




SETTLEBECK SCHOOL

SEND Information Report

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The purpose of the SEND information report is to provide parents with an account of the Special Education Needs and Disability provision at Settlebeck School during the academic year 2020-21

The report is produced in a question and answer format which we hope you will find helpful. If you require any further information please do not hesitate to contact Mr Liam Richardson, our SENDCO on 015396 20383 or by email at richardsonl@settlebeck.org.

You may also wish information about the Local Offer, which is produced by the Local Authority. The links are below

For the Local Offer in Cumbria

[SEND Local Offer | Cumbria's Family Information Directory \(openobjects.com\)](#)

For the Local Offer in North Yorkshire.

<https://www.northyorks.gov.uk/send-local-offer>

For the Local Offer in Lancashire

<http://www.lancashire.gov.uk/children-education-families/special-educational-needs-and-disabilities/>

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1. Introduction

Settlebeck School is a vibrant, happy school where children of all academic abilities thrive. There is a strong sense of community spirit and the ethos of the school ensures that children learn within a supportive 'family feel' environment. It is a school that knows its students very well as individuals and uses that knowledge and understanding to encourage, challenge and support them to achieve the very best they can.

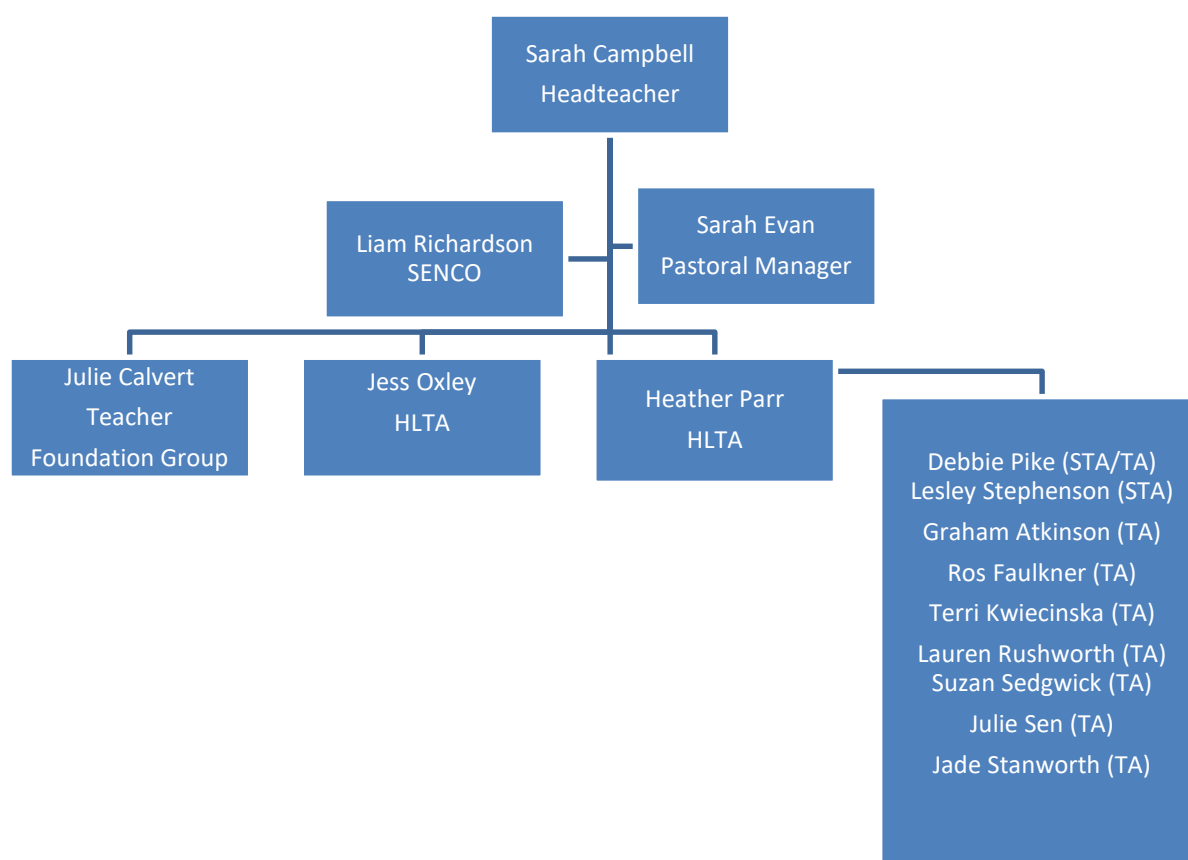
Warm and honest relationships are at the heart of our work and this genuine mutual respect ensures that all member our community are valued and successful. We are committed to truly inclusive education and are extremely proud of our designation as a resourced provision for young people with autistic spectrum condition.

Our expertise and experience in providing an inclusive provision means we look to design and deliver a bespoke solution to the needs of each individual whilst respecting the needs for inclusion in class and in the wider life of the school community.

We aim to create a learning environment which is flexible enough to meet the needs of every young person who wants to come to Settlebeck School, whilst ensuring the best possible outcomes.

The school has a very good reputation within Cumbria for its inclusiveness and ability to ensure that young people with additional needs thrive.

Student Support Team 2020-21



2. What types of Special Education Needs do you provide for at Settlebeck School?

At Settlebeck School we provide for a wide range of Special Education Needs and Disabilities. Here are some of the needs we are currently catering for.

- Autistic Spectrum Conditions (ASC)
- Specific Learning Difficulties such as dyslexia and dyspraxia (SpLD)
- Visual Impairment
- Speech and Language Difficulties.
- Physical and/or Medical Difficulties
- Social Emotional and Mental Health or well-being difficulties
- ADHD. ADD
- Attachment

3. How do you identify students with SEND? How do you assess their needs?

Prior to the start of Year 7 we work with the information provided by primary schools and other professionals. Some students may already have been identified as having an additional need prior to starting secondary school.

At the start of Year 7 we assess all our students using the Cognitive Ability Tests (CATs), the GL National Group Reading and Spelling Tests (NGRT, NGST) and Progress Maths Test (PTM) These assessments, along with detailed information from our primary schools, provides us with useful information about each child and their abilities.

Our SENCO and Headteacher analyse this information carefully in order to identify students who may require targeted support, and any other student who may need further assessment.

During Year 7 – 10 we assess our students in reading and spelling 4 times per year. Furthermore, students in Year 7 and 8 are assessed using the GL Progress Test Maths (PTM) 4 times per year. These assessments alongside assessments conducted in class enable us to track progress and intervene quickly where learning has faltered.

Where a teacher has a concern about the progress made by a student in a specific subject area, they may carry out some subject specific intervention. Where there are persistent concerns, teachers liaise with the SENCO and other colleagues. If there is sufficient concern, the SENCO will then consider the next steps. It may be appropriate for some students to undergo further assessments.

4. How many students do you have with SEND?

Settlebeck School is a strategically resourced provision for autism with 10 places commissioned by the local authority. We currently have 33 students with an Education Health and Care plan (16.9% of the school population) and 41 students on SEN Support (21% of the school population).

SEND Register Totals 2021-22

Total on school roll: 195

Full School	Yr. 7 – 11	%
SEN Support	41	21.0
EHCP (Education Health Care Plan)	33	16.9
TOTAL	74	37.9

Totals in individual Year Groups

Year 7	Number in Year Group	% of Year Group
Year Group	40	
SEN Support	5	12.5
EHCP	12	30

Year 8	Number in Year Group	% of Year Group
Year Group	27	
SEN Support	6	22.2
EHCP	7	25.9

Year 9	Number in Year Group	% of Year Group
Year Group	43	
SEN Support	15	34.8
EHCP	9	16.3

Year 10	Number in Year Group	% of Year Group
Year Group	44	
SEN Support	9	20.5
EHCP	5	11.4

Year 11	Number in Year Group	% of Year Group
Year Group	41	
SEN Support	7	17.1
EHCP	4	9.76

5. Who should I contact if I am concerned my child has a Special Educational Need?

At Settlebeck School the first point of contact is usually the SENDCO or your child's Form Tutor or Head of Year.

Years 7-10 Head of Year: Mrs. Sarah Evans evanss@settlebeck.org

Year 11 Head of Year Mr. Daniel Greenwood greenwoodd@settlebeck.org

6. Who is the SENDCO at Settlebeck?

Our SENDCO at Settlebeck School is Mr Liam Richardson. His contact details are richardsonl@settlebeck.org or 015396 208383

7. What arrangements do you have for parental involvement regarding a child's Special Educational Needs?

For students who already have an Education and Health Care Plan (EHCP) at primary school, if our SENDCO is invited to the review meeting in Year 5, we can begin discussing transition arrangements with parents, the school and other professionals. This is the start of a number of conversations over the transition period.

In addition to transition arrangements for the whole year group, parents will be offered the opportunity to meet with the SENDCO at the end of Year 6. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the support plan and provision. We provide a number of opportunities throughout Year 7 for parents to discuss their child's needs, which include;

- Year 7 Settling In Evening
- Year 7 Parent's Evening
- Annual Review Meeting
- Support Plan Review Meeting

Parents of pupils in Year 8-11 have the following opportunities;

- Parent's Evening with subject staff
- Annual Review Meeting
- Support Plan Review Meeting

For a small number of students, there may be the need for additional meetings which we are happy facilitate.

8. How do you consult with students about their Special Educational Need and/or disabilities?

In addition to whole school opportunities to take part in student voice surveys, school council, 1:1 interviews and parent's evenings, students who have SEN/D will be involved in the review process; the level of involvement will depend on each case.

Involvement in the review process can involve;

- Input into what is written into their support plan
- Creating a 'what works for me' document
- A review of their provision.

- Setting targets.

All students with an EHCP has a key worker who will work closely with them with regards to their needs.

9. What support do students with SEND get when they move from primary school to secondary school?

There are carefully planned transition arrangements put in place by Mrs Campbell, Mrs Evans, Mr Richmond and Mr Richardson, who begin to visit primary schools from Year 5 for all students.

In addition to this, our SENDCO has established close links with all our feeder primary schools. Information is gathered from schools in a variety of different ways depending on the primary school.

The SENDCO uses the information provided to create a SEN Support Plan for each student. This plan is shared with teaching staff in advance of 'Moving Up' day and at the start of the new academic year.

Some students, mainly those with an Education Health and Care Plan (EHCP), have a bespoke transition programme which may include visits from Settlebeck support staff to the student in their primary school setting. This may be followed by a range of additional visits to Settlebeck School to ensure they are well prepared for the start of Year 7.

For some students it is necessary to have additional meetings with parents, other agencies and the primary school to ensure a smooth transition.

If your child has an Education Health and Care Plan (EHCP) it is important that the SENDCO is invited to attend annual review meetings held in Year 5 and Year 6. This enables us to develop a secure understanding of your child's need and to ensure a smooth transition.

10. What arrangements are put in place to support students who are moving from Settlebeck School to different phases of education?

At Settlebeck School, we pride ourselves on the level of support and guidance offered to students to ensure they are prepared for adulthood and they can access a suitable Post 16 pathway.

For students with an Education Health and Care Plan we begin preparing for this as early as Year 9, working with the relevant agencies to ensure both students and parents receive good advice and that information is passed onto the next setting. All students with an EHCP have access to a specialist within Inspira to support them with planning next steps.

Where necessary we support visits to the Post 16 destination to ensure a smooth transition.

11. What were the destinations of some of your students who had an Education Health and Care Plan last year?

Our students have gone on to study;

A' Levels at The Queen Katherine School, Kendal

Art and Design at Kendal College

Animal Management at Kendal College

Motor Vehicle Apprenticeship.

Further Education at Sandgate School

12. What is your approach to teaching students with SEND?

At Settlebeck School we are extremely proud of our inclusive culture which ensures that all students have access to high quality teaching and learning, an appropriate curriculum offer, and the best personal guidance. Teachers are responsible and accountable for the progress and development of all students within their classes, including where students access support from Teaching Assistants. Some of our students require a different provision initially to meet their complex needs; this is provided through our Foundation Group.

13. How are adaptations made to the curriculum and the learning environment for students?

We are really proud of the broad range of our curriculum offer which meets the needs of students with wide ranging abilities. As a strategically resourced provision for ASC we offer a range of Entry Level and Functional Skills courses alongside academic GCSEs. In addition to this, some students study ASDAN, Open Award and life skills courses. Each year the provision for individual students is carefully planned by Mr Liam Richardson (SENDSCO) and Mrs Sarah Campbell (Headteacher).

Mr Liam Richardson, Mrs Sally Ingham (Assistant Headteacher with responsibility for careers) and Mrs Sarah Evans (Head of Year) work closely to ensure that we have the right personal pathway for all our students.

We are committed to making reasonable adjustments to enable all our students thrive. Where recommended by professionals, we provide additional specialist equipment/resources. In recent years this has included specialist equipment/resources in Food Technology, Design Technology and Braille.

Working with parents and other professionals at an early stage is extremely important to ensure we are well prepared.

14. What expertise and training do support staff who work with SEND students have?

As a strategically resourced provision our support staff have a high level of expertise. We are committed to ensuring that professional development is a priority. Over the last 24 months, our staff have completed the following training;

- ADHD/ADD
- Drawing therapy
- Attachment
- Autism
- Awareness of child abuse and neglect.
- Braille
- Coaching sessions
- De-escalation techniques
- First aid

- Food Hygiene
- Mental Health First Aid
- Mental Health and Wellbeing.
- Moving and Handling
- PEP training
- SIMS training
- Social Stories
- Speech and Language
- Strategies to use with students with behavioural difficulties
- Strategies to use with students with literacy difficulties
- Sensory regulation
- Dyslexia friendly/aware
- Mental Health First Aid

15. How effective is the provision made for students with SEND?

We believe that the support students receive at Settlebeck School is very effective. The Local Authority value our inclusive approach and the level of expertise within the school.

Our small school setting allows us to know the individual needs of each and every student, intervening and supporting where needed to ensure the best possible outcomes. We also recognise that the Progress 8 measure is not suitable for some students as GCSE courses are not accessible for all our students.

Progress of students with SEND 2020-21

In 2020-21 students with SEND studied a range of qualifications

Subject Area	Course Level
English	GCSE Literature
	GCSE English Language
	Functional Skills L1/2 English
	Entry Level English
Maths	GCSE Maths
	Functional Skills Maths L1/2
Science	GCSE Science
	GCSE Biology
	GCSE Chemistry
	GCSE Physics
	Entry Level Science L1/2
ASDAN Cope	Level 1 and Level 2
Art	GCSE Art
Drama	GCSE Drama
Food and Nutrition	GCSE Food and Nutrition
Geography	GCSE Geography
History	GCSE History
Music	GCSE Music
Design Technology	GCSE Design Technology

Physical Education	BTEC Sport
Media Studies	GCSE Media Studies
Computing	GCSE Computing

100% of SEND students were accepted onto the post 16 course or apprenticeship of their choice

GCSE Attainment and Progress 2021

In 2021, GCSE examinations were cancelled due to the ongoing pandemic. Centre assessed grades, using a range of evidence, were used to award final grades. The school ensured that the is robustly followed the procedures required by Ofqual. This year, there is no national data to benchmark our students against others nationally.

All students progressed to the Post 16 destination of their choice.

TARGETED INTERVENTION/CATCH UP

Lexia

Students work independently and at their own pace to develop fundamental reading skills in a structured, sequential manner with a focus on:

- Foundational skills to develop automaticity and fluency
- Listening and reading comprehension with complex text
- Academic and domain-specific vocabulary to improve comprehension

Teachers have the resources they need to provide face-to-face instruction and interventions:

- Skill-specific, step-by-step lessons for struggling students
- Independent practice materials to develop automaticity and expressive skills for on-target students
- Strategies and routines to structure individual and group activities for all students'

Spelling

We utilise the Launch the Lifeboat Spelling programme for individuals and small groups, which has proven effective in addressing some gaps in learning.

Numeracy

Targeted 1:1 and small group intervention is delivered by Settlebeck Staff and an external tutor to ensure that students have the opportunity to close the gap with their peers.

Other targeted support

Each year we target support where it is needed, based on the individual needs of our students. This ranges from 1:1 support to small group. In addition to targeted literacy and numeracy intervention, our students have accessed small group social skills groups and touch typing.

16. What type of activities are available for students who have SEND?

We are proud of our inclusive approach at Settlebeck School and we aim to ensure that all students have access to a full range of enrichment activities. We take our duty to make reasonable adjustments for students with SEN and/ or disabilities seriously. Enrichment activities have been

severely restricted over the last 18 months due to the pandemic. However, in recent years our students have taken part in a wide range of activities which include;

- Sports fixtures and competitions
- Visits to France, Belgium and Italy
- An expedition to Scotland
- STEM trip
- Theatre trips
- Rotary Design Technology competitions
- COP26 talk
- Year 7 Residential to Hawse End

17. What support is available at Settlebeck School for improving emotional and social development?

At Settlebeck School we have a PSHE and assembly programme which tackles issues around relationships, friends, communication, bullying, mental health and well-being and resilience. The small school setting means our staff know the needs of our students extremely well and our Pastoral Manager, Mrs Sarah Evans works closely with students who are in need of emotional support. Mrs Evans is our Mental Health Lead and is able to offer students support to overcome difficulties they may be facing.

For students with an Education Health and Care Plan, we use a Team around the Child/Family approach – with a key worker taking the lead with specific students; this member of the team then advocates for the student if required.

18. What other agencies do Settlebeck School use to ensure the needs of students and their families are met?

We are fully committed to working with other agencies to support the student and their family, and will actively seek to work with other professionals with permission from families to do so. We follow the Local Authority Early Help Assessment procedures and have both a Team around the Child/Family approach which the SENCO, Pastoral Manager and Head of Year.

Some of the bodies we work with include;

- Educational Psychologists
- Physiotherapists
- Occupational Therapists
- Specialist teachers
- Pupil Referral Unit
- Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services
- Targeted Youth Support
- Home and Hospital Tuition Service
- Community Paediatricians.

19. What should I do if I have a complaint about the SEN/D provision for my child?

Firstly, we hope that you would not need to make a complaint, but if you do please contact the SENDCO or Head of Year to see if your complaint can be resolved. If your complaint is not resolved please contact Mrs Sarah Campbell, Headteacher.

Should you wish to take your complaint further please request a copy of the school's complaint procedures and we would advise you contact the Chair of Governors, Mr Peter Irvine.

20. What arrangements do you make for admission of disabled students to the school?

We hope the primary school will make contact with us in Year 5 to ensure there is time to plan for any reasonable adjustments that we may need to make. For in year admissions please contact the school directly and we will do our utmost to make any reasonable adjustments required to enable your child to enrol at the school. Our admissions arrangements can be located on our website www.settlebeck.org.