

What we do well

- Provide a secure, safe and caring environment
- Deliver strategies and programmed support for children with speech, language and communication difficulties.
- Promote high standards of behaviour
- Expect respect and success for all
- Provide opportunities to build and enhance life skills, through supported activities
- Develop independent learners and thinkers
- Identify the need for and the provision of counselling opportunities
- Endeavour to work collaboratively with all parents
- Effectively liaise and communicate with other professionals
- Manage supportive transition arrangements
- Encourage effective collaboration with peers
- Promote healthy friendships, including group work and play
- Design social skills programmes that build and promote high levels of self-esteem
- Plan and deliver effective interventions to support English, Mathematics and social skills

For further details please contact:

Miss N Fisher

(Assistant Headteacher and SENCo)

Mrs K Wiggins

(Assistant SENCo)

Mrs B Hallett

(SEN Teacher)

What our parents say about us...

I'm really pleased with (my child)'s progress, socially, emotionally and academically...carry on the good work!

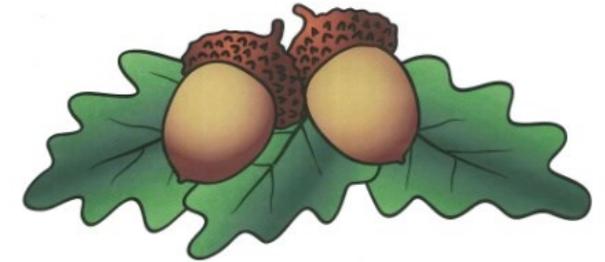
Thank you so much for your support with finding the ideal secondary school for (my child). I know they'll do really well there and be happy!

My child always comes out of school with a smile on their face. What could be better than that?

(My child) benefits from tireless efforts of his LSAs and teachers!

I am so grateful for the support my family has received!

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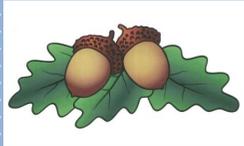
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SCHOOL OFFER FOR SPECIAL EDUCATIONAL NEEDS

~ A GUIDE FOR PARENTS ~

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Merrylands Primary School Ethos

Merrylands is a place where everybody is a valued individual and where all staff and children strive, individually and collectively, to achieve their best in all aspects of school life.



Working with you and your child

We work closely with parents and carers as we recognise that this leads to the best outcomes for each learner. We make sure that before your child starts at our school we get to know your child and their needs by working alongside you and other professionals. We welcome your views and comments as part of our partnership with you and ensure we have both informal and formal ways of involving you.

We have an open door policy which gives you the opportunity to chat face to face or on the phone to staff, we regularly use home-school diaries, and invite you to class activity afternoons. We hold social events and encourage parents to join in with lessons and workshops throughout the school year.

We will hold formal meetings with you about your child, through termly progress meetings and annual reports.

We always listen to our pupils as their welfare and happiness is absolutely central to us. So we can respond individually to our learner's aspirations, preferences and needs. This is supported by more structured procedures for gathering our learner's views, through our school council, annual reviews and individual observations.

Staff Expertise

At Merrylands we have developed a well-trained and highly motivated staff, who demonstrate high expectations and aspirations for every child, regardless of their abilities, needs and/or difficulties.

We put in place a range of plans for the child to meet their needs. We have child friendly individualised learning plans and targets.

The schools named SENCo is Miss Fisher who is also the Assistant Headteacher. The SEN department is formed of three members of staff, Miss Fisher, Mrs Wiggins (Assistant SENCo) and Mrs Hallett (SEN Teacher) who take individual responsibility for specific year groups, but work closely together to support the needs of all pupils with SEN. Additionally, all teaching staff fulfil the role and responsibility for the progress and development of all their pupils.



Professional Partnerships

At Merrylands Primary School we work closely with other professional partners, such as Occupational Therapy, Speech Therapy, Paediatricians, Educational Psychologists, Specialist Teachers, the School Nurse and local pre-school and secondary school staff. We also have a full-time Parent Liaison Officer and a part-time School Counsellor.



Policy

Merrylands Primary School recognise that many pupils, at some time in their school career, may experience difficulties which affect their learning. We appreciate that these may be short- or long-term. We aim to identify these needs as they arise and provide interventions for the pupil and support for them and their parents/carers.



Provision

At Merrylands Primary School we can provide:

- Parent workshops
- Lunchtime Club
- Family Learning
- Parent Liaison Officer
- Effective interventions for the development of English, Mathematics and Social skills
- Trained Teachers and LSAs who provide additional academic and behavioural support
- An on-site Counsellor (2 days a week)
- 1:1 Mentoring
- Gym Trail
- Play Leaders
- After-school clubs



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