

Germoe Primary School Our 'Local Offer' for Special Educational Needs and Disability (SEND) (Agreed by staff and governors September 2021)

Germoe Primary School is a small village school with an inclusive ethos and we pride ourselves on the efforts we make to ensure every child can succeed. Supporting all to access the curriculum, extra -curricular activities and outside visits, for academic achievement, personal growth and happiness are key goals.

We aim to meet the individual needs of all our children through quality first teaching. We aim to identify learning barriers and additional needs early and offer a range of intervention programmes targeted to meet the additional needs of the individual and groups. We are a 'Trauma Informed School', with all staff understanding behaviour as a communication of need, and foster a relational approach, based on PACE (a nurturing approach based on playfulness, attunement, curiosity and empathy). Most staff have received training in 'Emotion Coaching'. Some staff had had training in health-related conditions including Allergy, Epilepsy and Diabetes and work with Health to support medical needs.

We offer excellent pre-school provision, and promote experiential and multi-sensory learning for our youngest

learners through to Y6. We have whole school awareness of sensory need, and learning environments that support sensory integration and calming, with a strong focus on social and emotional aspects of learning. We foster resilience and independence via Growth Mindset/Building Learning Power ethos, and an inquiry-based approach to learning, supported by highly motivated teachers and support staff, who really care about the children as individuals and the learning journey shared together. We have an holistic understanding of child development and seek to support the child and family so that the best possible outcomes can be achieved.

We work closely with outside agencies to ensure every child has what they need to support their learning, progress and well-being. Support is accessed for many different areas of additional need, be that academic, social, emotional or physical. Pastoral support is also strong at Germoe, and staff are passionate about supporting the whole family.

We have an excellent outdoor environment with climbing equipment, climbing wall, sports areas, garden, field, and Forest School area. In side areas are light and airy, conducive to relaxed and informal learning and all classes have out-door space, offering a wealth of areas in which to learn and play. In addition to on-site areas, we also use the local beach and access other near-by provision in the school minibus to enhance our learning and enjoyment.

We are embedding an Inquiry approach to learning and our children are supported by a strong learning ethos. The children are immersed in a culture of collaborative learning, where they learn about themselves as learners, working with others and initiating projects of their own. Our children develop resilience, academically, emotionally and socially, they grow into reflective learners, are resourceful and are able take risks which extends their learning and confidence, whilst developing social and moral responsibility.

We are able to offer a range of enriching curriculum activities, trips and visits, which all of our children enjoy, some with additional provision and planning, according to the child's specific needs. A yearly camp is held in the

summer and the opportunity to go skiing in the Spring term is also offered. Sea safety, surfing and swimming are part of our curriculum. Sailing is offered for our older children in the summer term and we take part in cultural activities during the year. Music tuition is available.

We offer Wrap Around Care through our Breakfast Club, after school care and clubs. We have strong community links, as well as working in close partnership with Boskenwyn School and others.

We value the Arts and offer children opportunity to experience live performances at both the Hall for Cornwall and the Minack Theatre. Performing Arts and concerts are regular parts of our school year. We take part in community events, often sharing festivals in conjunction with Boskenwyn, as well as planning and holding our own school events such as Christmas and Summer fairs.

Enhanced transition is offered to our most vulnerable pupils moving to secondary school, to ensure as smooth a start as possible. Staff are passionate and proactive in supporting all children academically, socially and emotionally, always focusing on the individual.

We would always recommend that you speak to your child's class teacher with any concerns but other people you may wish to contact are:

Headteacher	Special Educational Needs Co-ordinator	SEN Governor	EYFS Teacher
Miss Paula Blackburn	Mrs Angie Larcombe	ТВС	Miss Jan Burns

Link to Special Educational Needs Policy www.germoe.cornwall.sch.uk

Link to Equal Opportunities and Anti-Discriminatory Policy www.germoe.cornwall.sch.uk Link Equality Act & Accessibility Plan www.germoe.cornwall.sch.uk

The levels of support and provision offered by our school:

1. Listening to and responding to children and young people

Whole school approaches The universal offer to all children and YP.	Additional, targeted support and provision	Specialist, individualised support and provision
 The views and opinions of all students are valued Regular questionnaire completed by all pupils Student voice is heard through School Parliament Small classes provide opportunity for regular conversation Regular Circle Time/ PSHE activities After school clubs requested by children and support small group social and emotional development Pupil conferencing for academic, social and emotional development Trauma and Mental Health Informed School training (TIS) is embedded, to promote awareness of behaviour as a communication of need, along with strategies to support 	 Students with SEND are included and valued Small group consultation opportunities are given to encourage all to contribute Mixed grouping support children's voices 	 Student voice is an integral part of SEND reviews and all meetings Opportunity to revisit events with trusted adult/mentor Nominate a child's advocate for those children with complex and/or care needs Assisted technology to ensure those children with communication needs can be heard. Mental and emotional support via coaching, talking and drawing therapy, TIS, individual provision/talking slots Transition passports, sensory passports, learning passports etc Involvement in meetings – EHCP Review, ASD review etc SENCo 'drop ins' wit individual children

nurturing way, supported by PACE practices. to	daily/twice weekly as arranged with the child to ensure child's voice is heard, difficulties shared and addressed
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2. Partnership with parents and carers

Whole school approaches The universal offer to all children and YP	Additional, targeted support and provision	Specialist, individualised support and provision
 All parents and carers are actively encouraged to work in partnership with school. There are numerous events throughout the year when families are invited to come to school and join in celebrating the children's achievements. Termly progress meetings are held with the class teacher but staff are happy to talk to parents and carers at other times throughout the year – we have an 'open door policy' SENCo is available by appointments and for meetings Home school reading diaries provide a vehicle for daily communication pre-covid and See Saw during and post covid Parents are encouraged to speak to the class teacher but will be directed to other significant members of staff should the need arise. Annual end of year reports are sent home. Information sessions such as E Safety. 	 Individualised home school communication book. Families are encouraged to attend information sessions relevant to parenting skills, supporting children with homework etc. 	 Parent/carer knowledge of their child's strengths and interests as well as difficulties are valued and used to plan provision for the child Parents/carers views are an integral part of any SEND reviews and meetings. Parents/carers are offered support with any parental contribution toward referral processes and with accessing and collating documentation as required. Parent/carers are encouraged to access support from outside of school via the Family Information Service, supported by the school SENCo if an assessment by the Local Authority is undertaken. Email contact between parent/carer and teacher/SENCo Help for families to seek support from other agencies by sign-posting and helping with routes and paperwork School linked Primary Mental Health Practitioner

 Regular communication via the newsletter of any SEND specific training for parents or parenting help. Onward referral for parental support eg family support via the Early Help Hub or Family Group Conference FROGs parent group Facebook 	Support encouraged via Parent Carer Council etc
 communication Strong Pastoral support and communication Websites and newsletters, useful items relating to SEN/opportunities for children and 	
 families communicated Involvement of family support workers for signposting parental support and to hold occasional 'parental drop in sessions' 	

3. The curriculum

Whole school approaches. The universal offer to all children and YP	Additional, targeted support and provision	Specialist, individualised support and provision
 The curriculum is designed to ensure all children can be included. Children's interests and suggestions are built into the two year rolling programme. All children have access to the curriculum with reasonable adjustments made as required. We offer a broad and balanced curriculum with opportunity to widen experience, develop life skills, raise self-esteem, raise aspiration and support well-being Barriers to achievement are identified early to allow effective provision to be put in place. 	 Children access curriculum enrichment opportunities. Nurture and well-being/SEMH provision Intervention packages are needs led and are adapted to meet the needs of individuals and groups of children – academic, social and emotional Intervention tracking monitors progress of those children at risk of making less than expected progress. Small group intervention includes: phonics reading comprehension 	 Children with SEND can access the curriculum with adult support or modification as appropriate. Specialist advice is sought and recommended equipment and resources are used as directed to ensure access eg physical therapy, resources to support writing Children's interests and strengths are used to encourage engagement in their learning In exceptional circumstances children can be dis-applied from some aspects of the curriculum. This must be agreed by all

 We value and promote trips, visits and enrichment activities to enhance our children's interest and engagement in their learning Inquiry based approach to topic work and some other areas of the curriculum offering some freedom in the children's learning whilst supporting their developing independence Continuing professional development including research for enhancing teaching and learning, visits and immersion supporting focus on educational improvement All reasonable adjustments are made for inclusive engagement Inquiry based ethos supports different styles of learning and learner 	 spelling numeracy fine motor skills/handwriting speech and language social communication social and emotional development Anxiety keyboard skills coordination and physical 	 involved. Individual curricula are implemented to address the needs of individuals where applicable eg complex SEN, SEMH needs Awareness of sensory needs of children and adaptation of environment and activities to accommodate Onward referral for specific help eg ASD casework
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4. Teaching and learning

Whole school approaches The universal offer to all children and YP	Additional, targeted support and provision	Specialist, individualised support and provision
 Well planned lessons with differentiated learning objectives and success criteria Teaching staff facilitate Inquiry based and problem finding/solving, where children are encouraged to take control of their learning Multi-disciplinary learning which makes learning contextually relevant and meaningful/connected Multi-sensory learning Needs led in-class TA support As multi-sensory as possible In-class targeted teacher support as required. Access to visual aids and modelling Whole class visuals such as timetables 	 Teachers and Support staff work in partnership, sharing information to ensure provision is effective and targeted appropriately. Access to needs-led small group intervention for reinforcement of concepts requiring overlearning and/or pre-teaching of new concepts. This may be taken by the teacher or TA. Supported group work in class to ensure understanding, facilitate learning, foster independence, and keep children on task. Access to technology such as Talking Tins, laptops, IPAD, touch-screen ICT, etc 	 One to one support for those children who require intensive support to ensure they make progress with their learning. Personalised and highly differentiated work is provided to enable independent learning. Advice from specialist teacher or outside agency eg Educational Psychologist, Special School Outreach Individual targeted teaching following specific programmes eg Talking Maths, RWI Test concessions. Specific training for staff Access to sensory areas and brain breaks, heavy work

Use of writing frames – paper and electronic to support ict skill development and support children's cognitive and executive skills Access to ICT – search engines, See Saw, Google Classroom, IWB High level questioning, open questioning to provoke deeper engagement Use of provocations and problems to hook children and encourage deeper engagement Effective feedback face to face and through marking Understanding of preferred learning styles Alternative ways of recoding are used Use of writing/information gathering frames to scaffold learners toward independence. Effective challenge by use of varied pitch and pace Hands-on and real life experience Outdoor learning Embedded Growth Mind-set and Building Learning Power ethos develops strong and reflective learners Support of learners as individuals and progress and attainment as personal goals Staff have understanding of difficulties impacting learning – sensory, physical and cognitive needs and support children to be proactive in these areas		•	Assessment of social and emotional difficulties as well barriers to academic learning Enhancement of learning environments to provide for sensory needs – dark dens, light/water tubes, calming areas with less sensory stimulation, garden area
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5. Self-help skills and independence

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High expectations for all pupils	Needs led adult support	Additional adult support is used to help

Provision of suitable environment and	Visual prompts to encourage independent	the child identify what help they need and
resources to promote independent learning	self- help skills	provide strategies to empower them and
Good modelling by adults and peers	Personalised equipment	promote their independence.
 Opportunity for pupils to work independently and collaboratively 	Support for independence, not reliance	 Provision of specialist equipment Necessary adaptations to environment
Self-peer assessment		 Personalised task boards /timetables
 Sensitive tracking by additional adults in class 		 Personalised visuals eg timers, traffic lights etc
 Growth Mind-set and Building Learning Power ethos embedded in school, promoting reflection, resourcefulness, risk- taking and resilience 		 Individual Care Plan respecting the child's privacy and dignity SLT plans and communication support plan implementation
• The 5 Bs (brain, board, book, buddy, boss)		
 Inquiry based topic work – children have ownership and agency 		
 School camp and other enriching and resilience building opportunities throughout the year 		
 School Parliament and cultural involvement key to development of self-help and independence 		
 2021/22 Makaton to be embedded in younger childen's classes 		

6. Health, wellbeing and emotional support

Whole school approaches The universal offer to all children and YP	Additional, targeted support and provision	Specialist, individualised support and provision
 Safeguarding a priority – My Concern electronic platform is used to coordinate information and keep children safe Designated Safeguarding Lead and Cover Designated Children in Care teacher All children access PHSE, in taught sessions, 	 Action taken to ensure children can access relevant opportunities for curriculum enrichment, eg transport Small group provision - Lego therapy to support children in need of social and emotional development 	 School works closely with a range of outside agencies and contributes to meetings, action plans and reviews Access to specialist support from agencies eg Penhaligans Friends for Bereavement and Loss Counselling

daily classroom life and at point of need

- Peer support is encouraged
- Teacher for mentoring, coaching
- All necessary risk assessments are in place.
- Appropriate child protection training including E Safety training has been undertaken by designated child protection officer and other relevant staff.
- Safeguarding information clearly displayed
- Safeguarding information/who to contact distributed to parents via newsletter
- School promotes healthy life style/living through healthy food/snacks, physical activity, growing, keeping yourself safe etc
- Access to extensive outside space
- Access to Breakfast Club and after school care and Clubs sports, cookery etc
- Collaboration with school nursing team
- Trauma and Mental Health Informed Schools training, for all staff to assist children at early stages of difficulty
- Emotional First Aid trained SENCo and further SEMH cpd since
- Most staff are 'Emotion Coaching' trained and are 'emotionally available' to all children
- Support for families available through Family information Service (FIS) and family support worker links
- Staff trained in Emotional First Aid, Bereavement and Mental Health difficulties in school – SENDCo is Bereavement Champion
- Enhanced wellbeing measures put into place during Covid-19 Pandemic, including new policies, continuing into 2021/22
- 2021/22 embedding whole school approach to Mental Health and Wellbeing training

- Small group provision 'You are a social Detective' to help with social understanding and skill development
- Small group provision 'You are a superhero called self-control' CBT for children around anger
- Small group intervention/1:1 'Starving the Anxiety Gremlin' CBT for children around anxiety
- Drawing and Talking group sessions
- Lego therapy for skill development leading to increased relational understanding and wellbeing

- Referral to CAMHs, ASD casework team etc to secure additional help
- Students with specific medical conditions have individual health care plans and specific key workers to assist them
- Individual adult mentor
- Emotional support via coaching and drawing and talking therapy, TIS and nurture provision
- Meet and Greet
- Close working with outside agencies to support individual need eg ASD casework
- Use of Family Group Conferencing
- 1:1 pastoral sessions for families
- 1:1 work with children
- On-line assessment for children's difficulties (Motional assessment via Trauma Informed Schools)
- Signposting for family support

7. Social Interaction opportunities

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 Opportunities for all children to mix across all age ranges. Opportunities for children to interact with boskenwyn school children for performances, sports and curricular enrichment days eg performances at local venues, sailing Opportunity for individual and group discussion. All reasonable endeavours are taken to ensure all children can access visits and residential trips. Children develop a sense of place and belonging in school as part of a class and team School works in partnerships with other schools. School Parliament and events eg Christmas fair, summer fair, fund raising, open days Performance opportunities at Christmas and Summer term production Community events eg Flora Day, harvest festival. Involvement of parents, friends and staff in school-based social events eg seasonal festivals and fairs Pastoral support for all families 	 Small group activities such as Circle time/social skills group/lego therapy Nurture Enrichment activities linked to other local schools eg higher level maths Sporting opportunities shared with other schools eg Cross-country, surfing and sailing National schools competitions eg electronic car challenge Involvement with parents, friends and staff in community based events Secondary transition preparation for Y6 children 	 Individual adult support provided to encourage collaborative activities Individual support and/or specific arrangements to enable inclusion in clubs Use of social stories with individual children to promote social skills. Use of comic strip cartoon, social story and scritping with children with Autism to explore social interaction/reaction Supported opportunities to be involved with community events and events at school Enhanced transition at Y6 for children with additional needs moving onto Secondary In-school social skills provision, including scaling to help children recognise, gauge and adopt strategies for emotional regulation/social understanding Pre-preparation for change and expected behaviours/outcomes Inclusion in camp, trips and visits Inclusion in swimming and other sporting events including surfing, cross-country etc Mediating adult to support at point of need Referral to out-side agencies for support eg ASD Casework team

8. The physical environment (accessibility, safety and positive learning environment).

Whole school approaches The universal offer to all children and YP	Additional, targeted support and provision	Specialist, individualised support and provision
 Provision of a safe environment where bullying and inappropriate interaction is dealt with quickly & effectively Named Health and Safety Governor who undertakes regular audits and checks. Access for children with disability/mobility difficulties Positive, child friendly learning environment with excellent outdoor space Emphasis on rewarding good behaviour with clear sanctions used consistently. Outdoor play equipment designed to encourage active play and social interaction Use of local environments with on-going risk assessment Ambient lighting used in school to reduce visual stress/sensitivity Calm, uncluttered classes promote sensory comfort Sensory aware classrooms All staff trained in Trauma Informed School practise, most in 'Emotion Coaching', with increased understanding of 'triggers' and impact of over-load Increased focus on sensory and emotional regulation provision – brain breaks, heavy work etc Use of Yoga, bi-lateral challenges and Go 	All part of universal offer	 Specialist equipment to enable children to be independent Advice followed from specialist teachers/Occupational Therapist for children with sensory/physical needs. Sensory areas and resources Movement and brain breaks scheduled as part of learning and child able to take as needed Awareness building with individual input for sensory awareness and scaling, to help children recognise, and manage with appropriate strategies Support of sensory integration plans

 Noodle to address whole body learning, need for cognitive break and physical needs On-going development of school to provide areas for learning/play that enhance children's experience of school and learning. Access to quiet spaces outside, in unstructured time and during class learning time Alternative arrangements for unstructured times Playgound is loosely 'zoned' to enable all children to play freely, choosing what and where they want to be, with adult supported risk assessment to keep themselves safe 		
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9. Transition from year to year and setting to setting

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 Comprehensive transition arrangements in place for entry from EYFS to KS1 and from KS1 to KS2 Secondary transition arrangements for Y6 supported Transfer of all records between classes and settings, recorded on transfer Timetabled meetings for focussed conversation between class teachers In-house transition day/s Pupil conferencing at point of transition if needed Fully logged transfer to SEND and other records to new schools, usually by hand 	 Transition passport Record transfer and discussion with next school Parents/carers offered support ahead of 	 Individual and supported enhanced transition Highly individual communication pupil portraits including photographs etc. Secondary school staff invited to year 5 and 6 annual reviews. Enhanced work toward secondary transfer with children with ASC Enhanced Transition arrangements for children with additional needs including additional visits to receiving school

Services and organisations that we work with:

Service/organisation	What they do in brief	Contact details
SENDIAS	Family Information Service	https://cornwallsendiass.org.uk/
Early Help Hub	Advice and referral hub for many avenues to support SEND, triage for referrals needing a range of out-side agency help.	<u>earlyhelphub@cornwall.gov.uk</u>
Early Help	Advice and help for struggling families as part of a multi-agency approach. Referral process via Early Help Hub	Early Help Co-ordinator Clare Whittingham (locality 2) 01872 322318
Early Support	Advice and help for children and families who live with disability, as part of a multi-agency approach. Referral process via Early Help Hub	Early Support Co-ordinator (West) - Ravena Marshall-Whitley Tel: 01736 336660 <u>www.cornwall.gov.uk/earlysupport</u> or contact the Early Help Hub
Early Years Inclusion	Advice for intervention for children in nursery and reception year	<u>https://www.cornwall.gov.uk/schools-and-</u> <u>education/pre-school-and-early-years/send-in-</u> <u>the-early-years/</u> eyservice@cornwall.gov.uk
Speech and Language Therapy	Initial triage via phone or email	01208 256262 for speech and language https://www.cornwallft.nhs.uk/childrens- speech-and-language-therapy/ 01208 834488 for eating and drinking
Communication Support Service	Support with significant communication needs	Room 2.07 St Johns Hall

		Alverton Street Penzance
Sensory Support Service	Advisory teachers Specialist teaching and support	TR18 2QR Visual and Hearing Support Theresa Maunder Education Audiology Centre Priory Road St Austell Cornwall PL25 5AB 01726 61004 sensorysupportservice@cornwall.gov.uk
Educational Psychology Service (West Cornwall)	Educational Psychologist available for statutory work linked to Local Authority assessment as well as for consultation, supervision and training.	Dolcoath Council Offices Dolcoath Avenue Camborne TR14 85X 01209 614179
School Nurse Team	School Nurse Team available to help families with health care needs and offer advice to schools and with training eg use of Epi -pens	Health Visiting and School Nursing New County Hall Truro, TR1 3AY 01872 322779 hvsnadvice@cornwall.gov.uk
Physical and Medical Needs Advisory Service	Assessment, advice and resourcing for physical and medical needs, assessment for sensory processing	Melinda Leishman(West Cornwall) physicalandmedicalneeds@cornwall.gov.uk www.cornwall.gov.uk/

Occupational Therapy	Advice for physical disability and therapy plans for sensory and physical difficulties	0300 1234 101
CAMHS	Specialist clinicians available to support schools and families with mental health needs of children including ADHD, Autism.	Partnership Services for Children, Young People and Families Bolitho House, Laregan Hill, Penzance TR18 4NY 01736 571070 (Penwith)
N		01209 571070 (Kerrier)
Primary Mental Health Practitioner	CAMHs related service for schools, supporting children who do not meet CAMHs criteria	Kerrier Mental Health Support Team
Bloom	Referrals to CAMHs that do not meet criteria may be offered a 'Bloom' meeting – multi-agency approach to facilitating support in the child's community	Initiated by CAMHs following triage of referral
Autism Spectrum Casework Team	Once a diagnosis of Autism has been made, referral to the ASD Team will support children in school and home.	01872 323210
Clear	Support and counselling for children who have experienced Domestic Abuse	Godlphin House 7-8 Cathedral Lane Truro TR1 2QS <u>www.clearsupport.net</u> <u>info@clearsupport.net</u> 01872 261147
Family Support Workers	Parenting support Signposting	Kerrier.familyhubs@cornwall.gov.uk
Penhalligon's Friends	Offers bereavement support for young people, children & their families	<u>www.penhaligonsfriends.org.uk</u> Trecarrel

		Drump Road
		Redruth
		TR15 1LY
		01209 215889
CLIC Sargent	Support for children and families living with	0300 330 0803
	cancer	helpline@clicsargent
		www.clicsargent.org.uk
Headstart Kernow	Cornwall's mental health and wellbeing hub	https://www.headstartkernow.org.uk/
	Offering support and cpd to schools	
MusicAbility	Music therapy	www.musicabilitycic.uk
		0845 4560978