

## SEN Link to Local Offer

### What is the SEND Local Offer?

The government has listened to what parents say about their experience of services and have put in place a number of things to bring about improvements. One of these is the 'Local Offer'. In 2012 the former Children's Minister Sarah Teather explained that:

"The current system is outdated and not fit for purpose. Thousands of families have had to battle for months, even years, with different agencies to get the specialist care their children need. It is unacceptable they are forced to go from pillar to post, facing agonising delays and bureaucracy to get support, therapy and equipment".

"It is a huge step forward to require health, education and care services work together. The reforms will give parents better information and a comprehensive package of support that meets their needs".

Local authorities and other services will set out a local offer of all services available to support children who are disabled or who have SEN and their families. The local offer will enable families to understand what services they can access and what support they can expect from a range of local agencies, including from the local authority, health services, schools, leisure services and the voluntary sector. The offer will include provision from birth to 25, across education, health and social care.

The potential outcomes of the Local Offer are:

- **To provide clarity and confidence for parents;**
- **To support earlier intervention;**
- **To reduce the need for assessment;**
- **To identify need and gaps in provision;**
- **To provide an evidence base for improving progress and securing better outcomes, at school and local level.**

<http://hull.mylocaloffer.org/s4s/WhereILive/Council?pageId=3018&lockLA=True>

### Mersey Primary Academy SEND Information Report

All DELTA academies have a similar approach to meeting the needs of pupils with Special Educational Needs and/or Disabilities and are supported by the Local Authority to ensure that all pupils, regardless of their specific needs, make the best possible progress in school. All schools are supported to be as inclusive as possible, with the needs of pupils with Special Educational Needs and/or Disabilities being met in a mainstream setting whenever possible, if families want this to happen.

At Mersey Primary Academy we believe every pupil with a special educational need or any disability has an entitlement to fulfil his/her full potential. This is achieved by ensuring the wellbeing of all pupils in relation to: being healthy, staying safe, enjoying and achieving, making positive contributions and achieving social and economic wellbeing.

Mersey Primary Academy provides a broad, balanced and inclusive curriculum for all children. Teacher set suitable learning challenges and respond to children's diverse learning

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needs. Some children have barriers to learning that mean they have a special need which may require particular action by the academy.

Children may have a special educational need at some point during their school career. This policy outlines the planning, identification, assessment and provision needed for any child who experiences difficulties.

Our SENCO is Paula Harris.

Please see the Mersey Primary Academy SEND policy and SEND Information Report below for further information.

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