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Additional Information for Parents on the SEND Policy

Dear Parent,

At Westfields Junior School, we strive to support pupils according to their needs and our programmes of intervention are tailored accordingly. IEPs are used continuously throughout the year by teachers and learning support assistants (LSAs), to ensure that all pupils remain focussed on their targets and receive the support that they need.

In order to provide the best support for our pupils with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities we have a well-trained team of LSAs, whose specialisms include Dyslexia, Autistic Spectrum Condition, Occupational Therapy and Sensory Impairment. We also have Emotional Literacy Support Assistants to help pupils cope with the social and emotional difficulties which can arise, focusing on raising low self-esteem or learning strategies to use for improving friendships.

LSAs work alongside the teachers in class to give extra help to identified children and to assist them in meeting the targets on their IEPs. In addition, they can give pupils one-to-one and small group support, using interventions proven to be effective with a range of learning difficulties.

All provision (IEPs, support and interventions) are overseen by the SENCo. Interventions for each child are reviewed regularly to assess their impact and the child's progress. The views of the child, their teachers and parents are all considered as part of the provision planned. Where appropriate, we work with external agencies, such as the School Nurse, Paediatricians, Behaviour Support Team, Specialist Teacher Advisers, Educational Psychology, Speech and Language Therapy, Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services and Occupational Therapy.

It is important to us that we work in partnership with our families. Mrs Alison Clarke, our SENCo, is always very happy to discuss with parents, ways in which we can work together to support pupils with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities. If you would like to discuss support needs or have any questions regarding your child's Individual Education Plan, please phone to speak to her or make an appointment.

Yours sincerely,

Alison Clarke
SENCo

Sue Harrison
Chair of Governors

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