

Carcroft Primary School

Brief description of the school

We are an LA maintained Primary School.

We cater for the age range 3 – 11 years (Nursery – Year 6)

Number on roll: 356

Our school vision is:

Aspire Believe Achieve

'We will open up the world for our children so that they dare to dream.

We believe in our children and will make sure they believe in themselves so they have the confidence to achieve their dreams.

We will ensure they achieve the best they can academically, creatively, physically and socially.

To achieve our vision we need to have a motivated, enthusiastic staff team who are committed to providing the best for all our children and the skills to provide outstanding learning. We will provide the very best professional development opportunities and resources for all our staff to support them in this.'

There will be high quality teaching and learning that meets the individual needs supported by a broad and balanced curriculum that is based on the development of creativity as well as academic achievement. This will be extended with an enriching programme of extra-curricular activities and visits.

Children will be given the opportunities to become independent learners in an ethos of challenge, support and encouragement to succeed.

We cannot do this on our own – we will work closely with parents / carers and the local community so that together we can support our children to aspire, believe and achieve.

There will be equal opportunities for all pupils, regardless of background, gender, race, ability or disability through the provision of an inclusive curriculum.

We will, at all times, encourage open communication with parents and keep them informed and up-to-date as to what their children know, what they need to know and what they, as parents, can do to help to support their child(ren).

How we identify if your child may need additional help and/or has special educational needs (SEN)

As a school we carefully assess and track each child's progress in regards to learning and to social and emotional well-being. This allows us to make quick identifications of when a child may be facing difficulties. We then put in place either additional learning opportunities in small group interventions or in some cases we may need to write an individual SEN Support Plan detailing how we will tailor our teaching to your child's needs. This SEN Support Plan will be written in consultation with you, your child and other agencies that are deemed necessary to support your child's development, the plans will then be reviewed at least three times a year, however support will be reviewed on regular intervals.

How we involve parents and carers in meeting the needs of their child and in whole school developments

We ask that parents and carers join us in taking an achieve approach in their children's learning. Children who have difficulties in learning often benefit from short

quick snippets of learning and so parents and carers could support this by doing quick sessions of homework/ reading/ spelling practise with your child.

Parents and carers are invited to any meetings that we hold so that we can all discuss the pathway forward and the type of support we are all looking for your child.

Parents also have the opportunity to have a chat with the class teacher at the end of the day – or that can ask for an opportunity for a longer discussion at a time that is mutually convenient.

We hold two Parents Evening's every year.

We also have a Pastoral Manager who is available for family advice and guidance, again at times that are mutually convenient.

How we will involve your child in the planning and review of their support

We share SEN Support Plans with your child and encourage them to take an active part in selecting targets and reviewing the progress they have made. If appropriate children are invited into the SEN Support meeting – but if not a member of staff will ask questions around your child's support and what they think they need which is shown in the form of a One Page Profile.

How we match the curriculum, teaching and learning approaches if your child has SEN

Class teacher input via excellent targeted classroom teaching also known as Quality First Teaching

For your child this would mean:

- That the teacher had the highest possible expectations for your child and all pupils in their class.
- That all teaching is based on building on what your child already knows, can do and can understand.
- At times the teacher may direct the class based Teaching Assistant to work with your child as part of normal working practice.
- Different ways of teaching are in place so that your child is fully involved in learning in class. This may involve things like using more practical learning.
- Specific strategies (which may be suggested by the SENCO or outside staff) are in place to support your child to learn.
- Your child's teacher will have carefully checked on your child's progress and will have decided that your child has gaps in their understanding/learning and needs some extra support to help them make the best possible progress.
- All children in school should be getting this as part of excellent classroom, practice when needed.
- Specific group work with in a smaller group of children.

This group, often called intervention groups by schools, may be:

- Run in the classroom or outside.
- Run by a teacher or most often a Teaching Assistant who has had training to run these groups.
- Stage of SEN Code of Practice: SEN support

For your child this would mean:

- He/she will engage in group sessions with specific targets to help him/her to make progress
- A Learning Support Assistant/teacher or outside professional (like a Speech and Language Therapist) will run these small group sessions using the teacher's plan.
- This type of support is available for any child who has specific gaps in their understanding of a subject/area of learning.
- Specialist groups run by outside agencies e.g. Speech and Language therapy or Occupational therapy group.

How we provide additional support if your child has learning needs

We aim to give all our children the opportunity to succeed and reach the highest level of personal achievement. When planning their work, teachers take into account the abilities of all their children. We differentiate appropriately.

Teachers ensure that children:

- feel secure and know that their contributions are valued;
- appreciate and value the differences they see in others;
- take responsibility for their own actions;
- participate safely in clothing that is appropriate to their religious beliefs;
- are taught in groupings that allow them all to experience success;
- use materials that reflect a range of social and cultural backgrounds
- have a common curriculum experience that allows for a range of different learning styles
- have challenging targets that help them to succeed
- are encouraged to participate fully, regardless of any additional needs

How we provide additional support if your child has social and communication needs

We have staff who have worked alongside the Speech and Language Service and they now deliver programmes of support to our children. Doncaster's Speech and Language Service continues to support school with any additional referrals.

We also work closely with the ASCETS team who support children with ASD, along with working closely with the Educational Psychologists.

How we provide additional support if your child has physical, sensory and/or medical needs

Some children in our school have additional needs and consequently need additional resources. The school is committed to providing an environment that allows these children full access to all areas of learning.

Teachers modify teaching and learning as appropriate for these children. For example, they may give additional time to children with disabilities to complete certain activities. In their planning teachers ensure that children with disabilities the opportunity to develop skills on practical aspects of the curriculum.

Teachers ensure that the work for these children:

- takes account of their pace of learning and the equipment they use;
- takes account of the effort and concentration need in oral work, or when using, for example, vision aids;

- promote and create a positive environment

Our school provide Individual Health Care Plans for all children with medical needs.

How we provide help to support your child's emotional health and well being

We have Circle Time where we can discuss any issues that may be on children's minds. Children are then invited to offer suggestions to their friend as to how they could make something better or resolve a situation.

The SENCo & Pastoral Team also offer support where needed on a much more 1:1 basis with children when needed.

How we promote developing independence

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How we measure and review your child's progress against their targets and longer term outcomes

Each child is assessed and tracked for progress throughout the academic year. This is reviewed at termly Pupil Progress Meetings.

If your child has an SEN Support Plan in place then we will meet to review progress at least three times a year. It might be that your child has achieved a target so a new target is given, alternatively it might be that the learning target is not yet met and so a smaller break down of achievement steps may be needed. In this case Support Plan meetings will be more frequent.

How we adapt the learning environment and ensure that our school facilities are safe and welcoming to children with SEND

We achieve educational inclusion by continually reviewing what we do;

- setting suitable learning challenges;
- responding to children's diverse learning needs;
- overcoming potential barriers to learning and assessments for individuals and groups of pupils;
- providing other curricular opportunities outside the National Curriculum to meet the needs of individuals or groups of children.
- easy access/ wheelchair friendly throughout the whole of the building.

How we include children with SEND in the life of our school

Our school is an inclusive school. This means that equality of opportunity must be a **reality** for our children. We make this a reality through the attention we pay to the different groups of children within our school:

- girls and boys;
- minority ethnic and faith groups;
- children with SEND;
- gifted and talented children;
- any other vulnerable children.

How we ensure that all our staff are trained and supported to meet a wide range of children's needs

Training of staff:

- Basic SEN skills
- Speech and language training
- Friends programme
- Speech, Language and Communication Needs
- Restorative Practise
- Team Teach
- Play for Purpose
- Anger Management
- Emotional Literacy
- Dinosaur School

External support and expertise we can call upon to help us to meet children's needs

At Carcroft Primary we are aware of the agencies within Doncaster that are available to support the child, the child's family and school.

How we prepare children to join our school

- Children and families are invited to visit the school before starting with us.
- Children have an opportunity to meet and greet their peers and their teachers.
- We have got small booklets available for children who would benefit from seeing the school in pictures before actually starting with us. This also sets out the school day.
- An admission pack will be provided for you and your child.
- A 'buddy' system is used so that your child has a small circle of friends who are immediately there for them and can show them the day-to-day school timetable.
- We prepare our own children that we have a new class member joining us. If there is additional information that needs to be shared with the class we will hold a Circle Time to discuss how we can work together as a class team to support our new class member.

How we prepare children to move on from our school

- We discuss with the child the school they are moving on to.
- We share any relevant documents with the receiving school so that they are aware of all circumstances that surround your child.

- We allow our children time to say goodbye to one another via a Circle Time so that the children have closure and a chance to prepare themselves for moving on.
- If appropriate we will support/accompany the child and family with visits to the new school.
- If appropriate we invite staff from the receiving school to spend time in our school setting with your child.

How we deploy our resources to meet the needs of children with SEND

- Each class has a full-time Teacher and Teaching Assistant.
- We work in phase teams to best allocate additional learning support of groups of children.
- We have an Inclusion Manager/SENDCo who ensures that the needs of children with SEND are being met.
- Resources are available throughout the school.

Contacts for more Information

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SEND Policies and SEN Information Report link(s):