



Learning and Cognition Bases

Information for professionals

Norfolk has five primary phase Learning and Cognition Needs (LCN) bases offering additional support for learning. There is also a dedicated LCN outreach offer to children and schools. All bases are part of Norfolk's specialist resource base programme.

This information sheet invites you to consider whether any of your pupils would benefit and gives further detail on eligibility, how to apply and how the offer works with mainstream schools.

Which pupils are eligible?

Primary aged children referred prior to Year 6 who live within 45 minutes travel time by car to the SRB. A child does not need an Education, Health and Care Plan (EHCP).

But they must:

- have assessed additional needs which primarily relate to learning difficulties.
- be on roll at a mainstream school which has already used delegated school and cluster resources to support the learner without improving outcomes
- have the potential to reintegrate into the mainstream school setting and benefit from a differentiated mainstream curriculum
- not meet the criteria for complex needs schools
- have persistent difficulty developing the specific skills necessary to access the curriculum, despite ongoing support and targeted intervention
- have an identifiable barrier to learning which has contributed to their lack of 'adequate progress'
- have difficulties with independent learning skills, (including fluency, generalisation and organisation) or present with low self-confidence as a learner
- outreach support can be accessed countywide for children with needs relating to learning and cognition in the primary phase

What does an LCN base offer?

- short term intensive support, generally for two terms
- smaller class sizes of up to 10 learners at any one time
- a learning place for four days a week and at their mainstream school for the remaining one day
- support from the Parkside (Complex Needs) School
- funded Educational Psychologist support
- a transition plan to support the successful reintegration back into mainstream school

Where are our LCN bases?

Key Stage 1 (up to Year 2)

Norwich: Mile Cross Primary

Key Stage 2 (Years 3 to 6)

Norwich: George White Junior

Great Yarmouth: Hillside Primary

Thetford: Watton Junior

Key Stage 1 & 2 (up to Year 6)

Downham Market: Hillcrest Primary

What to do before considering a referral

- Step 1** – First you must ensure your school has fully implemented Provision Expected at SEN Support (PEaSS)
- Step 2** – Review criteria and make contact with your nearest LCN base to discuss suitability
- Step 3** – Arrange observations before any referral is completed

Parents and carers must be involved in discussions and agree to any referral being made. By completing a referral the school must agree to the placement contribution rate as set on the Norfolk schools website



What happens next?

- referrals are considered at half-termly county SRB admission meetings
- letters to confirm an offer are issued to parent/carers and copied to your school and relevant SRB
- transport may be arranged if parents or carers are unable to take their child to and from the base and the child is eligible under home to school transport policy

What does LCN outreach support offer?

- practical guidance and resources to meet recommendations given by professionals eg educational psychologists and specialist learning support teachers
- a bespoke package of support for children
- advice, training and professional development opportunities for staff
- following a referral being made, the outreach teacher will contact you to discuss and agree support

Further information

www.schools.norfolk.gov.uk/srbs

School websites:

<https://milecrossprimary.com/srb-specialist-resource-base>

<https://www.georgewhitejunior.co.uk/srb/>

<http://www.hillside.norfolk.sch.uk/srb-unit-and-sen/srb/>

<https://corvuseducation.com/wattonjunior/srb/>

<https://www.hillcrest.norfolk.sch.uk>

