



The Godolphin Junior Academy SEND Information Report 2016 - 2017



Special Educational Needs/Disability (SEND)

The Godolphin Junior Academy is a mainstream junior school with approximately 450 pupils. It is a popular school which serves the local community and aims to encourage all children to continually strive to fulfil their potential and embrace their individuality.

In September 2016 we joined The Park Federation which has three other academies in Slough that form The Park Federation Academy Trust.

We are in the process of increasing to a four-form entry. Currently there are four classes in Years 3, 4 and 5, with a maximum of 30 pupils within each class. The school is a well kept 1930's building, with a recent addition of a new upper school building of innovative, contemporary design, surrounded by playing fields, two playgrounds, a wild space, outdoor classroom, vegetable growing area and gardens.

The Local Offer – What is it?

The Children and Families Bill (April 2014) outlines the Government's plans to require Local Authorities to publish information on services and provision across education, health and social care for children and young people aged 0 -25 with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND 2014). The purpose of a local offer is to enable parents and carers to see more clearly what services are available for children with SEND in their area and how to access them. The information below is The Godolphin Junior's contribution to the local offer.

Area	Response
1. Special Educational Needs Policy	<p>The Godolphin Junior Academy Special Educational Needs policy aims to put into practice the fundamental principles of the Code of Practice 2014 on the identification, assessment of and provision for pupils with Special Educational Needs.</p> <p>We aim to ensure SEND pupils at The Godolphin Junior Academy receive a consistent, high quality provision to meet their needs and that their parents/carers are involved in supporting the child's learning, informed about the support and involved in the review.</p> <p>Our Special Educational Needs Policy can be found on our school website</p> <p>http://www.godolphin-jun.academy/data/policies/send-policy.pdf</p>
2. Teaching and Learning	All children learn and develop at different rates. We meet our pupil's needs by ensuring high quality teaching and learning. We have a variety of support systems and

	<p>strategies in place to aid pupils who may be finding it harder than others to succeed in any area of learning. These often include differentiating lessons and adapting resources so that all pupils can access the KS2 curriculum, grow in confidence and achieve their academic goals.</p> <p>Pupils who have been identified as having special educational needs may have certain barriers which prohibit and hinder their learning. We support those pupils identified via:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Personalised curriculum is planned for as appropriate. • Differentiated planning and teaching of the curriculum • Small group teaching covering a range of skills such as reading, maths and developing fine and gross motor skills • Support for emotional development • Support for health needs • Nurture groups • Communication groups focusing on Speech and Language developments • Pre-teaching and precision teaching sessions • Daily focused reading support
<p>3. Identifying and Assessing Special Educational Needs</p>	<p>At The Godolphin Junior Academy, we believe that it is vital to identify a child who is finding it difficult to make progress with their learning as early as possible. Early support often helps pupils to succeed. Pupils may be identified as having a special educational need by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Concerns raised by parents/carers • Concerns raised by class teachers/members of staff • Where pupil's progress is limited, further assessments may be required to determine whether a pupil is experiencing a barrier to their learning. The SENCO will discuss with parents where necessary any need to make a referral for external professionals to support the pupil's learning; for example Speech and Language, Educational Psychologist etc. • Information shared by medical professionals and Speech and Language Therapists <p>The SEND team at The Godolphin Junior Academy work closely with Godolphin Infant School to ensure all relevant information is shared. Therefore any concerns that are known can be catered for.</p>

	<p>At The Godolphin Junior Academy we follow the graduated approach set out in the 2001 and 2014 Codes of Practice – assess, plan, do and review.</p> <p>The Godolphin Junior Academy will follow the guidance set out in the SEND Code of Practice (2014) Section 6.28 – 6.35 to identify SEND needs.</p> <p>For Children Looked After (CLA) we support the child by the use of Team Around a Child and ‘family’ meetings to ensure that all adults, carers and professionals are involved in decision-making and carefully monitoring CLA pupil’s progress.</p>
<p>4. Involving parents and CYP in planning and Reviewing Progress</p>	<p>We value and respect each pupil’s view. At The Godolphin Junior Academy we strive to ensure each pupil has the confidence so that they can make their voice and opinion heard. We encourage communication through verbal and non-verbal means. Pupils can use sign language, drawings, photographs or visual aids to express themselves.</p> <p>During reviews, pupil’s opinions are sought and parents are encouraged to share their goals for their child. Parents’ views, experiences and knowledge of their child are invaluable to us, as they provide a fuller picture of what the child is experiencing. Translators can be provided for any parent requiring this service.</p> <p>Pupils identified as having an additional need will be given an Individual Education Plan (IEP) or an ACE plans. These will have small achievable targets for the child, which will be discussed with parents and reviewed at least once a term. Staff will work closely with parents and utilise external professionals if required.</p> <p>The Godolphin Junior Academy holds Pupil Parent Review on a termly basis, however parents are welcome to come at any time to discuss their child’s progress.</p> <p>Information from external professionals will be discussed with parents with the professional involved or a report given to them.</p>
<p>5. Additional Support</p>	<p>Relevant specialist support from external agencies will be offered to any pupil who is highlighted as having a special educational need as it is required and with parent’s permission.</p> <p>Strong links with external agencies providing support for pupil’s needs from:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Speech and Language Therapists • Educational Psychology Service • Occupational Therapist

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Autism Berkshire • Sensory Consortium Service • Early Help Assessment • Access to Art Therapy • CAMHS <p>Where necessary specific groups are targeted for intervention work within the classroom or beyond. These sessions will be delivered by appropriate trained staff. Support also can be provided for pupils through the Resource Base Unit.</p>
6. Extra Activities	<p>Risk assessments for all pupils are carried out before attending off sites visits or organising visitors to the school.</p> <p>The Godolphin Junior Academy always makes all reasonable adjustments for any school trip to include the needs of all pupils. Where necessary parents or carers are consulted prior to a school trip and it may be appropriate for the parent or carer to accompany their own child on a visit.</p> <p>All pupils are encouraged to take part in out of hours activities including participating in Slough School Sports Partnership competitions.</p>
7. Meeting the Social and Emotional Needs of CYP with SEND	<p>The Godolphin Junior Academy's core principles are to nurture every child and ensure they develop in self-esteem and confidence. Every member of staff is responsible for the emotional and social well being of each pupil.</p> <p>Pupils are supported with their social and emotional development through the curriculum. A member of staff is a School Counsellor and is available to support pupils in their social and emotional development. The Resource Base unit provides social skills support which includes sensory experience, social interaction/stories and scripts.</p> <p>We have a Behaviour Policy, which includes guidance on expectations, rewards and sanctions. There is a behaviour support team to monitor behaviour and address any issues arising. There are high expectations of behaviour at the Academy.</p> <p>We encourage pupils to be well mannered, kind and respectful towards one another and to take pride in themselves and their behaviour. For pupils who may need some assistance we can offer:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spectrum Club • 1:1 support with the Behaviour Team • Nurture groups <p>If required, referrals to external agencies to provide support for emotional and behavioural needs are made such as:</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Social Care • Early Help • Art Therapy • SEBDOS
8. Keeping Up to Date with Knowledge and Skills	<p>At The Godolphin Junior Academy we are committed to further developing the skills and knowledge of the staff supporting pupils with SEND.</p> <p>The Academy has regular training for all staff to improve teaching and learning of all pupils.</p>
9. Transitions	<p>At The Godolphin Junior Academy we recognise that 'moving on' can be difficult for pupils with SEN. We aim to ensure that any transition is as smooth as possible.</p> <p>Staff ensures there is an effective handover of classes to share information and facilitate progression. Any gaps in learning and barriers are identified and strategies are shared to ensure that the pupils settle in to their new class or new school.</p> <p>Pre-school visits are organised for both new pupils and those moving on to new Secondary Schools.</p> <p>Transition books can be created to help pupils to familiarise themselves with their new class. These books contain photographs of the new classroom, teachers and other staff who will be supporting their learning and other learning areas they will be using. For some pupils Social stories are created to help pupils understand the change.</p>
10. Helpful Contacts	<p>Principal - Mrs Carol Singh Vice Principal Inclusion - Mrs Jasmeet Mudhar SENDCo - Mrs Anne Tudor</p> <p>Tel: 01753 521 481</p>