

# Faringdon Learning Trust

## Tiered Support

# Aims and purpose

The aim of this document is to support **staff** to;

- ▶ Break down barriers to learning
- ▶ Provide high quality support
- ▶ Identify what support to provide at the right time
- ▶ Ensure the correct systems and procedures are followed
- ▶ Signpost to the correct professionals to provide advice

The aim of this document is to support **parents** to;

- ▶ Know what support their child is entitled to
- ▶ Understand the type of support on offer
- ▶ Have a better understanding of which level their child fits into
- ▶ Identify what help and support is available from external agencies

The aim of this document is to support **pupils** to;

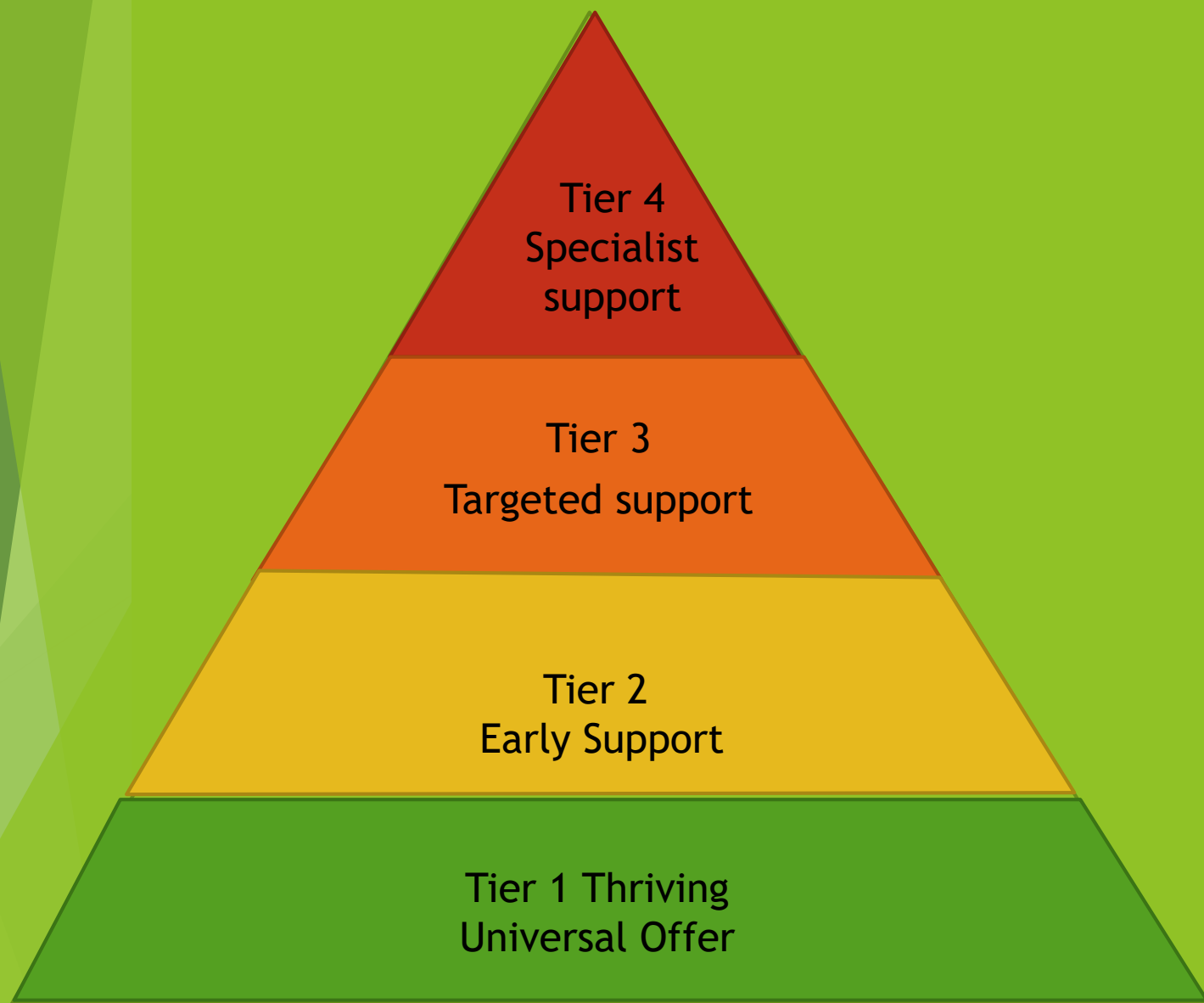
- ▶ Thrive in their educational setting
- ▶ Have access to high quality teaching
- ▶ Be provided with expertise and support appropriate to their need
- ▶ Have their needs identified early

# Trust model of tiered approaches

- ▶ This document shows the offer that is available to all pupils at different stages in their education.
- ▶ There are different areas of the document that follow these model which include Safeguarding, SEND and Mental health & Wellbeing.

# Tiered Approach

Supporting and  
responding to  
need



# Aims of Safeguarding tiered provision

The aim of this document is to support **staff** to;

- ▶ Identify what support to provide at the right time
- ▶ To ensure the correct systems and procedures are followed
- ▶ Signpost to the correct professionals to provide advice
- ▶ Create an outstanding culture of safeguarding
- ▶ Ensure children know how to keep themselves safe and who to go to for support

## Tier 4

### Specialist Support

#### Professionals

Hospital schools  
Alternative provision  
MARAMP  
CWCF  
ICPC

FASS meeting  
Evidence to support legal proceedings

## Tier 3

### Targeted Support

#### Professionals

MASH  
Police  
LADO  
HR  
Headteacher  
Social Worker

MASH referral  
Police report  
Concern about adult referred to LADO  
Concern about adult referred to HR  
Early Help TAF

CIN plan  
Child Practitioner (Social Care)  
Counselling  
Drawing and Talking Therapy  
ELSA

## Tier 2

### Early support offer

#### Professionals

LCSS  
Attendance Team  
All staff  
Pastoral TA/Lead  
SENCo  
Family Link Worker  
Local food bank

Strengths and needs document leading to team around the family meetings  
Referral to family link worker  
No names consultation  
Attendance team referral  
Pastoral support  
Breakfast club  
Application for FSM  
Referral made to food bank  
Signposting to mental health support/charities  
CAMHS referral  
SAFE! Referral

OCC Targeted youth service  
EMHP referral via CAMHS  
OSCB Toolkits utilized  
CABHS  
Building Respectful Families  
Autism Oxford  
HomeStart Referral  
Private Fostering agreement  
ATTACH Team  
OCC The Clinical Team  
CASO  
ELSA

Drawing and Talking therapy  
Play Therapy  
'Soft' Therapies e.g., Dog therapy  
Counselling  
\*Other early intervention sources\*

## Tier 1

### Universal

#### Professionals

GPs  
All staff

Emotional register whole class AM/PM  
Worry boxes in class  
Quality and frequent PHSE lessons inc. mental health  
Quality RSE is delivered frequently  
Childline assemblies  
Children's basic medical needs are met e.g., Doctors  
Safety week/day  
Online safety lessons  
Circle time  
Playground buddies  
Pupil Voice  
Lived experience/what does life look like for me?  
S&L screening  
Nurture led environment  
Daily SEMH/PHSE talk time  
Whole school SEMH visual displays

Class/school celebration  
Whole school Thrive approach  
Behaviour and relationship policy  
Thorough transition process  
Parental voice and engagement  
Student voice informs practice  
In-depth safeguarding section on website  
Policies are up to date and on website/available for staff  
Safeguarding induction  
Annual safeguarding training  
Weekly SG mini briefings  
Safeguarding features on every school meeting  
DSL's accessing supervision  
DSL's accessing termly OSCB training  
Termly safeguarding case studies completed  
CPOMS reports are created, and feedback shared with all staff

DSL attends DSL safeguarding forum  
Safeguarding records are transferred/requested when a child leaves/starts at the setting  
SEND needs are being met  
SEMH needs are being met  
DSL utilises OSCB page  
Concerns logged on CPOMS  
National Online safety platform  
Antibullying Champion  
Neglect Champion  
E-safety Champion  
Section 175 submission  
Young Carers group

# Aims Of SEND tiered provision

- ▶ This tiered provision has been written to provide parents with information about what support their child is entitled to receive when they attend one of the Faringdon Learning Trust schools.
  
- ▶ The provisions enclosed and provision your child receives may vary depending on the following;
  - The type or complexity of need your child has
  - The tier within which they are working. This will be decided by the class teacher and SENDCo.
  - Your child will not receive all the provision at once. - There may be a staggered approach to see which works for them
  - Not all provisions will be appropriate or available to all children – This will be decided by school staff and SENDCo
  - The provision may differ slightly from school to school depending upon levels of resourcing
  - The provision may differ from lesson to lesson.
  - The provision may vary depending on the complexity of need of other children in the class.
  - The level of staffing within the classroom
- ▶ Any provision a child receives will be decided by the school.



## Tier 4

### Specialist support

This involves specific interventions usually given to children who may have complex needs. In this case an individualised plan is put together. This will often be for children who have an EHCP

- 1:1 adult support when needed
- 1:1 intervention to target needs
- Individual behaviour support plan
- Intimate care plans/personal care plans
- Medical care plans
- Risk assessments
- PEEP
- Regular 1:1 work with advisory support teachers
- Physio exercises

- OT exercise
- Support at lunch and playtimes
- Breakfast before school starts – Invitation only
- Access to the nurture base at any time of the day
- Environmental adaptations made when necessary
- Employment of specialist support staff – where possible

- Use of specialist equipment – IT, sound fields, radio aids, lift etc
- Bespoke curriculum and resources
- Provisions from EHCP adhered to
- Parents offered 3 SEND meetings a year (Including EHCP annual review meeting) with the SENDCo, class teacher and professionals where appropriate, to discuss needs, impact and progress of their child

## Tier 3

### Targeted support

This is where a child may need some intervention within a small group or if there needs to be any external agency involvement. They are usually on the SEND register.

- Small group interventions
- Targeted adult support in class, 1:1 or small group
- Regular nurture session within the nest
- Referrals made to external agencies e.g., CAMHS, Paeds, Complex needs team, EP, SALT, C&I etc
- Additional funding applications

- EHCP applications
- Targeted SEND assessments carried out e.g., Possible dyslexia, dyscalculia etc
- Every child has a pupil profile, outcome plan and provisions in place
- Every parent is offered 3 SEND meetings a year with the class teacher to discuss needs, impact and progress of their child

- Access to the nest when required may include break and lunchtime
- Adjustment to timetable – start/finish times - reasonable adjustments
- Soft landing in the morning
- Adjustments to uniform
- Individual reward charts
- Termly SEND assessments carried out

## Tier 2

### Early support offer

This is the offer that a child will/may receive if they failing to thrive in tier 1. This may be dependent upon the type of need they have

- SEND resources – fiddle tool, pencil grip, coloured overlay, ear defenders etc
- Seating arrangement within the classroom – own table, minimal distraction, near the teacher, horseshoe table etc
- Scaffolded activities – cloze procedure, word mats, prompt cards

- Task management board
- General adult support in class if needed
- Access to the nurture base if required – with adult permission
- Brain/movement breaks
- Tasks broken into chunks

## Tier 1

### Thriving

### Universal offer

This is a universal offer that every child in school will receive

- High Quality Teaching
- Scaffolded curriculum – The curriculum is adapted to enable the child to access it
- Explicit instructions
- Cognitive and metacognitive strategies
- Learning resources e.g., numicon, multilink, writing frames etc.

- Visual timetables – used in all classrooms
- Coloured backgrounds on whiteboard – Used in all classrooms
- Teachers cater for all different learning styles
- Flexible grouping
- Visual cues and modelling provided by the teacher, so the child is clear what is expected of

- them in the activity
- Use technology – visualizers, online quiz, speech generating apps, widget etc

# Tier 1 - Thriving

## Universal Offer

## A document for teachers

### Communication and interaction

- Ensure classroom practice is inclusive and provides a rich language environment
- Build vocabulary and oracy development into the curriculum
- Use pictures and visual resources to support language and understanding
- Label areas with photographs, pictures or symbols
- Instructions broken down into manageable chunks and given in the order that they are to be done
- Checklists, task lists - simple with visual clues
- Model and teach students how to use their language for thinking and learning
- Clear modelling of tasks
- Minimise use of abstract language Sentence starters /prompts
- Targeted questioning Thinking time before expecting a response
- Model and promote good social skills through PSHE and general teaching
- Build in an opportunity for pupils to have structured conversations with you or other adults
- Introduce activities where pupils have structured opportunities to talk with their peers e.g., Partner talking
- 'Rules' of good listening displayed, taught, modelled and regularly reinforced
- Develop interactive displays to support communication
- Carefully structured group work- clear roles.
- Visual timetables and visual support for classroom routines/rules
- Talk through visual timetable to help children understand routines of the day
- Access to quiet, comfortable, distraction free area - possible time out, talk space
- Consider how sensory stimuli can be reduced if this is a trigger e.g., Use of weighted jackets, ear defenders, sensory diets
- Careful seating plan to avoid sensory overload - under lights? Near buzzing sounds? See the board?
- Prepare the pupil well in advance for any changes in school routine
- Use pupil's name to ensure that s/he knows the instructions apply to them

### Cognition and learning

- Ensure classroom practice is inclusive and provides scaffolding of learning
- Give clear, simple instructions reminders, both oral & written
- Break down tasks into manageable chunks
- Provide multi-sensory activities
- Explicitly teach & model key word vocabulary to support vocabulary development
- Support short term memory with mini whiteboards
- Provide support for organisation and executive functions
- Use alternative ways to demonstrate understanding - diagrams, voice recorder etc.
- Provide writing frames, sentence starters, prompts and headings to help with sequencing & recording of information.
- Links to prior learning explicitly made Work from the known - Make use of pupils' own experiences and use familiar vocabulary
- Develop understanding through modelling & questioning

#### Literacy Difficulties /Dyslexia

- Provide and model the use of resources for supporting phonics and spelling
- Know the difficulty (Reading age) of any text you use
- Reduce and simplify the amount of reading required by summarising or using text to speech software, diagrams, bullet points, short paragraph, Use a range of sequencing activities
- Limit copying tasks

#### Dyspraxia and developmental coordination disorder

- Incorporate recommended motor coordination exercises by OT into a PE programme
- Provide guidelines to keep writing straight
- Organise games and activities requiring cooperation and turn-taking

#### Dyscalculia

- Give concrete reference materials wherever possible e.g., a number square or calculator
- Teach pupils to follow a given method with steps for problem solving
- Allow extra time to complete a task
- Use headed columns for place value
- Use arrows to explain direction of computation

## SEMH

- Ensure whole school rewards/sanction system & clear, agreed strategies for behaviour management in class and throughout the school
- Whole school strategic approach to mental health
- All staff are consistent and relentless in their drive to build positive relationships with their pupils
- Build a relationship with the child's parents, giving both positive feedback as well as dealing with issues
- Lessons are interactive and differentiated to accommodate different learning needs
- Values Education/ Well-being
- PSHE
- Jigsaw
- PSHE Programme
- Building Learning Power
- Lunchtime supervisors as playleaders
- Mile a day
- Calm Boxes in every classroom
- Worry Monsters in every classroom
- Lunch time provision /club
- Zones of Regulation
- Learning Mentor employed
- Mindfulness time Strategies for the classroom teacher:
- Plan individual time/activities with the child to enhance the teacher/child relationship
- Once an incident has been dealt with, give the child a 'fresh start'
- Plan for TAs to build positive relationships and then use them flexibly to pre-empt difficulties
- Give positive feedback/ non-verbal signs
- Plan activities at success level for the child, to increase confidence and opportunities for success and positive reinforcement
- Provide to do lists and structured lesson steps
- Make directions clear and concise & give 'take up time'
- Use visual timer to measure time on task
- Have a range of simple calming exercises/activities that pupil can use if in heightened state of anxiety
- Use post-it's/ talking tin for questions and ideas rather than interruptions
- Plan strategies for transitions both within and in and out of the class

## Physical and sensory

- Ensure classrooms and school areas are calm and organised.
- Ensure equipment is easily accessible
- Use equipment recommended by specialists
- Use of adapted implements & supportive tools e.g., pencils, scissors, cutlery, writing slopes -pencil grips, scissors, putty therapy, sit and move cushions
- Ensure furniture is arranged to accommodate free movement
- Provide support for organisation and executive functions.
- Flexible teaching arrangements and differentiated curriculum where necessary
- Allow extra time to complete tasks
- Multi-sensory teaching methods

### Hearing Impairment

- Check oral information/instructions have been understood
- Keep background noise to a minimum
- Visual cues and lip-reading
- Ensure the pupil is wearing his or her hearing aids.
- Ensure the pupil is seated where she can see and hear the teacher clearly
- Make sure that you have the pupil's attention before starting to talk.
- Eye contact is important Face the child and maintain a distance between you of about 1 – 2 metres to allow for lip reading
- Try not to cover your face or walk around while you are speaking
- Use facial expressions to convey clues to what you are saying

### Visual Impairment

- Check that glasses are worn, and that they are clean!
- Tell the pupil if there is a change to the layout Allow more time for hands-on experiences, verbal explanations and completing tasks
- Provide the pupil with their own books rather than expecting them to share
- Provide the pupil with their own copy of the text/power point slides with enlarged print (good contrast and layout are often important as the size of print).
- Usually, font size 14
- Read out writing on the board and draw attention to the spelling of new and unfamiliar words.

#### Assessments/Forms

Salford reading  
Youngs spelling  
Phonic assessments  
Sandwell maths  
Boxall Profiling

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## Tier 2 Early support

### Step up from Tier 1 to Tier 2

If a child is failing to thrive within the Tier 1 offer. Teacher need to identify the following difficulties and follow the required procedures to step it up to Tier 2.

### Identification of difficulties

- Child may not be making regular or expected progress
- Adults may notice a sudden or unexpected change in behaviour or presentation
- Begin to gather evidence to support concerns - assessments, pieces of work, observations etc
- Teacher may put a short intervention into place to close gaps in learning
- Conversations with parents around concerns or observations in school
- Conversation with child about any problems
- Use Identifying needs flowchart

### Examples of Good Practice in Tier 2

- SEND resources - fiddle tool, pencil grip, coloured overlay, ear defenders etc
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## Tier 3

### Targeted support

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#### Step up from Tier 2 to tier 3

- The previous strategies may be having some impact but not enough
- Teacher would bring evidence to the SENDCo around their concerns
- Child would be added to the SEND register with parental permission

## Communication and interaction

### Early Years Language

Narrative Therapy (Nursery)  
Treasure Trove (EY) Toddler Talk (Nursery)  
Wellcomm  
Nuffield Early Language Intervention (NELI)

### Language

Talking Partners@Primary  
Looking and Thinking  
Once Upon a Story  
Spirals  
Talkboost  
Chatty Bats  
Language for Thinking  
Colourful Semantics

### Social Language/ Social Skills

Socially Thinking  
Socially Speaking  
Time to Talk  
Lego Therapy  
Circle of Friends  
The Friendship Formula  
Talkabout

### SENSS Resources Attention and Listening Programmes (SENSS)

Social Skills (Primary and Secondary)  
Talktime Series:  
Teddy Talktime

## Cognition and learning

### Literacy

Project X Read, Write Inc Ditty Books  
Read, Write Inc Fresh Start (Y5-8)  
Letters and Sounds  
Reading and Thinking  
Looking and Thinking  
Precision Teaching  
Sound Linkage (KS2/3)  
Launch into Reading Success (KS1)  
Acceleread Accelewrite (KS2/3)  
Dyslexia Gold  
Lexia (KS2&3)  
Boosting Reading Potential  
Rapid Readers (KS2)  
Rapid Plus (KS3/4)  
Hi Five (Y5-8)  
Boosting Reading Potential  
Better Reading Support Partners  
Once Upon a Story Write Away Together (group)  
1stclass@writing

### Maths

Talk 4 Number  
Becoming 1st Class@Number  
1<sup>st</sup> Class@Number 1&2  
Success@Arithmetic  
Numskills

## Tier 3

### Targeted support

This is where a child may need some intervention within a small group or if there needs to be any external agency involvement. They are usually on the SEND register.

### SEMH

- ELSA group
- Nurture Group
- Zones of Regulation
- Drawing and Talking
- There's a Volcano in my Tummy
- Social Stories
- The Worry Programme
- ELSA group
- Socially Speaking
- Lego Therapy
- Socially Thinking
- Friendship Formula
- Circle of Friends
- Talk About
- Sensory Workshops
- The Incredible 5 Point Scale

### Physical & Sensory

- Write from the Start
- Occupational Therapy
- Activities
- Sensory Circuits
- Fine motor skills group
- Targeted handwriting
- Gross motor skills group

Step up from tier 3 to tier 4.

- The child will have an EHCP
- The child may have a diagnosis or be awaiting diagnosis

## Tier 4

Specialist support for most complex needs with an EHCP

### Professionals

Specialist CYPMHS support  
Secure units  
Eating disorder units  
Other specialist teams

Communication and interaction	Cognition and learning	SEMH	Physical and Sensory
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1:1 Speech Therapy</li> <li>• 1:1 social stories</li> <li>• TEECH tray</li> <li>• Advisory support teacher at Annual review meetings</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• High quality 1:1 teaching for literacy and/or maths</li> <li>• FFT Reading Programme</li> <li>• Reading Recovery</li> <li>• Write Away Together 1:1</li> <li>• Numicon 1:1</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Inclusion Support Plan &amp; behaviour plan, handling plan</li> <li>• Pastoral Support Plan meetings with parents</li> <li>• 1:1 classroom support</li> <li>• Alternative Provision / Bespoke Timetable</li> <li>• ELSA</li> <li>• Social Stories</li> <li>• Drawing and Talking</li> <li>• The Worry Programme</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1:1 Physiotherapy</li> <li>• Specialist furniture and equipment, e.g., magnifying glasses, hearing aid, radio mic or audio induction loop</li> <li>• Wheelchair access</li> <li>• Use of sign language</li> </ul>

If the child is still not thriving

- At this point consider if needs can be met
- Is this the correct setting for the child
- Is there a more suitable alternative
- Support parents with visits to specialist placements
- Hold early annual review to request specialist setting

# Aim of Mental Health and Wellbeing tiered provision

The aim of this document is to support **staff** to;

- ▶ Embed a whole school universal approach to meet the needs of the majority of students and identify those that need additional support as early as possible
- ▶ Provide consistency in approach across a school and across the trust
- ▶ Signpost to the correct professionals to provide advice when needed
- ▶ Be able to respond to needs identified for an individual, group or class of students



## Tier 4

### Specialist Support

Professionals  
Specialist CAMHS teams  
Secure units  
Eating disorder units  
Other specialist teams

CAMHS  
Reduced timetable  
Alternative provision  
Multi agency support  
Managed Move  
Hospital school provision  
Virtual school

Respite provision

## Tier 3

### Targeted Support

Professionals  
Educational Psychologists  
Community Paediatricians  
Speech & Language Therapists  
Art, Drama, Music Therapists  
Counsellors  
Play Therapists

Educational Psychologist  
Thrive Practitioner  
Play therapy  
Counselling  
NurtureUK Nurture Group  
Bespoke Learning provision  
Reduced timetable  
Internal Alternative Provision

Pastoral Support Plan  
Inclusion plan  
Risk Assessment  
Early Help Assessment/ Social Care  
Virtual School/ Attach Team  
OCC Disability Team  
Family Link Worker  
Pastoral Lead

CAMHS  
EBSA support (Emotional Based School Avoidance)  
OCC Attendance team  
OCC Behaviour Lead  
OCC Exclusions & Integration team  
EET team (Education, Employment & Training)  
Mulberry Bush outreach support  
OCC music services (therapeutic support)

## Tier 2

### Early support offer

Professionals  
School Health Nurse  
Pastoral teams  
Communication & Interaction team  
Early Help  
Mental Health Support Team  
SENCo  
Family Link Worker

ELSA  
Lego therapy  
Group SEMH/learning intervention  
Pastoral support sessions  
Movement breaks  
Meet and Greet club  
After school targeted club  
Lunch clubs

Pastoral support plan  
Inclusion plan  
Risk assessment  
Communication & Interaction team  
Food bank/uniform support  
Parenting course/ Parenting support  
Early Help Assessment/Social care  
Mental Health Support Team

Targetted Youth Support Service  
Drawing & Talking therapy  
Therapy pets  
Forest School

## Tier 1

### Universal

Professionals  
GPs  
All School Staff

Visual Timetable  
Individual timetable where needed  
Now/ Next boards  
Clear, consistent routines  
Organised environments  
Emotional register/ emotional check ins  
Worry boxes  
Regular, high quality PSHE & RSE lessons  
Targeted additional PSHE & RSE lessons  
Assemblies

Childline assemblies  
Online safety lessons  
Circle time  
Playground buddies  
Speech & Language screening  
Nurturing environment  
Calm corners/ quiet zones  
Whole school SEMH visual displays  
Class/school celebrations  
Behaviour and relationship policy

Attachment aware; trauma informed staff and practice  
Thorough transition processes  
Parents as partners  
Student voice informs practice  
Zones of Regulation  
Emotion Coaching  
Senior Mental Health Lead and action plans