



RIVERVIEW JUNIOR SCHOOL



SEN Newsletter

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Welcome!

Welcome to our first newsletter dedicated specifically for Special Educational Needs. We hope you find this useful for information and to keep you up to date with all the SEN news and updates that take place here at Riverview. If you have any suggestions of what you would like in future SEN newsletters, please let the school office know.

SENCo

At Riverview, the special needs co-ordinator (SENCo) is Mrs K Ward. I can be contacted via the school office or the school comms app.



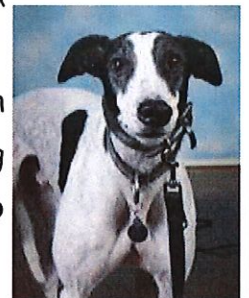
My direct email is:
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School Dog

You may have heard from your children about our school dog, Mikey.

Mikey is an ex-racing greyhound, who spends his retirement in school supporting some of the children with their emotional & social needs.

He enjoys nothing better than listening to pupils reading (sometimes the stories are so good, he has a little snooze!)



SEN Registers

Here at Riverview we have a dual-register system.

All pupils' needs are met using 'quality first teaching' strategies to support all learners.

In some cases, some pupils may need a bit more support. At this point they will be included on our AEN register. These pupils' needs are met with more focused support in class and with specific strategies or interventions.

The next tier for support is our SEN register. These pupils' needs are met with increased focus work and strategies, and with specific targeted interventions.



Changes to the way we record and share your child's provision

From this term, we are changing the way in which we record and share information about the interventions your child receives.

At the moment teachers use a 'whole class' provision map to record the different interventions and group support. Until now this was never shared with parents. Instead parents of our SEN pupils were given a separate document, called a Personalised Learning Plan (PLP), with this information on. This was sent home to parents but was rarely discussed.

From now on, in order to make things more streamlined and to ensure our pupils are getting the best quality provision with input from parents, we have decided to stop the individual PLPs and instead to share with you an anonymised version of the whole class provision map in a face to face meeting with your child's class teacher. This means you can see how much provision your child is getting in relation to other pupils within the class and have a chance to discuss the interventions and targets, as well as ideas of how you can support your child at home too.



Reminder

Parents' consultation evenings are coming up this term. *(Letters for appointments will be sent out in the coming weeks).*

The SENCo is available to speak to parents on both upper and lower school nights. If you would like an additional appointment, this can be arranged.

Best wishes

K. Ward

Mrs K Ward

SENCo

Volunteers needed

We are always looking for volunteers to help in school, particularly listening to children reading (as Mikey can't be everywhere!) If you or a family member can spare a few hours a week, please let us know at the school office. We would be most grateful!

