual need
- having the support of a teaching assistant if and when required

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A child at Rushcombe First School may receive support from other adults at the school other than their class teacher or class teaching assistant:

- Teachers who hold specialist qualifications in learning difficulties
- Teachers who hold specialist Trauma and Mental Health qualifications and have received attachment training
- Teaching Assistant who has training in emotional support.
- Teaching Assistants with additional training about autism.
- Teaching Assistants with additional medical training.

A child at Rushcombe First School may also receive support from outside agencies:

- Community Paediatrician (who may complete an assessment of medical needs and provide a diagnosis)
- Community Doctor (who may complete the initial check for any medical needs and provide advice to parents)
- Occupational Therapist (who may complete an assessment and provide a programme of support for a child's fine motor development for the school to follow)
- Physiotherapist (who may complete an assessment and provide a programme of support for a child's gross motor development for the school to follow)
- Manual Handling Advisor (who trains staff to manage the movement of children safely)
- S & L Therapist (who may complete an assessment and provide a programme of language support for the school to follow)
- S & L Assistant (who may come into the school for a short period of time to support a child's language development and to train TAs to deliver a programme of support)
- CAMHS Worker (who may support a family where a child is experiencing emotional/mental health difficulties)
- Family Worker (who may for instance support a family where attendance is an issue)
- HVSS (who provide guidance and support for children with hearing or visual impairment)

All referrals to outside professionals are made with in discussion with parents.

All children have access to a range of outside activities. These include:

- Sports activities, for example football, netball, gymnastics
- Musical activities, for example piano, violin, drum or guitar tuition and singing club.
- Art & Craft activities, for example, craft club and art club
- Other activities, for example French, IT, Forest Schools and cookery

Each term a selection of after school clubs are offered to pupils in years 1 to 4.

If you have any concerns or questions, speak in the first instance:

- the class teacher
- the Inclusion Leader
- the Headteacher

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