



Northbourne CE (A) Primary School

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The Didcot Area School Partnership¹ 'Local Offer'

Vision

The Didcot Area School Partnership vision for children and young people with Special Educational Needs (SEN) is the same as that for all children and young people – that they achieve well in their early years and at school; lead happy and fulfilled lives; and have choice and control (*Oxfordshire County Council*).

Definition of SEN

A child has a learning difficulty or disability if he or she:

- has a significantly greater difficulty in learning than the majority of others of the same age, or
- has a disability which prevents or hinders him or her from making use of educational facilities of a kind generally provided for others of the same age in mainstream schools.

(*SEN Code of Practice, DfE 2014*)

Identification, assessment and provision

Northbourne CE (A) Primary School follows the guidance contained within the Oxfordshire County Council document Identifying and Supporting Special Educational Needs (OCC 2014). Where learners are not making expected progress and are significantly behind their peers, evidence is gathered from school, home and the learner him/herself to make a detailed assessment of need and put in place appropriate support. For those with the most complex needs, an Education, Health and Care (EHC) plan will be agreed. These will replace current Statements of Special Educational Needs over the next three years.

Admission of pupils with SEN or a disability

In accordance with legal requirements, children who have a Statement of Special Educational Needs naming Northbourne CE (A) Primary School in the Statement will always be admitted. Children with medical needs who need to be admitted to a specific school – such as on the grounds of physical accessibility - have a priority in the oversubscription criteria of our Admissions Policy.

Access and provision for pupils with SEN or a disability

In its day to day operation, the school will work to

- promote equality of opportunity for disabled pupils to all aspects of school life
- eliminate discrimination and harassment
- use every opportunity to promote positive attitudes towards disabled people
- encourage participation by disabled people in the life of the school
- take steps to meet disabled people's needs, even if this requires more favourable treatment
- ensure that all staff are appropriately trained and have access to and the support of relevant outside agencies.

¹ The Didcot Area Schools Partnership includes Northbourne CE (A) Primary, along with All Saints CE (A) Primary, Blewbury Primary, Chilton Primary, Didcot Girls School, Hagbourne CE Primary, Harwell Primary, Ladygrove Park Primary, Long Wittenham CE Primary, Lydalls Nursery, Manor Primary, South Moreton Primary, St. Birinus School, Stephen Freeman Primary and Willowcroft Primary Schools.

- monitor the progress of disabled pupils.

Each school in Didcot has an Accessibility Plan showing how they plan to evaluate and improve access to all aspects of the school and school life, and an Equality Policy and Plan, showing how they comply with Equal Opportunities legislation – including that related to children and adults with SEN or disabilities.

More information is available in the SEN Policy and Governor's Report on SEN, available on our website or from the school office.

This provision supports the Local Offer of Oxfordshire County Council:

<https://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/cms/public-site/special-educational-needs-sen>