

SEN Report

Brief description of the school

Montagu Primary Academy is part of the Delta Trust Academy chain. We are a two-form entry primary academy (3-11) with a 75-place nursery. Our current number on roll is 306.

At Montagu Primary Academy, we strive to promote an inclusive, welcoming learning environment where all members of the school community feel safe, valued and respected. We aim to develop independence, individuality and the confidence to take risks through challenging learning opportunities. Access to inspiring and motivating learning experiences ensures that all are able to flourish and achieve their potential. Our school aims to be an integral part of the wider community, which values, enriches and provides diverse opportunities for all. In an ever-changing world, we aim to equip pupils with the skills to succeed and take their place as caring responsible citizens of the future.

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

Summative assessment takes place half-termly within the classroom for all children in school. The method of this assessment depends upon the child's age and phase of school (Early Years, Key Stage 1 or Key Stage 2). Summative assessment tools can provide specific targets for children to develop. On-going formative assessment is also used to identify specific targets and next steps. The following documents are used to support identification:

- SEN Code of Practice
- National Curriculum
- Special Educational Needs Policy
- Accessibility Plan
- Behaviour Policy
- Equality Policy

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

Partnership with parents is a fundamental part of our SEN practice. Parents of SEN pupils will be kept informed at each stage of the process. At Montagu we use the Delta Academy model of Assess, Plan, Do, Review to support children's learning.

Parents are encouraged to approach school to share any concerns regarding their child, and/or class teachers may invite parents to an initial consultation meeting to discuss any concerns from the schools point of view. A joint plan will be drawn up and agreed by both parents and school of what support may be required. Suggestions of how parents can support their child to achieve targets at home will also be included and where appropriate, class teachers will provide parents with necessary resources, e.g., word lists, visual prompts, to enable them to support their child. This is referred to as

the Stage 1 plan. After an agreed period of time (either half termly or termly) the plan is reviewed at a second meeting with parents.

Following this meeting, it will be decided whether the need has been met and no other action is required, or if further support is deemed necessary. If further support is required, children will move to a Stage 2 plan, where once again parents will be consulted to contribute to the targets and support. There will be a minimum of 3 meetings per year for children at Stage 2.

For some pupils with SEN, parents will be invited to consult with external specialists, e.g., Educational Psychologists, CAMHS in order to discuss and plan additional support for their child.

Pupils with an Education Health and Care Plan are placed on a Stage 3 plan and parents will be invited to termly meetings (as with Stage 2) but also an Annual Review to discuss their child's progress with all professionals involved.

Schemes such as home/school diaries may be used to keep parents involved and informed about their child's progress and targets and also to encourage parental views and advice.

We also hold information meetings in conjunction with the ASCETS (Autism Support Team) at least 3 times per year.

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

Children will participate in all decision-making processes; target setting and contribute to reviewing their SEN Support Plans by making a personal comment on their own progress. The children will also contribute to a One Page Profile to share their successes and difficulties. As a result, children feel confident that they are being listened to and that their views are valued.

Where appropriate, pupils with Statements or Education, Health and Care Plans will be given the opportunity to attend review meetings.

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

The curriculum will be made accessible for all pupils in accordance with the National Curriculum Inclusion Statement, emphasising the importance of providing effective learning opportunities for all pupils and offering three key principles for inclusion:

1. Setting appropriate learning challenges
2. Responding to pupils' diverse needs
3. Overcoming potential barriers to learning and assessment for individuals and groups of pupils

A minority of pupils will need access to specialist equipment and different approaches in order to access the National Curriculum and for these pupils will have individual support plans which will be created by the class teacher, parents, outside agencies and the SENCO outlining the child's specific needs. Individual Support Plans are agreed and reviewed regularly by class teachers, teaching assistants and parents in order to ensure the child's needs are being met.

How we provide additional support if your child has learning needs

On the whole SEN pupils will be taught within classrooms alongside pupils who do not have SEN. However, pupils with SEN will receive additional support either in class or withdrawn in small groups or one-to-one to work on the targets specified on their SEN Support Plans.

The school also provide targeted intervention groups for SEN children

- 1:1 support if deemed appropriate
- Small group work within the class
- Small group work and 1:1 support to address emotional needs with the Learning Mentors / Nurture
- School Nurture Group to support with SEMH needs

The SENCO regularly liaises with a range of external specialists in order to support pupils with SEN within school. These include:

1. Educational Psychologist
 2. Speech Therapist
 3. Occupational Therapist
 4. ASCETs Team
 5. Outreach Support from local schools with pupil learning centres or Special Schools
- Pupils with SEN will be able to access extended school provision alongside pupils who do not have SEN, e.g., breakfast club and after school clubs.

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

Support for the children may also include:

- Referrals to outside agencies are made when it is felt necessary
- Children have the opportunity to work with the school's Learning Mentor
- Targeted intervention groups for SEN children
- 1:1 support for statemented children
- Small group work within the class
- Small group work to address emotional needs with the Learning Mentor
- 1:1 support for children to address emotional needs with the Learning Mentor

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

A minority of pupils may need access to specialist equipment and different approaches to learning, in order to access the National Curriculum. We will consult with specialist agencies to ensure that appropriate equipment and appropriate challenge is in place to allow the children to succeed. If your child has a medical need, we ensure that relevant staff are trained in supporting the needs of the child, and also that all staff are made aware of needs and how to access help and support. Support for the children may include:

- Targeted intervention groups for SEN children
- 1:1 support for statemented children e.g., physiotherapy exercises
- Small group work within the class (with appropriate modifications to equipment / work sheets/ books etc.)
- Small group work to address emotional needs with the Learning Mentor / Nurture Lead
- Intervention and support from specialised agencies e.g., Occupational therapy

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

There are several arrangements and interventions in place in order to support the emotional and social development of pupils with SEN. These include:

1. Meet and greet to ensure a settled start to the morning.
2. For some SEN pupils, a support team of designated adults (inclusion team) is identified for pupils with SEN needs to talk or share their concerns and to support at times of anxiety.
3. Anti-Bullying Policy.
4. THRIVE work with identified children on a weekly basis.
5. Targeted nurture group intervention groups for children struggling with SEMH (Nurture support identified through assessment using Boxall Assessment and pupil voice.)
6. 1:1 support for children in crisis and / or children with EHCP.
7. Small group work within the class.
8. Small group work to address emotional needs with the Learning Mentor.
9. 1:1 support for children to address emotional needs with the Learning Mentor.
10. Family group support provided to siblings in school who may be vulnerable at different times due to changes in circumstances eg, bereavement.
11. Solihull Parenting Program runs in school each term to support parents in supporting their children with SEMH needs.
12. 'With Me In Mind' practitioner to support children's mental health

How we promote developing independence

On the whole, SEN pupils will be taught within classrooms alongside pupils who do not have SEN. Pupils with SEN may receive additional support either in class or withdrawn in small groups or one-to-one to work on the targets specified on their SEN Support Plans. Pupils with SEN will be able to access extended school provision alongside pupils who do not have SEN, e.g., breakfast club and after school clubs.

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

Summative assessment also takes place half termly within the classroom for all children in school. The method of this assessment depends upon the child's age and phase of school (Early Years, Key Stage 1 or Key Stage 2). Summative assessment tools can provide specific targets for children to develop. On-going formative assessment is used to inform next steps for children. Marking and feedback allow teachers to identify specific targets. Boxhall assessment is used to measure SEMH progress. Thrive Approach assessment is used to monitor the progress of the children receiving Thrive support. RAG meetings are held each half term and interventions/ strategies/ support needs reviewed to ensure good progress for our SEN children

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

Class teachers will plan lessons according to the specific needs of all groups of children in their class and will ensure that every child's needs are met and that there are no barriers to every pupil achieving.

Support staff, under the direction of the class teacher, can adapt planning to support the needs of SEN children where necessary.

Specific resources and strategies will be used to support children with SEN individually and in groups.

Planning and teaching will be adapted, on a daily basis if needed, to meet children's learning needs. Homework will be adjusted as needed to meet children's individual requirements. Learning environments support learning.

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

Montagu Primary Academy is a fully inclusive school, and it is something that we are exceptionally proud of. We endeavour, wherever possible, to include SEN pupils in all aspects of our school. Pupils identified with SEN may receive additional support either in class or withdrawn in small groups or one-to-one to work on the targets specified on their SEN Support Plans. Pupils with SEN have full and complete access to all extended school provision alongside pupils who do not have SEN, including breakfast club, after school clubs, residential visits.

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

The professional development of all staff involved in meeting the needs of pupils with SEN is on-going and continuous. A wide range of training opportunities have been provided which include: Skills sharing and the demonstration of teaching techniques and strategies organised within the school.

Professional development sessions and one-off sessions on relevant subjects provided by:

1. Staff from other agencies or support services (e.g., ASCETs Team, CAHMS)
2. Senior Leaders from within school
3. Other courses which are relevant to the work being undertaken can be undertaken or requested by consulting with the SENCO

SEN is on the agenda at our weekly PDM's and up to date and relevant information shared with all staff from Leadership Team and SENCO.

Additionally, several members of staff have completed accredited training in order to support pupils with SEN within school:

- SLT, Teachers and Teaching Assistants have all completed the React De-escalation and Positive Handling Training
- 1 member of staff is a 'Thrive' practitioner
- 3 members of staff have 'Emotional Health Practitioner' training.

Specialist expertise is sought when a child's needs present themselves as above and beyond that of a mainstream classroom teacher's training. Regular contact takes place between the SENCO and numerous external agency support, including:

- LA SEN team
- LA ASCETS team
- LA Visual Impairment and Hearing Impairment team
- Educational Psychologist
- Occupational Therapist
- Physiotherapist
- Speech and Language therapy
- Health teams – School Nurse and Health Visitor
- Hospital teams
- Behavioural support – Bentley PLC/ St Wilfrid's Academy
- CAMHS

How we prepare children to join our school

Transition arrangements are in place to ensure effective transition between each phase of education:

Early Years Transition

Montagu Primary Academy begins transition to our school by inviting all pre-school children to a playgroup 1 afternoon per week, the term before they will begin our Nursery. This allows them to become familiar with the school environment and nursery staff.

Nursery staff attend local pyramid transition meetings with both schools and PVI settings and will also make home visits to the Nursery children prior to their starting date. Entry to Nursery is staggered to help promote a settled start for both children and parents. Personalised transition to mainstream school (including shortened sessions initially) may be necessary for some children, and Montagu endeavors to meet the individual needs of each child to ensure a positive beginning to Nursery.

Annual transition meetings (Whole School) occur whereby the current class teacher will meet to share information regarding pupils with SEN with the child's next class teacher. Information will then be passed on to SEN support staff in order to ensure all professionals involved are aware of SEN pupils' individual needs. Parents of children with SEN are invited to meetings with their child's new class teacher to discuss strategies and techniques that they find effective at home to support their children.

How we admit pupils with a disability

Montagu Primary Academy does not see any disability as a barrier. We will endeavour to do our utmost to support all children, modifying both learning opportunities and the environment to ensure success for all pupils.

Before a child begins their journey at Montagu, we will visit the current setting (school, private nursery or home) to meet the child and their family. We will liaise closely with all stakeholders to ensure that any special requirements can be put in place prior to them beginning Montagu.

Transition visits will be arranged between current placement and Montagu, with staff from each establishment visiting the child in both settings to ensure transition is successful.

The Head of Academy, SENCO and/or class teacher will arrange meetings with parents and any professionals involved in the specific care of a child, to ensure that all needs can be met within school. Support plans and EHCP (if provided) will be reviewed and updated as appropriate, and guidance and support will be accessed by school from outreach services and health support as and when required.

How we prepare children to move on from our school

Transition arrangements will be put in place to ensure effective transition between each phase of education:

Moving Schools - If a SEN pupil is moving to another school the SENCO will contact the new school's SENCO and ensure he/she knows about any special arrangements or support that need to be made. All records about SEN pupils will be passed on as soon as possible.

Secondary School Transition Meetings - pupils with SEN will be discussed with appropriate members of secondary school staff, e.g., form tutor and SENCO, to ensure they are aware of individual pupil's needs prior to transition. Records, including SEN Support Plans will be passed on to secondary schools as soon as possible.

Annual Review Meetings - when a pupil with an Education Health and Care Plan is in Year 6, the SENCO from the secondary school will be invited to attend the annual review meeting in order to effectively plan transition and future SEN support. The SENCo from Montagu will also attend the first

annual review meeting/ support plan meeting at secondary, if requested by school or parent. In addition to these arrangements, additional visits are arranged by Montagu staff to ensure that our Y6 pupil's transitions are as effective as they can be. These include: - additional visits to the school at different times (e.g., lunch time, lesson time, and home time), planning a route to and from school with the children and walking the route regularly, accompanying the children around the school and taking photographs of different places. For children with a disability leaving our setting, we will ensure the same procedures for children joining us are followed.

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

Montagu Primary Academy pride themselves in ensuring that all children's needs are met. Staff and resources are deployed in a number of ways to enable the school to meet the needs of children with SEND including small group interventions also support children with SEND.

Specialist expertise is also sought when a child's needs present themselves as above and beyond that of a mainstream classroom teacher's training. Regular contact takes place between the SENCO and numerous external agency support, as listed above.

Arrangements for handling complaints from parents of children with SEND about the provision made at the school

At Montagu Academy, we aim to provide an inclusive, supportive and positive learning environment. The provision made for all children, including those with SEND, is carefully planned and mapped out with a focus on enabling pupils to achieve their full potential and planned outcomes. If you feel that you would like to discuss the provision in place for your child then please contact the SENCO, Miss L West. If you still need to discuss concerns, then you can ask for an appointment to speak to the Head of Academy, Mr D Longley.

Contacts for more information

Head of Academy: Mr D Longley

SENCO: Miss L West

Montagu Primary Academy
Park Road
Mexborough
South Yorkshire
S64 9PH

Telephone: 01709 583286

Email: info@montaguacademy.org.uk

Website: www.montaguacademy.org.uk

Link to local offer: www.doncaster.gov.uk/services/schools/local-offer-send