



Key messages

- ★ Talk to us! Please remember to talk to your child's class teacher if you have any concerns. Mrs Perry (SENCO) is always happy to provide support and has many productive and positive meetings and communication with parents to help to support their child. We want our children, whatever there needs to be happy, confident and "the best they are able to be."
- ★ We completely understand that it is a big worry if your child has additional needs. Please trust us to give your child the best support we can. Support takes many forms and is happening constantly throughout school every day.
- ★ We will try our very best to accommodate your wishes as parent but we do have to work within national and local constraints-please be understanding of this.

Channels of support

There are many lovely and carefully selected channels of support and resources on our school website, accessed via this link:

<https://www.helmshoreprimaryschool.co.uk/our-curriculum/send/>

These are constantly being developed and we are always very grateful for your support!



Here is a link to [Lancashire SEND Partnership](#) - there is a wide range of support available to parents.

A reminder of our multi-layered support

As previously mentioned, many children experience a need for support ranging from their learning to their emotions at some point. If your child is experiencing challenges, please contact your child's class teacher via class email. We are here to help and can quickly put strategies in place to offer support. We have a range of resources to support children with this in our wellbeing section of the school website.



Please visit <https://www.helmshoreprimaryschool.co.uk/wellbeing/> for book recommendations, supportive resources and signposted support.

We have developed a multi-layered system to ensure that all children's needs are met fully. Just as a reminder, the diagram below will help to give a full picture of this.



Sensory checks

If you have a worry about your child's learning, behaviour or well-being, it is always worth having his/her vision/ hearing checked. Any issues in these areas can impact children significantly.



Any children who may need screening for Irlen Syndrome need a vision check prior to this, too.



Neurodiversity

Neurodiversity is part of life and part of every classroom. Some children have a combination of some of these areas of need and we will support them accordingly in school. We teach the children that everybody's brain is different and that some children/people just need a little extra support in some areas. Some children have a combination of some of these areas of need and we will support them accordingly in school.

This is a healthy way to view any needs your child may have and remember that there are lots of children (and parents) in a similar position. We are always happy to help!



Lovely feedback!

We are very pleased to have had very kind and positive feedback about our support for children in school this year so far. It is lovely to work closely with parents in developing our support for their child and for our efforts to be appreciated. We have also received a range of positive comments from professionals working in outside agencies, ranging from specialist teachers and educational psychologists, commenting on our proactive and sensitive support. We continue to do our very best for every child. Here are some of their comments:

"Thank you for taking time to discuss so positively, ways in which we can support (my child's) needs"
Parent

"I am more than happy with the provision provided by school.....I know what a fabulous job the team do." Parent

"...a lovely calm atmosphere which is reflective of the wider school - such a positive learning environment for all children. (He) is very much part of the school community" Specialist Teacher

"School have put in a very high level of support." Lancs SENDO

"School are obviously providing a huge amount of support". Educational Psychologist

Thank you for reading this newsletter. Please don't hesitate to contact us if you have any questions. Contact your child's class teacher via class email, Mrs Perry via office@helmshore.lancs.sch.uk or Mrs Jackson via cc@helmshore.lancs.sch.uk