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<p>What types of SEND do pupils have in your school?</p>	<p>At Beckfoot Thornton students have a range of difficulties including communication and interaction; cognition and learning; social, emotional and mental health difficulties and sensory or physical difficulties.</p> <p>We have a Resourced Provision, known in the school as the DSP, which is for students with Education, Health and Care Plans (EHCPs) who have a professionally identified primary need of Severe Learning Difficulties (SLD) or Moderate Learning Difficulties (MLD).</p> <p>Students are identified and allocated one of the places in the Resourced Provision (DSP) by Bradford Local Authority SEN Team through a consultation process prior to entry. Our Resourced Provision (DSP) is situated on the second floor within the main school building and can accommodate a maximum of 15 students, across years 7 to 11. As it is based on the second floor of our mainstream school with no lift access our Resourced Provision (DSP) is not suitable for students with mobility difficulties. Students accessing our Resourced Provision (DSP) are expected to attend at least 70% of mainstream lessons and are provided with up to 30% of their timetable withdrawal support to support their cognition and learning. Students allocated to the Resourced Provision attend lessons and social times with mainstream students.</p>
<p>How does this school identify children who may have SEND?</p>	<p>Students moving from Year 6 to 7 are identified as having an identified SEND through close collaboration between members of our transition team and colleagues in our partner primary schools.</p> <p>The transition team includes our SENDCO, Deputy SENDCO, some members of our teaching support team and our leaders of Year 7 pastoral care. This process takes place throughout Year 6 so that student needs have been clearly identified before a student joins Year 7.</p> <p>Our SENDCO or Deputy SENDCO also attend annual reviews of students with EHC plans in Year 6. Identified students, including those joining the Resourced Provision (DSP), have additional opportunities to visit their 'new' school prior to starting in September.</p> <p>On entry to our school, all students complete a range of online reading and writing assessments. Our SENDCO and Leader of Reading Development work together to conduct the assessments and make effective use of the outcomes. As a result of this initial assessment, identified students' complete additional assessments. This</p>

	<p>includes, for example, screening for Dyslexia and further assessments into the student's cognition and learning profile. If a student joins our school into years 7 – 11 mid-term, assessment information will be taken from the previous school and a decision will be made whether further assessment is needed to identify a students' specific learning needs. Information is also gathered by observing a student in the classroom or other learning space and looking at the work s/he completes.</p>
<p>How do you evaluate provision?</p>	<p>On an educational basis, we evaluate the impact of the additional support we have provided for students with an identified SEND. This includes: the quality of personalisation which takes place in the classroom; the quality of the in class support provided by HLTAs and TAs in collaboration with the class teacher; the quality of interventions provided to individual students and small groups, the impact of interventions in our Resourced Provision (DSP) and/or SEND teams and also the quality of intervention provided by external agencies, such as, for example, support for students with hearing impairment or speech and language sessions. We also invite external evaluation involving specialists from the Trust and through commissioning colleagues to undertake a review of aspects of the school's provision. Part of the framework of external evaluation is that provided by Ofsted through inspection, where the learning experience of students with an identified SEND is a particular focus.</p>
<p>How do you check and review the progress of my child and how will I be involved?</p>	<p>Students regularly evaluate their work in lessons; attend review meetings; contribute to target setting and reviewing and reflect on their learning and achievements at, and prior to, review meetings, such as those related to an EHC Plan.</p> <p>Where appropriate students are assigned a mentor or key worker whom they meet regularly to review achievement and progress, to acknowledge success and address any concerns.</p> <p>Students with an identified SEND are also represented in all areas of our developing student leadership programme.</p> <p>Most of our assessment practice takes place on a daily basis in lessons. Teachers question students, look at their work and observe their interactions in the classroom. Teachers provide regular feedback to individual students and to groups of students and this supports students to move forward in their learning.</p> <p>Formally, we have an assessment calendar which identifies times in the year when each year group in turn is our focus. This is twice per year in years 7, 8 and 9 and 3 times a year in years 10 and 11. Teachers submit grades for</p>

	<p>achievement and for attitudes to learning. These are communicated to parents through a summary report and parents have an opportunity to formally meet with their child’s subject teachers each year. Students within the Resource Provision (DSP) have a more personalised report on their progress within lessons they attend while in the Resource Provision (DSP).</p> <p>Parents are encouraged to communicate any emerging concerns or questions with their child’s Year Team. In addition to this, parents of a child with an identified SEND are encouraged to contact the SEND team through the SEND administrator.</p> <p>We also have a Quality Assurance process that assesses the effectiveness of Teaching and Learning for all students, including those with SEND. This process involves visiting lessons, looking at student work and talking to students about their work. The outcomes of these evaluations are used to create and implement development plans for all aspects of school life. There is, for example, a SEND Action Plan, which includes the SEND team’s stated priorities, and this is supplemented by insights gained from Quality Assurance activity.</p> <p>Additionally, we are held to account by Ofsted through inspection and parents have access to these reports. The quality of education by received by students with identified SEND is a central part of the inspection process. Finally, for students who are receiving an additional intervention, related to reading or speech and language, for example, we analyse for effectiveness of the intervention to ensure it is having the required impact. If it is not having the desired impact, we re-think and adjust.</p>
<p>How do teachers support pupils with SEND?</p>	<p>Our teachers have high expectations of all students, including those with an identified SEND. All teachers will be told about your child’s individual needs and will adapt their lessons to meet these requirements. We call this ‘personalisation’. Teachers have experience and/or are trained in doing this. This training takes place regularly and sometimes takes the form of more experienced teachers working with less experienced teachers to plan forthcoming lessons and sequences of learning.</p> <p>Personalisation may involve using different teaching strategies, adapting resources and activities, and may involve consideration of where your child sits in the classroom and who is his/her learning partner for the lesson. This means your child can access the lessons fully.</p>

	<p>Sometimes, personalisation may involve support being provided by another adult in the class – an HLTA or TA. We have a SEND support team which includes colleagues with a range of expertise, and we will look to deploy them appropriately to meet learning needs.</p> <p>Where evidence suggest it is felt it is the right thing to do a student may be offered additional help and support away from the classroom in which case you would be informed. This might be a short withdrawal to work on a particular aspect of learning or it may be a longer withdrawal covering a number of lessons to ensure your child is in a position to make strong progress alongside other students back in the classroom.</p> <p>When your child begins courses which are externally examined, if we think it is needed, we will assess and apply for Exam Access Arrangements according to the Joint Council for Qualifications exam regulations. This application will usually happen in Year 9. Being granted Access Arrangements may mean your child will be given some support and/or additional time to complete examination papers. If your child’s normal way of working has been to use a laptop or tablet to support recording in lessons, this may also become part of the Access Arrangement for your child.</p>
<p>How will the curriculum be matched to my child’s needs? How accessible is the school environment?</p>	<p>For students moving from primary school, we use the information provided by our partner primary schools to ensure your child is provided with the most appropriate curriculum from the start of Year 7. Most of our students, including those with an identified SEND, follow the full school curriculum as published on the school website. Students in the Resource Provision (DSP) are expected to access 70% of mainstream lessons but also have withdrawal sessions built into their timetable to support their learning. A small number of learners have a more personalised curriculum to match their individual needs. This personalisation may provide, for example, more opportunities to develop reading skills or a more gradual transition from the primary to secondary school environment.</p> <p>Students with EHCPs will have targets and strategies set by the SENDCO, any outside professionals working with the student, support staff and subject teachers. Annual Reviews involving the student, parents, subject staff and other professionals evaluate these targets and strategies to ensure that they are relevant and appropriate and to assess their impact. The decision whether to place a student in an intervention or to continue with an intervention is based on evidence of need and impact.</p> <p>Beckfoot Thornton school is set across 4 floors and several buildings with no lift access. In the original part of the building there are stairs every 200 meters to compensate for the gradient on each floor. The school dining hall is set on the lower ground floor and is accessed by 2 sets of steep stairs, one set to enter and one to exit. Due to the number and gradient of</p>

	<p>these stairs, along with the lack of lift access in each of the separate school buildings the Local Authority completed a building audit and Specialist Teachers have confirmed that Beckfoot Thornton School is not suitable for students with physical difficulties and mobility issues.</p>
<p>How is additional support allocated and matched to children’s special educational needs?</p>	<p>We have a wide range of staff to support pupils and address any additional needs they may have, including pupils with SEND. This includes the SENDCO; teaching assistants; heads of year and other support staff. Resources are allocated based on evidence of need and effectiveness.</p> <p>Students with an EHCP have resources allocated as outlined in their Plan. Teaching assistants are allocated to support students in lessons. Staff liaise closely with them to ensure maximum effectiveness. They have a huge range of skills to offer in supporting students directly and indirectly, assisting staff and helping parents/carers.</p> <p>Students with EHCPs will have targets and strategies set by the SENDCO, support staff and subject teachers. Annual Reviews involving the student, parents/carers, subject staff and other professionals evaluate these targets and strategies and assess their impact. The decision is based on evidence of need and impact.</p>
<p>How will my child be included in activities of the school, including school trips, extracurricular clubs etc?</p>	<p>First and foremost, our lessons are inclusive. Teachers will adapt to personalise the content and expectations of the lesson so that all students can make appropriate steps forward. Sometimes, a child will be supported by the intervention of an additional adult to ensure learning can be accessed and progress is made.</p> <p>Our students with an identified SEND who are also deemed to be disadvantaged are supported through use of the Pupil Premium. Whilst the main use of this funding is to provide students with a high-quality learning experience, some school finance is used to enable disadvantaged students to participate in activities which would otherwise be unavailable to them.</p> <p>We are aware that for some students, school can feel to be a loud and fast-paced place and activities are provided which allow students to socialise and engage in additional activities in a quieter environment.</p>
<p>What support will there be for my child’s overall well-being?</p>	<p>The best support we provide for all our students mental health is in providing a calm, purposeful and structured learning environment. Relationships are positive and we look out for each other – this is a very evident part of our school culture. Additionally, our structure and processes are predictable, so students understand what the day will bring so they are prepared. Support staff are trained in supporting a range of SEMH difficulties both in class and through withdrawal interventions these are lead and monitored by a specialist SEMH HLTA and referrals are made</p>

	<p>in consultation with parents and the students to outside agencies when required. Our SEMH HLTA works within the wellbeing centre which is an area where students who are in crisis can access and be supported to regulate themselves ready to return to learning.</p> <p>Daily contact with the Tutor and easy access to the Year Team means that our students know where they can get support quickly if needed. Our student receptionist is available throughout the day to support students with a whole range of matters from nose bleeds to feelings of anxiety.</p> <p>School has its own Wellbeing service which provides students with specialised counselling and listening therapies so that concerns can be addressed speedily.</p>
<p>Who can I contact for further information?</p>	<p>We have created an Additional Needs Team where there is a single system for identifying and responding to student need. This includes SEND and other needs such as those relating to literacy and where attendance is an obstacle to making progress in learning and where students will not necessarily be identified on the SEND Register. The New to English team work as part of the Modern Foreign Languages department to support those newly arrived in the country, for whom English is not their first language.</p> <p>The SEN team is divided into the 4 main areas of need with staff within these teams specialising in assessing and delivering interventions in their specific area of need. This integrated approach enables us to more sharply match need with provision, help students to overcome barriers they face in their learning and accelerate their progress.</p> <p>Our SENDCO is Therese Holden Her email address is: tholden01@beckfootthornton.org Her tel no is: 01274 881 082 Extension: 13112</p> <p>Our Deputy SENDCO is Victoria Kemp Her email address is: vkemp01@beckfootthornton.org Her tel no is: 01274 881 082 Extension: 13144</p> <p>Our SEN administrator is Angela Smith Her email address is: asmith02@beckfootthornton.org Her tel no is: 01274 881 082 Extension: 13196</p>

	<p>Communication relating to students in our Resourced Provision (DSP) is with Resourced Provision (DSP) Lead Laura Synclair Her email address is: lsynclair01@beckfootthornton.org Her tel no is: 01274 881 082 Extension: 13149</p> <p>The SEND Department is line managed by Donna Gautry Deputy Headteacher: Standards and Achievement Her email is: dgautry01@beckfootthornton.org Her tel no is: 01274 881 082 Extension 13189</p>
<p>What training have the staff supporting children and young people with SEND had or are having?</p>	<p>We have an experienced SENDCO and Deputy SENDCO in post. We also have a senior leader with the SENDCO post-graduate qualification. Our Head of our Resource Provision (DSP) is an experienced teacher and has links with specialist agencies within the Bradford area.</p> <p>Through our Trust, SENDCOs meet regularly and can share insights from their own work and keep up to date with developments in SEND nationally.</p> <p>Our SENDCO leads regular meetings and training with both Higher-Level Teaching Assistants (HLTAs) and Teaching Assistants (TAs) to support their professional development. All SEN staff have appraisals with their SEN leader, where individual development targets are set and reviewed termly each year.</p> <p>HLTAs and TAs work alongside teachers for several training events so that their expertise is developed along with the teachers with whom they work on a daily basis. As noted earlier, we have an Additional Needs Team (ANT) where there is a system for identifying and responding to student need. We are using the development of this team as an opportunity to look again at the experience, specialist skills and professional interests of our SEND staff and have developed teams within the SEN department over the past 2 years to ensure the 4 areas of SEN needs are met: communication and interaction, cognition and learning, physical and sensory and SEMH. Each team is led by experienced HLTA's, the SENDCO and deputy SENDCO and the development of their provisions and impact is monitored by the SENDCO and senior leaders</p>
<p>What happens if my child needs specialist</p>	<p>As a school we can access a range of services including Visual and Hearing Impaired and the Physical Difficulties Team.</p>

<p>equipment or other facilities?</p>	<p>These services are contacted when necessary and appropriate, according to your child’s needs. If you believe your child needs specialist equipment or other facilities, please contact the SENDCO or discuss the issue at the next review/parents evening.</p>
<p>How are parents/carers involved in discussions about and planning for my child’s education, including advising how to support my child’s learning?</p>	<p>Informally, a parent of a child with SEND, or a parent who has a concern about a learning need, can contact the SENDCO, Deputy SENDCO, Resourced Provision (DSP) Lead, or our SEND administrator.</p> <p>More formally, parent views are central during transition periods, open and consultation evenings and through the EHCP process.</p> <p>Additionally, regular drop-ins are calendared and highlighted to parents so that parents with children on the SEND Register can discuss their child’s experience of school and share insights from family life with the SEND team at an appropriate time, rather than waiting for a formal consultation event.</p> <p>To ensure your child can make the most of their learning opportunities, we recognise the huge positive impact that is made by parents in:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • helping your child to be organised for the school day (including bringing the right equipment and books). • maximising attendance and maintaining good punctuality. • completing homework to personal best. • checking and signing your child’s planner each week. • attending parent’ meetings. • attending any meetings specifically arranged for your child. <p>Pathways for GCSE are discussed with parents and our students in Year 9 and are tailored to need based on school assessment information and having discussed with you and your child, our understanding of your child’s aptitudes and aspirations.</p>
<p>How will my child be involved in his/her own learning and decisions made about his/her education?</p>	<p>One of our school priorities is to create confident communicators and we support our students to make their voice heard ‘loud and proud’ in school.</p> <p>Students have daily contact with their Tutor, who is a key part of our process of pastoral support. This provides a daily opportunity for students to ask questions, raise concerns and for the teacher to take note of a child’s wellbeing, through observing their manner, general demeanour and interaction with other students.</p>

	<p>The Year Team is central to communication with your child and you. Your child’s Year Leader is likely to be your first point of concern for queries about any aspect of their school experience.</p> <p>Students with an identified SEND are included in our Quality Assurance work where we formally ask students ‘how is it going?’ on a whole range of matters from checking they feel safe and happy, to their experience in specific subjects and to their views of the support they are receiving as they plan forward for life after school.</p>
<p>Who should I contact if I have a complaint about my child’s SEND provision?</p>	<p>At every formal parental consultation event, we invite parents to complete a brief survey. This provides important feedback on how aspects of school provision, including SEND provision, are seen. Results are analysed, shared with appropriate staff and actions are taken in response. Sometimes, a sample of parents will be asked for their views relating to a specific item of practice. For example, how well do parents feel the induction process was managed, or do parents feel they are well-informed about the learning targets that have been set for their child.</p> <p>Additionally, at the time of the school’s inspection, parents are formally invited by Ofsted to complete the Parent View survey, which now includes an item specifically for the parents of child with an identified SEND.</p> <p>Parents can complete the Parent View survey at any time and school checks responses on a regular basis.</p> <p>Should communication with school be found to be unsatisfactory, and a resolution hasn’t been found through communication with school staff and leaders, parents can make use of the school’s complaints procedure: Beckfoot Thornton - Trust Policies</p>
<p>What specialist services and expertise are available at or accessed by the school?</p>	<p>As a school we access a range of services including Child and Adolescent Mental Health Service (CAMHS); Social Care; School Nurse Service; Educational Psychology Services; Careers Service; Speech and Language Service as well as a range of specialist educational support services, such as the Hearing Impairment Service and the Speech and Language Team.</p> <p>These services are contacted when necessary and appropriate, according to your child’s needs. If you believe your child needs support from a specialist, please contact the SENDCO or discuss your concerns at the next parent evening.</p>

	As we are aware of the heavy demand placed on many of these external services, we also provide support for students' social, emotional and mental health through our own wellbeing and counselling services.
What services and support are there for parents and families of children with SEND?	<p>To discuss what support is available in school please contact the SENDCO, who may also be able to advise you on advice and support services available in the local area.</p> <p>For the comprehensive list of Local Authority and voluntary support services please refer to 'The Guide', which is the Bradford and District Local Offer. This can be found at https://localoffer.bradford.gov.uk or a printed copy of the booklet can be obtained from Bradford Families Information Services by calling 01274 437503 or 439261</p>
How will the school prepare and support my child to join the school, or transfer to a new school or college?	<p>On moving from primary to secondary school, parents may feel the process of getting to speak to a teacher is different, but the importance of maintaining strong communication between school and home continues to be very important.</p> <p>When a student joins our school with an EHC Plan in place staff from Beckfoot Thornton will attend the Y6 Annual review meeting to ensure we have a good understanding of that student's needs and to enable us to have appropriate support in place for when they join in Y7. When a student with SEND needs transfers to a new setting the SEND team ensure that all relevant information is shared to facilitate a successful transfer.</p> <p>Informally, a parent of a child with SEND, or a parent who has a concern about a learning need, can contact the SENDCO, Deputy SENDCO, Resourced Provision (DSP) Lead, or our SEND administrator, through the details provided.</p>
Where can I find out about other services that might be available for our family and my child?	<p>For the comprehensive list of Local Authority and voluntary support services please refer to 'The Guide', which is the Bradford and District Local Offer.</p> <p>This can be found at https://localoffer.bradford.gov.uk or a printed copy of the booklet can be obtained from Bradford Families Information Services by calling 01274 437503 or 439261</p>
My child has SEND, how do they get a place at your school?	When child has an Education Health and Care Plan (EHCP) at their annual review in Year 5, parents are asked by the Local Authority for their school preferences to consult school for a place in Year 7. This can be for either the mainstream provision within the school or the Designated Specialist Provision (DSP). The school is then consulted about whether they can provide the educational adaptations specified in the EHCP, and the school's response to this goes directly to the LA.

If the place being requested is within the DSP this consultation is directed to the DSP Lead and considered separately. Students accessing our Resourced Provision (DSP) are expected to attend at least 70% of mainstream lessons and are provided with up to 30% of their timetable withdrawal support to support their cognition and learning. As it is based on the second floor of our mainstream school with no lift access our Resourced Provision (DSP) is not suitable for students with mobility difficulties. Students allocated to the Resourced Provision attend lessons and social times with mainstream students.

Where a child is identified as needing SEN Support, but does not have an EHCP, parents follow the usual admissions procedures through Bradford Council's Parent Portal.