

# Silverdale School and Silverdale Primary Additionally Resourced Provision (ARP) SEND INFORMATION REPORT/LOCAL OFFER 2020

## Silverdale Context

Silverdale Organisation comprises of the following:

- ❖ Silverdale@Howdon.  
Silverdale Special School situated at Howdon. The main site accommodates pupils aged 7 to 16 years of age who have Education Health Care Plans for Social Emotional and Mental Health Needs (SEMH) or who are accessing an Assessment Place again primarily for SEMH. The main site has a KS3 and KS4. The Primary department supporting 18 KS2 pupils is situated in the Langdale Centre.  
Number of places: 81
  
- ❖ Silverdale@Howdon - ASD/SEMH Provision situated at the main site. This provision offers a bespoke curriculum to a small group of pupils who experience barriers to learning due to both their ASD and SEMH needs. The classes are small and located in a quiet, low stimulus area of the site. Pupils accessing the ASD/SEMH Provision also share facilities such as the play areas, Multi Use Games Area, Cookery Room etc. where appropriate.  
Number of places: 18
  
- ❖ Silverdale@TheCoast  
Silverdale Learning Centre situated at Monkhouse Primary School, North Shields. This specialist centre offers places for vulnerable students who are unable to cope with accessing the main site. They receive a bespoke curriculum focussing on building social skills and resilience delivered by a highly skilled staff working 1:2.  
Number of places: 8
  
- ❖ Silverdale@Killingworth  
Silverdale Additionally Resourced Provision (ARP) situated at Grasmere Academy, Killingworth. The ARP supports pupils aged 3 to 11 years who are struggling to cope in mainstream settings due to their SEMH needs. The pupils are dual registered with their home school and access a full time highly differentiated and personalised curriculum, delivered stage not age. The pupils are assessed during their time at the ARP and next steps may include transition back to mainstream with an EHCP or transition to a specialist setting which meets their needs again with an EHCP.  
Number of places: 36

- ❖ Silverdale Outreach Team situated at main site Howdon. The Outreach Team of 10 work across all North Tyneside first, middle and primary schools on request. Their remit is to support mainstream settings in keeping children with SEMH in school. The Team offer courtesy visits, bespoke workshops, pupil interventions, direct work with all staff, strategy maps and reports, meetings with families, multi-agency working and chair Outreach Review Meetings.

## **Silverdale Aim**

Our aim is to work with pupils experiencing barriers to learning related to SEMH and other needs so that they take pride in learning, communicate effectively and develop pro-social and independent skills so that they become tax payers.

We work with young people from their baseline and are aspirational in setting targets for achieving holistic good progress or better, to close the learning gap.

We want our students to be responsible, regulated, respectful and ready for the work place.

## **Silverdale Curriculum**

We deliver a curriculum that includes the Thrive Approach, Forest Schools, Outdoor Education and Team Teach to facilitate and support our pupils to take their place in society as successful adults. The Silverdale Offer supports pupils in becoming independent travellers, functional in English and Maths, equipped with a skill set that allows them to meet new people with confidence, work well within a team and see challenges as possibilities.

Silverdale curriculum encompasses Early Years, KS1, KS2, KS3 and KS4.

We believe the key to successful outcomes for our students is built upon the relationships developed within our school community. Students have experienced rejection and failure before joining us and our first essential work is to reach out, build trust and rapport and then develop positive relationships as a foundation to offer support, reassurance and challenge. Our curriculum is not just an academic offer, it's function is to guide and educate so that students address and heal any disruptions in their emotional and social development before channelling their energy and focus into achieving qualifications and skills, to equip them for the work place.

Our Local Offer aims to help you to understand how we support pupils with special educational needs and disabilities relating to Social, Emotional and Mental Health Needs.

## Silverdale Offer

We consult with pupils and their families on our local offer by:

- Talking to parents/carers about their child and what they may need because we recognise that they know their child best.
- We offer formal and informal meetings so that parents/carers feel welcome and can arrange meetings when and where it suits them.
- We are here to listen to and to support families, so that the partnership we build ensures the very best for the child.
- Children and young people will be invited to visit and look around the school and ARP so that they have the opportunity to ask questions and meet staff.
- Home visits can be offered so that each child/young person understands what is happening, why and feels involved and safe.
- All pupils will have a named member of staff who will support them and be available for them to talk to.
- Pupil voice is recognised and valued.

We will let families know about any concerns about a pupil's learning by:

- Parents/carers will have the same access to a named member of staff who will agree with parents/carers how they would like to be kept up to date on their child's progress.
- We can ring, text, email or meet with parents/carers to discuss any concerns.
- Parents/Carers events celebrate each child's successes and allow parents/carers to meet with staff.
- If a child is struggling with their learning we will let parents/carers know so that, together, we can help move them forward.
- We also will hold school reviews, annual reviews and any other meetings that may help everyone supporting the child to share ideas and feedback to help the child/young person make progress. Written reports are shared as and when needed.

When a pupil is identified as having special educational needs, we support their development and progress by offering:

- Personalised learning.
- A highly differentiated curriculum which means that children are taught through steps of learning based upon their baseline of ability rather than their age.
- A wide range of tasks and activities that reflect the children's/young person's interests where possible.
- Access to one to one and small group support.
- A flexible and positive approach to behaviour management.
- A recognition of strengths and efforts through praise, positive feedback and rewards.
- The tools that enable children/young people to make positive changes to their behaviour.

Other people, agencies and teams providing services to children with a special educational need/ disability in school include:

- Educational Psychologist
- CAMHS Practitioners
- Language and Communication Team
- Occupational Therapists
- Speech and Language Therapists
- Dyslexia Team
- Hearing/Visual Impairment Sensory Team
- Physiotherapists
- Professionals from other schools
- The School Nurse
- Health Visitors
- Family Partners
- Children's Services
- Community Disability Team
- GPs
- And anybody else who can help the child/young person

We will work in partnership with other education providers to ensure that pupils make a successful transition to the next stages of their learning, through careful and coordinated planning of the transition.

Each child's/young person's transition is personal and very carefully planned to meet their needs. Elements of transition may include:

- Group visits to the new venue.
- Individual visits to the new venue supported by staff or family.
- Transition booklets to give information to the child/young person about the new school, the staff, routines and photographs of staff and the site.
- A transition booklet made by the child to help new staff get to know them, their likes/dislikes and needs.
- Home visits.
- Phased integration which could be from one lesson a day, building up to full attendance over an agreed time scale.
- Circle time activities and opportunities allowing children/young people to discuss their feelings, hopes and fears as they look to move on.
- We act as a point of contact for parents/carers between schools.

## **Staffing @ Silverdale**

All teaching and learning staff are trained in Team Teach, a positive behaviour management approach which consists of 95% de-escalation and 5% restraint.

Continued Professional Development is a high priority and the training programme is designed to meet needs as they arise whilst keeping up to date on core requirements and developments in ASD, ADHD, SEMH and Attachment.

Please contact the school if you wish to know more about our staff training, knowledge and skills.

## **Family Working @ Silverdale**

The organisation has a team of experienced and highly trained Link Workers whose key role is to provide, where possible, families with a 'one stop, one conversation' experience. Partnership working with parents and carers is vital at Silverdale and we aim always to make families feel welcome and valued and we hope they leave events feeling informed, included and empowered. Our aim is for our families to move from endurance to resilience.

Families are also signposted to services / organisations through the Local Offer.

As part of our commitment to the Leading Parent Partnership Award, we offer parents/carers the opportunity to attend sessions on:

- Open morning for parents/carers to meet with professionals from services to promote understanding of how to support learning at home.
- E-safety, learning how to keep everyone safe online.
- Welcome events with different themes to share ideas with parents/carers so that they can support learning at home.
- Welcome mornings and afternoons where parents and carers can talk to teaching staff about their child's progress and have the opportunity to look through books.

## **Further Information About Silverdale**

Behaviour and anti-bullying policies are regularly reviewed with a focus on how they affect pupils with special educational needs or disabilities.

Other useful documents such as our Special Educational Needs and Inclusion Policy, Curriculum@Silverdale document, Outcomes@Silverdale and Curriculum Overview Plans@Silverdale are also available on the school website.

The school's self-evaluation process will look at teaching and learning for pupils with special educational needs and disabilities.

All school-related activities are evaluated in terms of their benefit to the learning and inclusion of pupils with special educational needs and disabilities.



If you would like further information about what we offer at Silverdale and Silverdale Primary ARP then please contact school.

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<b>School entitlement offer to pupils with special educational needs or disabilities</b>	
<p><b>Communication and Interaction Needs:</b> e.g.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Autistic Spectrum Disorders</li> <li>• Speech, Language and Communication Needs</li> <li>• Social communication difficulties</li> </ul>	<p><b>Support Available Within School</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Visual timetables</li> <li>• Areas of low distraction</li> <li>• Support / supervision at unstructured times of the day.</li> <li>• Social skills programme / support including strategies to enhance self-esteem.</li> <li>• Small group work to improve skills.</li> <li>• ICT is used to support learning where appropriate.</li> <li>• Strategies / programmes to support speech and</li> </ul>
<p><b>Cognition and Learning Needs:</b> e.g.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Moderate Learning Difficulties</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Strategies to promote/develop literacy and numeracy.</li> <li>• Provision to support access to the curriculum and to develop independent learning.</li> <li>• Small group targeted intervention programmes are delivered to pupils to improve skills in a variety of areas, i.e. reading skills groups etc.</li> <li>• ICT is used to reduce barriers to learning where possible.</li> <li>• Support and advice is sought from outside agencies to ensure any barriers to success are fully identified and responded to.</li> <li>• Planning, assessment and review.</li> <li>• Access to teaching and learning for pupils with special educational needs is monitored through the schools self-evaluation process.</li> <li>• Teaching resources are routinely evaluated to ensure they are accessible to all pupils.</li> <li>• Work with pupils, parents, carers and staff to develop and review plans based on the need of the pupil.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Social, Mental and Emotional health</b> e.g.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Behavioural needs</li> <li>• Social need</li> <li>• Mental health needs</li> <li>• Emotional Health and Wellbeing</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The school ethos values all pupils.</li> <li>• Behaviour management systems encourage pupils to make positive decisions about behavioural choices.</li> <li>• The schools Relationship Policy identifies where reasonable changes can be made to minimise the need for exclusions.</li> <li>• Risk Assessments are used and action is taken to increase the safety and inclusion of all pupils in all activities.</li> <li>• The school provides effective pastoral care for all pupils.</li> <li>• Support and advice is sought from outside agencies to support pupils, where appropriate.</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Small group programmes are used to improve social skills and help them deal more effectively with stressful situations.</li> <li>• Outdoor Learning is used to offer a different approach to the curriculum.</li> <li>• There is a nurture group at lunch times / break times to support pupils.</li> <li>• Information and support is available within school for behavioural, emotional and social needs.</li> </ul>
<p>Sensory and Physical Needs: e.g.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hearing/Visual Impairment</li> <li>• Multi-sensory impairment</li> <li>• Physical and Medical Needs</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Support and advice is sought from outside agencies to support pupils, where appropriate.</li> <li>• ICT is used to increase access to the curriculum.</li> <li>• Support to access the curriculum and to develop independent learning.</li> <li>• Advice and guidance is sought and acted upon to meet the needs of pupils who have significant medical needs.</li> <li>• Access to Medical Interventions.</li> </ul>

Although school complaints procedures are in place and can be accessed through our website, we would always hope to resolve any issues or concerns informally by working in partnership with parents.

**Note**

Parents can contact North Tyneside Special Educational Needs and Disability Information and Advice Support Service (SENDIASS) for impartial information, advice and support in relation to their child’s special educational need and / or disability on tel. 0345 2000 109 or email [SENDIASS@northtyneside.gov.uk](mailto:SENDIASS@northtyneside.gov.uk)