

SEND Annual Information Report

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Local Offer link:

<https://www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/children-families/sen-and-disability-local-offer/dorsets-local-offer>

Whole School Approach to Teaching and Learning:

Bovington Academy is one of sixteen schools within the Aspirations Academies Trust and is a single-form entry primary school set within a Garrison 'town' in rural Dorset. We are fairly unique in that we usually have approximately 60-70% Service children on roll, with the local area having an above average military presence. Service children encounter and experience different challenges during their educational years because they usually must move schools when a parent is mobilised. This can have a huge impact on Service children with additional needs. We are dedicated to removing any learning barriers and ensure that all children have equal access to teaching and learning. Before starting at Bovington Academy, our Attendance and Behaviour Lead will organise an induction meeting to discuss any SEND needs and to orientate the child/young person around the school.

Bovington Academy has a child-centred, collaborative and inclusive approach when meeting the needs of children. The latest national figure for children needing SEND support was 13.6% up from 13.0% in 2022 (DoE, 2023), our SEND register figure is 20.32%, of which 56% are Service children.

Bovington Academy has a dedicated, experienced and skilled team of teaching staff, Learning Support Assistants (LSA's) and Higher-Level Teaching Assistants (HLTA's). We have two trained ELSA's who are also Service Champions.

Bovington Academy also provide:-

- ✓ High Quality Teaching and Learning. All teachers are responsible for the learning and progress of every child in their class, including those with SEND.
- ✓ An inclusive, adaptive, differentiated and personalised approach to enable all learners, including those with SEND, to engage with all aspects of school life.
- ✓ Additional access arrangements are made for children with SEND, where needed.
- ✓ Where necessary, we use a range of further assessments and screening tools to assess reading/spelling abilities, dyslexia, speech and language, social and emotional difficulties and mathematical difficulties.
- ✓ We use the Pre-Key Stage standards to assess pupils who are engaged in subject specific study but are working below the overall standard of the national curriculum.
- ✓ Requests for advice and support from Specialist Teachers and other outside education and healthcare agencies.

Alongside the universal curriculum, support may be given in the following areas:

- ✓ Communication and Interaction
- ✓ Cognition and Learning
- ✓ Social, Emotional and Mental Health
- ✓ Physical, Sensory and Medical Needs

For further information please see the Teaching and Learning Policy.

Our Graduated Response for Learners: Assess, Plan, Do, Review (APDR)

For children/young people on our SEND Register, an Assess, Plan, Do, Review cycle was established by the SENDCo in partnership with the child/young person, their parents/carers and the class teacher. Please see our SEND Policy for further details.

The SENDCo oversees the provision and interventions and monitors their success through rigorous observations and data analysis. Every teacher at Bovington Academy is committed to the achievement of every child through high quality teaching and tailored interventions, allowing all children to fulfil their potential and thrive.

All children/young people identified as requiring SEND Support, or with an Education, Health and Care Plan are on our SEND Register.

How we identify children/young people that need additional or different provision: Assess, Plan, Do, Review.

- ✓ Class teacher refers to the SENDCo for support and advice after identifying and tracking the progress of children/young people by summative and formative assessment. These children may require extra support to catch up and to help close the learning and knowledge gap.
- ✓ Leuven Scales are used to measure emotional wellbeing
- ✓ Referral of concern onto Cause for Concern log
- ✓ APDR cycles begins
- ✓ Continual monitoring of the quality of teaching
- ✓ Ongoing curriculum assessments
- ✓ Tracking progress using data
- ✓ Further assessments by specialists, including those from external agencies e.g. TADSS (Teaching Alliance of Special Schools), Specialist Teachers, OT etc.
- ✓ Consideration of application for Education, Health and Care Plan and / or a paediatric referral.

We take a holistic approach in all aspects of a child's development and well-being. Our pastoral support arrangements for supporting the emotional and social development of all children/young people, including those with SEND, is set out in our School Offer.

Bovington Academy has a comprehensive Assessment Policy which outlines a range of assessments used throughout the school. There are a variety of ways that we identify and assess children with SEND. Through stringent data analysis and half termly pupil progress meetings, children who are underachieving and not reaching their full potential are quickly identified. Teachers that have any concerns about a child, academically, socially or emotionally will approach the SENDCo for an initial discussion. These concerns will also be raised and discussed with the parents/carers. The concerns are then put on the Cause for Concern log. The SENDCo will then carry out an observation, look at work and talk to the child about their views of their learning and school depending on the need that has been identified. After these discussions, appropriate interventions and support will be put in place.

At Bovington Academy we recognise that parents/carers know their children best and it is common for them to raise concerns about their child's learning or wellbeing and this can be done by talking to the class teacher initially and then the SENDCo. If further assessments are necessary, then the SENDCo will carry these out. Depending on the outcomes and needs of the child, outside agencies may be contacted, with permission of the parent. The outside agencies will then advise and support the school with interventions and strategies. If despite this support, the child is still not making progress and the school and outside agencies feel that an Education, Health and Care plan is necessary then the school will apply for an Education, Health and Care Needs Assessment.

We evaluate provision through:

- ✓ Provision Maps

Bovington Academy uses provision maps to evaluate the effectiveness of interventions by tracking the outcomes of the interventions. 'Entry' and 'exit' data is used at the beginning and end of a block of intervention and through this data the interventions can be evaluated to ensure that the children are making progress. If the intervention is not having the desired

impact it is adapted to ensure that the children are making progress. The provision maps are written, reviewed and shared with parents

✓ Data Analysis

At Bovington Academy we have a 'data drop' every 11 weeks or after each end of unit assessment in all subject areas throughout the year. This data is analysed at termly meetings and every child is individually tracked. It is immediately highlighted if any child is underachieving or not reaching their full potential.

✓ Pupil Progress Meetings

Three times a year the Senior Leadership Team, SENDCo and class teacher meet to discuss children's progress. During these meetings whole school data is analysed and a collaborative discussion takes place, addressing any children/groups that need extra support. Provision maps are also analysed, evaluating the effectiveness of provision for SEND children. If there are any concerns regarding individual children the SENDCo will observe the child and contact outside agencies if needed.

✓ Teaching and Learning

Pupil Progress Meetings are used to assess and review the progress but the teacher will also continuously be reviewing progress throughout lessons and interventions which will shape future learning. This includes questioning, observing and marking. Progress is also reviewed through the entry and exit data on provision maps, class targets and in some individual cases, APDR plans. Progress is also reviewed through target setting, end of year reports and teacher assessment. Regular meetings will be held with the parent/carer and child to assess and review progress and in some cases, external agencies, the parent and child.

This year, provision made for children/young people on our SEND Register has been:

✓ **Communication and Interaction**

Classroom environments made communication friendly
All school staff wear lanyards with appropriate symbols to support children/young people with their C&I development
All staff had training from Autism Education Trust trainers as part of the Dorset Council initiative, Autism in Schools Project
ELSA – small group or 1:1 sessions
NELI for Early Years
Exit cards / brain break / safe spaces
Individual and tailored timetables
Referrals to Speech and Language Therapists
Referrals to Early Help for whole family working

✓ **Cognition and Learning**

Classroom environments and seating reviewed regularly

Adaptive teaching

Individual and tailored timetables

Pre-teaching, over learning and modelling

Resources tailored to individual needs e.g. checklists, Learning Objective in simple language on stickers, paper copies of power points, photographs of WAGOLL etc.

Half termly provision map reviews

✓ **Social, Emotional and Mental Health**

Access to the Blandford Suite and Pastoral / ELSA support

Trauma Informed Schools trained staff e.g. big empathy drawings, sand tray and clay work etc.

Access to The Listening Ear safe space

ELSA – small group or 1:1 sessions

Individual and tailored timetables

Therapy Dog in school weekly

Referrals to Dorset Councils 'Dorset Families Matter' support packages

'Walk and Talk' 1:1 sessions

Access to the Ocean Room – sensory and calm space

✓ **Sensory and/or Physical Needs**

Learn to Move, Move to Learn

Access to the Blandford Suite for Pastoral / ELSA support

Outdoor gym equipment

Indoor PE equipment

School uniform - reasonable adjustments made

Sensory circuits

Individual Health Care Plans

Therapy Dog in school weekly

Access to the Ocean Room – sensory and calm space

During the 2023/24 academic year, Bovington Academy had between 42 - 44 children/young people receiving SEND Support, and 11 children/young people with Education, Health and Care Plans. This figure does fluctuate during the year as mobilisation by the Armed Forces means children arrive and leave mid-year with regularity.

We monitored the quality of SEND provision by regular meetings with the Senior Leadership Team, Phase Leaders, class teachers, children and parents/carers. Regular provision map meetings are held and discussions take place regarding the interventions, how successful they are, or what needs to be adapted. The APDR cycle also monitors how the aims and objectives are being met and how that child is meeting targets that have been set. It is an indicator of how the knowledge gap is being filled or whether new or adapted interventions may be needed.

Support Staff Deployment:

Support staff were deployed in a number of roles:

- ✓ Support in Classroom
- ✓ Precision Teaching
- ✓ Behaviour Response
- ✓ Service Champions – support group for Service Children
- ✓ Dandelion Kids - support group for Service Children
- ✓ Overseeing the School Council
- ✓ Supporting the Anti-Bullying Ambassadors
- ✓ Supporting individual and tailored 1:1 timetables
- ✓ Being on the Listening Ear timetable
- ✓ Providing 1 : 1 Provision
- ✓ Small group intervention
- ✓ Playground support
- ✓ Lunchtime support
- ✓ Supporting at Morning and After school Clubs
- ✓ Running After school Clubs
- ✓ Running Breakfast Club
- ✓ PPA Cover (HLTAs)
- ✓ First Aid
- ✓ Support for medical needs
- ✓ Morning and afternoon minibus driving
- ✓ Gate duty
- ✓ Community Food Cupboard – organisation and distribution of food parcels
- ✓ Monthly coffee mornings
- ✓ Whole school trip

We monitored the quality and impact of this support by:-

- ✓ Speaking to parents/carers and children/young people
- ✓ Gate duty mornings and afternoons
- ✓ Organising monthly coffee mornings for all parents
- ✓ An open-door policy

How we listened to the views of children/young people and their parents:

<u>What</u>	<u>Who</u>	<u>When</u>
Informal Discussions	All pupils	Daily
Parents/Carers Evenings/Reports	All pupils and parents/carers	Termly
School Dojo	All pupils	Daily
Text Messages	Individual pupils	When necessary
Assess, Plan, Do, Review meetings Face-to-Face or Virtually	Pupils on SEND Register and parents/carers	Termly
Team Around the Child/Family Meetings/CIN Meetings	Individual pupils / parents/carers	At least Half Termly or when necessary

School Council	Representatives from all Classes	Half termly
Drop in Coffee Mornings	All parents/carers	Monthly
Parent / Principal Meetings	Pupil / Parent/ Carers Representative	Monthly
General SEND Meeting / Early Annual Review / Annual Reviews	All parents/carers and children with an EHCP	Annually; Review date or when needed

Our measures to prevent bullying can be seen in our Anti-bullying policy which you can read here:-

https://bovington.academies.aspirationsacademies.org/wp-content/uploads/sites/2/2023/09/Anti-Bullying-Policy-23_24.pdf

Distribution of Funds for SEND

SEND funding was allocated in the following ways:

- ✓ Support staff
- ✓ External Services (See School Offer)
- ✓ Teaching and Learning resources
- ✓ Well-Being Provision
- ✓ Staff training
- ✓ 1:1 and small group work

Partnerships with other schools and how we manage transitions:

We have worked with a number of schools in the area in the following ways:

- ✓ Enhanced transitions with 5 upper schools
- ✓ EarlyBird Plus Course at Beaucroft School (Parents and SENDCo)
- ✓ SENDCo Network briefings – Purbeck Locality

This year, four children/young people requiring SEND Support and three children/young people with Education, Health and Care Plans joined us from other schools.

Fifteen children/young people on our SEND Register in 2023/2024 made a successful move to other schools. This included eleven pupils moving onto their secondary education.

We supported the transition from local nurseries into our Reception class by regular visits by our Early Years teachers to the settings to get to know the children, and to have discussions with the head of nurseries and the children's key workers. We also completed home visits and held transition meetings for parents to meet the new teachers. The SENDCo attended the EarlyBird Plus course with parents of a child with Autism.

We helped children to make the move from the Early Years Foundation Stage to KS1 and from KS1 to KS2 by a transition afternoon and with regular 'drop-ins' to their new teacher. 'Meet the Teacher' presentations are also held for parents to attend.

The transition from year 6 to secondary school has been supported through extra sessions and enhanced transitions, support from the Pastoral/ELSA teams, positive communication with the follow-on schools and regular contact with parents/carers.

For children/young people with SEND, we also made transition books with photographs of their new teacher / classroom / cloakroom / toilet areas. We also compiled social stories and enhanced transitions for them.

Parents/carers were included in this process through communication with old and new teachers, transition meetings and an open-door policy. We always have members of the SLT, SENDCo, Pastoral and Inclusion teams on gate duty each day to listen to any comments or concerns that parents may have. Parents/carers can also contact their class teacher via Dojo.

Ongoing development:

We work hard to ensure that any areas of support for our learners that can be improved are identified and that strategies are put in place to make those improvements. As previously mentioned, Bovington Academy has a comprehensive Assessment Policy which outlines a range of assessments used. Through data analysis and pupil progress meetings children who are underachieving and not reaching their full potential are quickly identified and extra provision put in place. We do this through our School Development Plan, which includes our SEND Development/Action Plan.

Details about our curriculum, including how it is made accessible to children/young people with SEND can be viewed from the link on our website. You will also find details of how we keep children/young people safe in our Safeguarding Policy which can be viewed on the school website :-

<https://www.bovington-aspirations.org/>

Our SEND Policy and School Offer (our contribution to the Local Offer) can be accessed via the links on our website.

Our SEND Policy is here:-

<https://www.bovington-aspirations.org/about-us/send/>

Our complaints procedure:

Anyone wishing to make a complaint with regard to SEND support and provision should see our complaints policy here :-



<https://bovington.academies.aspirationsacademies.org/wp-content/uploads/sites/2/2024/06/Complaints-Policy-.pdf>

This year we did not receive any complaints with regard to SEND support and provision.

Other relevant information and documents:

The Designated Safeguarding Lead in our school is Ms Sara White, Principal.

The Local Authority's Offer can be found at

https://www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/children-families/sen-and-disability-local-offer/dorsets-local-offer?p%20back_url=%2Fsearch%3Fq%3Dlocal%2Boffer

Our Accessibility and Audit Plan can be found on our website here :-

<https://bovington.academies.aspirationsacademies.org/wp-content/uploads/sites/2/2022/10/Bovington-Academy-Accessibility-Plan-August-2022-2.pdf>

The Academy Improvement Plan can be provided on request.

Our SEND Policy, School Offer and Annual SEND Information Report have been written in accordance with the Disability Discrimination Act 1995, the Equality Act 2010 and the Children and Families Act 2014.

The Governing Body has approved this SEND Information Report.