



**Dorchester Learning Centre
Special Educational Needs and Disability (SEND) Information Report**

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<p>The kinds of Special Education Needs and Disabilities which are provided for at Dorchester Learning Centre</p>	<p>The SEND department provides support for young people across the 4 areas of need as laid out in the SEND Code of Practice 2014:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Communication & Interaction • Cognition & Learning • Social, emotional and mental health difficulties • Sensory and/or physical needs • DLC has 30 SEMH places for students from KS1,2,3 and 4
<p>How Dorchester Learning Centre identifies and assesses young people with SEND?</p>	<p>Young people with SEND are identified and assessed by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Information passed on from previous school • Literacy screening • Baseline assessments • Individual assessments for access arrangements • Teacher referrals • TA referrals • Parent referral • Student referral
<p>How Dorchester Learning Centre supports young people with SEND?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • High quality teaching differentiated for individual learners • Learning Plan distributed to staff • Interventions • Personalised timetable to meet individual needs • Access Arrangements • TA support in the classroom • TA support in English and Maths • Outside agencies SENSS, HI, VI, EP and OT, SALT, PT as appropriate • Off-site providers
<p>What facilities Dorchester Learning Centre has to support young people with SEND</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The physical environment could support limited wheelchair access

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Disabled toilets in one building • Low tables in classrooms to accommodate wheelchairs • Differentiated access to curriculum • Personalised curriculum pathways • Specific Key Stage areas with appropriate resources and equipment • Sensory room
<p>What support is available for improving the social emotional and mental health of young people with SEND?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wellbeing day • Tutors with twice daily check-in. • Pastoral team • CAMHS • THRIVE • ELSA • Specific SEMH training opportunities • Liaison with outside agencies • We are an Attachment Friendly School • We are a Trauma Informed School • Safeguarding & Mental Health Lead
<p>Arrangements for consulting with young people with SEND</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Student voice • Key workers • Open door policy to the SENDCo and Pastoral team • DLC review meetings • Annual reviews
<p>Arrangements for consulting with parents</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SENDCo available Monday –Friday to meet and at all parent’s evenings • Email e.gould@dlc.dorset.sch.uk • Telephone 01305 261213 • DLC review meetings
<p>How we support young people transferring to Dorchester Learning Centre</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SENDCo attends appropriate Annual Review if possible • SENDCo attends induction meetings • Learning Plans and pupil passport provide key information to staff • Liaison with SENDCo at referring school • Liaison with Pastoral staff
<p>How we support young people with SEND transferring to college?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Taster days at college • College SENDCo is invited to annual reviews

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Transfer of documents to DSL/SENDCo in meetings • Focus on developing confidence and independence • Work experience programme
What training do staff in SEND have?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SENDCo has National Award for SENDCo qualification • Literacy HLTA level 5 qualification in Teaching children with SpLD • Annual DASP TA training day • Specialist expertise from external services including SENSS, VI, HI, SALT, OT and EP
Key members of staff	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SENDCo: Emma Gould • Headteacher and DSL: David Dinsmore • Safeguarding & Mental Health Lead DSL: Jayne Lewis • Family Worker and DDSL: Lucy Murray • Family Worker and DDSL: Louise Wood
Local Offer	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Local Offer is published on the following website www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk
Complaints	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The complaints policy is published on the school website. • It is hoped that all situations of concern can be resolved quickly through discussion and early action, please don't hesitate to contact the SENDCo by phone or email e.gould@dlc.dorset.sch.uk 01305 261213