

Germoe Primary School Our 'Local Offer' for Special Educational Needs and Disability (SEND) (Agreed by staff and governors July 2020)

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 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 (Nurturing interaction based on playfulness, atunement, curiosity and empathy). Most staff have received training in 'Emotion Coaching'. Some staff had had training health related conditions including Allergy, Epilepsy and Diabetes.

We can 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, and 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 at Secondary 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 regarding learning, social, emotional or physical needs, 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	Mrs Natalie Thomas	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

Covid-19 Pandemic

Following school closures of the Spring and Summer terms 2020 due to Covid-19, school was gradually reopened according to Government and Local Authority guidance, to some children, during the summer term 2020. Toward the end of the academic year, all year group cohorts had transition days at school, in a closely controlled 'bubble' format, to avoid viral spread. Thus our children have experienced a mixture of electronic platform learning at home, classroom based learning, home education, life-skills development and outdoor learning. School have supported families pastorally eg family support needs, Bereavement needs, and academically with remote meetings for EHC plans, referrals, bespoke learning packages and support via email, phone and video conferencing. SEN-specific information, especially for well-being and emotional support, has been sent to families living with additional needs.

Plans are in place for a 'bubble' approach in the Autumn term 2020, with a 'recovery curriculum', to allow everyone to focus on mental health and well-being in the first instance, and social and emotional development. Policies, guidance and procedures are in place to ensure Germoe is a safe and nurturing school where children can enjoy learning and socialising, even if it is a little different to usual.

Our offer will be implemented with due regard to the Government and Local Authority guidance regarding Covid-19, and some procedures, processes and school related activities may be adjusted or changed to ensure safety of all.

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 learning conversations Regular Circle Time/ PSHE activities as needed After school clubs requested by children and support small group social and emotional development Pupil conferencing for academic and children's emotional/social development Good provision for pastoral care for children, parents and carers 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 children with mental health difficulties in a nurturing way, supported by PACE practices 	 Students with SEND are included and valued Small group consultation opportunities are given to encourage all to contribute Mixed groupings support children's voices 	 Student voice is 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 and talking and drawing therapy, TIS, individual provision/taking slots Transition passports, sensory passports, learning passports etc Involvement in meetings – EHCP Review, ASD review etc

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 as well as community events 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 available by appointment and for meetings Home school reading diaries provide a vehicle for daily communication. Parents are encourage 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. Annual Pupil Premium reports are sent home. Information sessions such as E Safety. 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 FOBs parent group Facebook communication Websites and newsletters, useful items relating to SEN/opportunities for children and families communicated Help and things of interest specifically sent to relevant families 	 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 and accessing 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/SENDCo Help for families to seek support from other agencies by sign-posting and helping with routes and paperwork

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 well-being. Barriers to achievement are identified early to allow effective provision to be put in place. 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 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. 	 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 spelling numeracy fine motor skills/handwriting speech and language social communication emotional development anxiety coordination & physical keyboard skills 	 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 OT advice, 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 involved. Individual curricula are implemented to address the needs of individuals where applicable, eg complex SEN, ESMH needs Awareness of sensory needs of children and adaptations of environment and activities to accommodate Onward referral for specific help eg Cognition Service, Occupational Therapy, ASD casework

4. Teaching and learning

Whole school approaches Additional, targeted support and provision Specialist, individualised support and provision The universal offer to all children and YP Well planned lessons with differentiated Teachers and Support staff work in • One to one support for those children who learning objectives and success criteria require intensive support to ensure they partnership, sharing information to ensure provision is make progress with their learning. Teaching staff facilitate Inquiry based and effective and targeted problem solving learning, here children are appropriately. Personalised and highly differentiated work encouraged to take control of their learning is provided to enable independent learning. Access to needs led small group Multi-disciplinary learning which makes intervention for reinforcement of concepts Advice from specialist teacher or outside requiring overlearning and/or pre-teaching agency eg Educational Psychologist, Autism learning contextually relevant and of new concepts. This may be taken by the meaningful/connected team teacher or TA. Individual targeted teaching following specific Multi-sensory learning Supported group work in class to ensure programmes eg Talking Maths, RWI Needs led in-class TA support understanding, facilitate learning, foster Test concessions. In-class targeted teacher support as required. independence, and keep children on task. Access to visual aids and modelling Specific training for staff Access to technology such as Talking Tins, Whole class visuals such as timetables Access to sensory areas and brain breaks laptops, IPAD, touch-screen ICT, etc Use of writing frames – paper and electronic Assessment of social, emotional and sensory Nurture/SEMH provisions, providing support to support ict skill development and support difficulties as well as barriers to academic for social and emotional development children's cognitive and executive skills, and learning Test concessions scaffold journey toward independenct. Enhancement of learning environments to Provision of supporting resources eg Access to ICT – search engines, See Saw, provide for sensory needs - dark dens, reading screens, ear defenders, writing light/water tubes, calming areas with less Tapestry, Google Classroom, IWB slope etc sensor stimulation and garden area High level questioning, opening ended inquiry • Use of games, ict, interventions and to provoke deeper learning drip=feed sessions for key skills Effective feedback face to face and through Provision for sensory calming, de-esacation marking - dark den, fidget toys, weighted toys and Preferred learning styles other sensory provision Alternative ways of recoding are used Emotionally available adults to support with Effective challenge by use of varied pitch and difficulty and next steps in learning pace Hands-on and real life experience Outdoor learning **Embedded Growth Mind-set and Building**

cognitive needs, and support children to be proactive in these areas.

5. Self-help skills and independence

Whole school approaches The universal offer to all children and YP	Additional, targeted support and provision	Specialist, individualised support and provision
 High expectations for all pupils Provision of suitable environment and resources to promote independent learning Good modelling by adults and peers Opportunity for pupils to work independently and collaboratively Self-peer assessment Sensitive tracking by additional adults in class Growth Mind-set and Building Learning Power ethos embedded in school, promoting reflection, resourcefulness, risktaking and resilience and focus on metacogntion The 5 Bs (brain, board, book, buddy, boss) Inquiry Based Topic Work – children have ownership and agency School Parliament and cultural involvement key to development of self-help and 	 Needs led adult support Visual prompts to encourage independent self- help skills Personalised equipment Adult scaffolding and at point of need 	 Additional adult support is used to help the child identify what help they need and provide strategies to empower them and promote their independence. Provision of specialist equipment Necessary adaptations to environment Personalised task boards /timetables Personalised visuals eg timers, traffic lights etc Individual Care Plan respecting the child's dignity and privacy.

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, so the complete narrative for any child can be quickly assessed and help for families sought All children access PHSE, taught sessions, in 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 weekly newsletter School promotes healthy life style living through healthy food/snacks, physical activity, growing etc Access to extensive outside space Breakfast Club and After School Clubs – sports, cookery etc Collaboration with School Nurse team and support Trauma and Mental Health Informed School (SENDo is practitioner) Emotional First Aid trained SENCo 'Emotion Coaching' training for all staff 	 Action taken to ensure children can access relevant opportunities for curriculum enrichment such as providing transport Small group provision - Lego therapy and social skills group work, to support children in need of social and emotional development. 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/1:1 intervention 'Starving the Anxiety Gremlin' CBT for children around anxiety School nurse/family worker drop ins 	 School works closely with a range of outside agencies and contributes to TACS, early Support Meetings etc Access to specialist support from agencies eg Penhaligans Friends for Bereavement and Loss Counselling, CHaLK 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 mentoring Emotional support via coaching and Drawing and Talking therapy, TIS and nurture provision Individual programs for personal growth, including CBT based provision for anxiety, scaling for emotions or social interaction etc Meet and Greet Use of 'Family Group Conferencing' 1:1 SEMH sessions for children Pastoral sessions for families/ parenting help

Support for families available through Family	
information Service (FIS)	
 Development of SEMH resourcing over past 	
couple of years, including CBT, anxiety and	
social skills provision	
 Bereavement Champion in school (SENDCo) 	
 Enhanced well-being measures put into place 	
during Covid-19 Pandemic, including new	
policies relating to safeguarding and health	
and well-being	

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 performance at Minack Theatre, sailing Opportunity for individual and group discussion. All reasonable endeavours are taken to ensure all children can access visits and residential trips – camp, skiing Children are given a sense of place and belonging in school as part of a class and team 	 Small group activities such as Circle time/social skills group. Nurture Enrichment activities linked through sharing with other small schools, eg higher level maths group, transitions from other provision/schools Sporting opportunities shared with other schools, eg Cross-country, sailing, surfing National schools competition – electronic car challenge Involvement with parents, friends and staff in community based events Secondary transition preparation for Y6 children. During the Covid-19 pandemic, 	 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 with children with Autism to explore social interaction/reaction Supported opportunities to be involved with community events and events at school Enhanced transition opportunities at Y6 with additional needs moving to Secondary school (not so much this
 School works in partnerships with other schools. School Parliament involvement with parent –teacher group 	whilst physical visits could not be made, families were supported toward transition and staff worked hard behind the scenes to ensure secondary staff understand the	 summer 2020) In-school social skills provision, including scaling to help children recognise, gauge and adopt strategies for emotional

 School Parliament events eg Christmas fair, summer fair, fund raising, open days Performance opportunities at Christmas and Summer term production Community events eg Chrstingle, May Pole, Flora and Mazy Day etc During Covid-19 pandemic and social distancing measures, children have been encouraged to interact remotely with learning, and with each other via social media supported by parents. Phone calls and video calls to families to support well- 	children's needs	regulation Pre-preparation for change and expected behaviours/outcomes (via Transitional Passport this year) Inclusion in camp, trips and visits with reasonable adjustments Inclusion in swimming and other sporting events, surfing, cross-country etc Mediating adult to support at point of need Referral to out-side agencies for support eg ASD casework
 being during Covid-19 throughout the late Spring and Summer term 2020. A 'recovery curriculum is planned for the Autumn term 2020 ,focusing on well-being and where children will be learning in year group 'bubbles'. Vulnerable children have been identified and input to support vulnerability is in place 		

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 is absolutely minimal and dealt with quickly and effectively Named Health and Safety Governor who undertakes regular audits and checks. Access under constant review and yearly review as part of policy revision Positive, child friendly learning environment with 	 Access to quiet spaces outside Alternative arrangements for unstructured times eg lunch times, to support social, emotional and sensory needs 	 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 timetable

excellent outdoor space	Awaranass building with individual input for
Emphasis on rewarding good behaviour with	 Awareness building with individual input for sensory awareness and scaling, to help
clear sanctions used consistently, within in PACE	children recognise, and manage with
approach	appropriate strategies
	appropriate strategies
Outdoor play equipment designed to encourage active play and escipl interaction.	
active play and social interaction	
Forest school activities	
Regular risk assessed and used local	
environments	
Ambient lighting installed in school to reduce	
visual stress/sensitivity	
All staff trained in Trauma informed School	
practise, with increased understanding of	
'triggers' and over-load	
Some staff trained in 'Emotion Coaching'	
 Increased focus on sensory and emotional 	
regulation provision – brain breaks, heavy work	
etc	
 Use of yoga, bi-lateral challenges and Go Noodle 	
to address whole body learning, need for	
cognitive break and physical need	
On-going development of school to provide areas	
for learning/play that enhance children's	
experience of school and learning	

9. Transition from year to year and setting to setting

Whole school approaches The universal offer to all children and YP	Additional, targeted support and provision	Specialist, individualised support and provision
 On site pre-school with comprehensive transition arrangements in place for entry from EYFS to KS1 Comprehensive transition arrangements in place for KS1 to KS2 	 Small group enhanced transition Transition passport Parents/carers offered support ahead of selection of secondary request 	 Individually supported, enhanced transition including extra visits with TA Individual transition passports, sensory passports etc. Individual pupil portraits for receiving

 Transition activities and visits for Y5 and Y6 children with secondary schools, staff discussion, secondary visits to meet children Transfer of all records between classes and settings Timetabled meetings for focussed conversation between class teachers/SENDCos regarding all children changing class and for Y6s transitioning to secondary In house transition day Pupil conferencing at point of transition if needed Transitional objects and strategies for managing worries and concerns Emotionally available adults Fully logged transfer of SEND and other records to new schools, usually by hand, direct contact to ensure all relevant information is transferred 	 staff Secondary school staff invited to year 5 and 6 annual review. Enhanced Transition arrangements for children with additional needs, vulnerable children, CIC and ASD Completion of receiving school's SEN record prior to transition Advocate for child and parents Continuing contact with secondary school post-transition

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	earlyhelphub@cornwall.go.uk
	SEND, triage for referrals needing a range of out-	
	side agency help	
Early Help	Advice and help for families facing difficulty, as part	Locality 2
	of a multi-agency approach.	01872 322318
	Referral process via Early Help Hub above.	
Early Support	Advice and help for children and families who live	Early Support Co-ordinator (West) - Ravena

	with disability as part of a multi-agency approach.	Marshall-Whitley	
	Referral process via Early Help Hub above.	01736 336660	
Early Years Inclusion	Advice for intervention for children in nursery and reception year	https://www.cornwall.gov.uk/education-and-learning/schools-and-colleges/special-educational-needs-file/information-advice-and-support/council-services/childrens-psychology-service/early-years-inclusion-	
		service/	
Speech and Language Therapy	Therapist available to undertake assessment and monitor at least termly, provide resources and training and contribute to reviews. Specific programmes of intervention delivered by therapist or assistant as needed.	Help Line 01208 8344	188
Sensory Support Service	Teacher of the Deaf and Vision Support Teacher monitor and offer advice and support including training, contribute to reviews, provide specialist equipment such as radio aids, magnifiers etc. Additional specialist teaching delivered as needed.	Visual Support Bolitho House, Laregan Hill Penzance TR18 4NY 01736 571096	Hearing Support Trevu Centre Trevu Road Camborne TR14 7AD 01726 61004
Educational Psychology Service	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 614198	
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 01872 322770	
Physical And Medical Needs	Assessment, advice and resourcing for physical and	01872 323400	
Advisory Service	medical needs, assessment for sensory processing		
Occupational Therapy	Advice for physical disability and therapy plans for	www.cornwall.gov.uk/oto	<u>chldren</u>

	sensory and physical difficulties	0300 1234 101
CAMHS	Specialist clinicians available to support schools and families with mental health needs. Diagnostic pathways for ADHD, Autism ASD casework team	Partnership Services for Children, Young People and Families Bolitho House, Laregan Hill, Penzance TR18 4NY
		01736 571070
Autism Spectrum Casework Team	Once a diagnosis of Autism has been made, referral to the ASD Team will support children in school and home, focusing on functional difficulty	01872 323210
CHALK	Counselling and talking therapy, play and art therapy for children to reach their full potential	Referrals made via school
Educational Welfare	EWO available to support schools and families to ensure all children access their entitlement to an education	Via County
Penhalligon's Friends	Offers bereavement support for young people, children & their families	www.penhaligonsfriends.org.uk 01209 210624
CLIC Sargent	Support for children and families living with cancer	0300 330 0803 helpline@clicsargent www.clicsargent.org.uk