

Raising Achievement for All embodies our commitment here in Whitelees Primary to help all our pupils achieve their full potential within an inclusive environment.

This guide is intended to give parent and carers some information and answer any frequently answered questions about Additional Support. We aim to ensure our children are provided with the necessary support to allow them to work towards achieving their full potential. Therefore we seek to promote interventions that are specific to the individual child and consider barriers such as

- Home circumstances
- Health and disability
- Social and emotional needs.

In line with North Lanarkshire Council's Policy Whitelees Primary School operates a staged intervention approach to assist pupils with additional support needs as follows:

Level 1 (Internal Support)

Class Teachers will identify that a child needs support or planning which in turn will be met within the child's own classroom.

Level 2 (Internal Support)

Children who have been identified by their Class Teacher as needing support or planning may have their needs met by their Class Teacher and other staff within the school.

Level 3 (External Support)

Children whose needs have been identified as needing support and planning outwith the school environment such as Speech and Language Therapy, Community Paediatrician, Educational Psychologist or SAM Group.

Level 4 (External Support)

For children who have been identified as needing support or planning from multi-agency groups and that these support groups and that these support needs will last for more than one year.

Looked After Children

Looked After Children i.e. children who are cared for directly or whose care is supervised by the local authority are deemed to have Additional Support Needs unless assessment determines otherwise.

Support is available for those children with English as a second language

Frequently asked questions about Learning Support

Q. My child is suddenly finding his/her language/maths work difficult.

Contact the school and first discuss with the Class Teacher. It may be your child has been absent from school and has gaps in his/her learning which can be easily rectified.

Q. My child finds all his/her school work a struggle. I think he/she needs extra help.

Your child's Teacher is constantly assessing his/her progress. If it is felt further assessment is necessary your child will be referred to the Depute Head Teacher who will ensure the correct measures are implemented.

Q. Will I know my child is getting extra help in class?

You will always be consulted and informed if your child requires more support in school.

Q. How can I help my child at home?

You can help your child by taking an interest in his/her learning in school and by setting aside a regular quiet time and place, and encouraging your child to complete homework tasks.

Q. What is an ASP?

An ASP is an Additional Support Plan which helps to plan realistic targets for your child to achieve and ensure progression. Your child will usually only need an ASP if progress hasn't been evident after Level 1 and Level 2 interventions have been initiated.

Q. Once my child has Learning Support in school will he/she always need support?

Learning Support will cease when it is no longer required.

Q. Will my child be taken out of class?

Not always. However, your child may indeed work outside the classroom on a specific task for a short period of time. Ideally support in Maths/Language tasks will occur when these subjects are being taught in class.

Q. Will my child have to see an Educational Psychologist?

This will only happen once Level 1 and Level 2 interventions have been applied and progress is not evident.

Q. Will other children know my child is receiving additional support?

Whitelees is an inclusive school and there is no stigma attached to any child. Additional Support is routinely carried out and seen as normal practice in daily school life.

Whitelees Primary operates an "Open Door Policy".

We are always happy to discuss any concerns educational or otherwise you may have about your child's learning and wellbeing in school.



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