



WHAT CAN RAINFORD C.E. PRIMARY SCHOOL OFFER FOR CHILDREN WITH ADDITIONAL NEEDS?

Choosing a Primary School for your child can be a difficult decision. For parents and carers of children with additional needs, making the right choice is especially important.

At Rainford C.E. Primary School we endeavour to meet the needs of all our pupils. The following information explains what our school can provide for your child.

Children with Physical and Medical Needs.

The school is equipped with disabled toilet and shower facilities and wheelchair access is available at several places around the building.

Staff are trained in:

- Adult and Paediatric First Aid
- Administration of Asthma, Diabetic and Allergy (including Epipen) Medication
- Use of the Automatic Defibrillator

If a child has a medical need, a care plan may be written in consultation with parents, carers and health professionals. All relevant adults working in school will be given a copy of the agreed care plan.

We currently liaise with the following professionals in order to help us support children with physical and medical needs:

- School Nurse
- Asthma/Allergy Teams
- Occupational Therapists
- Healthy Eating Team
- Speech Therapists
- Audiologist (Hearing)
- Vision Nurse
- Paediatric Clinics
- Children's Disability Team
- Schools' Inclusion Team

Children with Special Educational Needs.

All class teachers are trained to deal sensitively with children who may need additional help with their class work. An Individual Educational Plan (IEP) is written for any child who needs extra support. Each IEP is regularly reviewed in consultation with parents and carers.

Some children may qualify for additional funding which may enable us to provide teaching assistant support in class. Each case is different, so we would strongly advise you to arrange a meeting with our Special Educational Needs Co-ordinator (SENCo) who can explain our Special Educational Needs Code of Practice and the types of support that are available.

We currently liaise with the following professionals in order to help us support children with special educational needs:

- Speech Therapists
- Educational Psychologist
- Literacy Support Service
- LASC (Language and Social Communication)
- EAL Team (English as an Additional Language)
- Dyslexia Screening
- Behaviour Improvement Team

Children with Social and Emotional Needs.

We work very closely with families to ensure that all children feel emotionally equipped to handle daily school life. Interventions we can offer include counselling support, setting up behaviour groups, helping with transition to High School or supporting children with mental health issues. If you have any concerns or questions, then please contact our Headteacher to arrange a meeting.

We currently liaise with the following professionals in order to help us support children with social and emotional needs:

- Parent Partnerships
- CAMHS (Child Mental Health Service)
- Paediatric Clinics
- Children's Disability Team
- Educational Psychologist
- Schools' Inclusion Team
- BIT (Behaviour Support)
- Specialist Child Counselling Support

Monitoring Provision for Children with Additional Needs.

Each term the school hosts a meeting where a number of professionals from different services liaise to discuss progress, check targets and ensure that best practice is being followed for our most vulnerable pupils. Parents and carers are invited into school regularly to discuss their children's needs and progress. Parents are also encouraged to participate in updating their child's Additional Needs Care Plan.

Supporting Families.

The school works closely with social workers, parent support workers and the Local Authority to ensure that sensitive and important information is shared and acted upon accordingly. Some children may qualify for additional funding support for school trips, residential visits, after-school activities or school dinners. Whenever possible we aim to offer the same opportunities to all children, regardless of their ability, physical needs or family circumstances.

If you would like to discuss any aspect of your child's needs please contact the School Office (Tel 01744 883281) to arrange a meeting with either the Special Educational Needs Coordinator or the Headteacher.