

EAST CALDER PRIMARY SCHOOL



Support for Learning



Information for parents and carers

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At East Calder Primary School we have a clear focus on meeting the needs of all our learners, ensuring appropriate strategies are in place for those who have additional support needs and to identify any barriers or potential barriers in learning. Once identified, we can target support for individuals in a variety of ways.

Staff

Although all school staff play an important role in supporting learning across the curriculum and year groups, our Principal Teacher, Miss Alison Baldacci and our Support for Learning Teacher, Miss Fiona Livingstone, oversee and co-ordinate all of the support we offer in school,

Other staff include:

Mrs Susan Grieve - Small-Group Setting

and our team of dedicated Pupil Support Workers (PSWs).

Asking for Support

We have an open-door policy in school, and welcome contact from parents and carers, so that we can work together to support all of our learners.

If you have any questions or would like any advice or information, please contact the school office to make an appointment or ask for a call back.



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Our Environment

We have learners with a variety of different needs in school, and we strive to be inclusive and accommodating to all.

- Neutral environment to support focus and prevent overwhelm
- Dedicated 'Safe Spaces' within classes and throughout the school building
- Opportunities for self regulation to support focus, attention and active listening
- Consistency of approach
- Visual timetables for whole classes as standard, and for individuals (where appropriate)
- Nurture groups as opportunities to develop wellbeing and communication
- Small Group Setting for learners with more complex needs
- 'Fizzy' movement groups to support development and co-ordination

Opportunities for Support

Support in school takes many different forms.

- Differentiation in lesson delivery, content, and outcome
- Provision of resources to promote independent support
- Assessment to identify learning needs and to plan for individuals
- Focussed adult-led 1:1 or small group support in class
- Focussed adult-led 1:1 or small group support out with class
- Pupil Passports
- Individualised Education Programmes where appropriate
- Child Planning Meetings where appropriate

Staff are supported and trained to identify barriers and help to overcome barriers to learning by the strategies and teaching approaches in class, as well as the classroom environment itself.

Support Resources

Staff have access to a range of resources to use within classrooms to help support their learners.

This include:

- Digital technologies (E.G. apps, website subscriptions and programmes to support reading, writing, and dictation, individual devices, class devices, microphones,, headphones)
- Specialised fonts (E.G. **Dyslexie**, Letter-join)
- Colour overlays
- Reading programmes designed to support learners through phonics-based instruction
- Social Stories

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Other Agencies

Staff work closely with parents and a variety of other professionals to ensure they are meeting learners' needs.

These include:

- Speech and Language Therapists
- Educational Psychologists
- Language Specialist Teachers
- Literacy Support (Dyslexia Specialist) Teachers
- Inclusion and Wellbeing Team
- Child and Adolescent Mental Health Service (CAMHS)
- Community Child Health (CCH)

At school we can also provide advice and support if you wish to refer your child to any of these agencies.

LET'S TALK
Speech and Language Therapy
Advice Phone Line



Do you have concerns and would you like advice on how to support your child's talking and understanding at home?

Is your child at primary school?

Call us to chat to a Speech and Language Therapist about your concerns and get some practical advice on how you can support your child's ability to understand and use spoken language!

1st Wednesday of every month

12pm – 2pm

07866 219 181