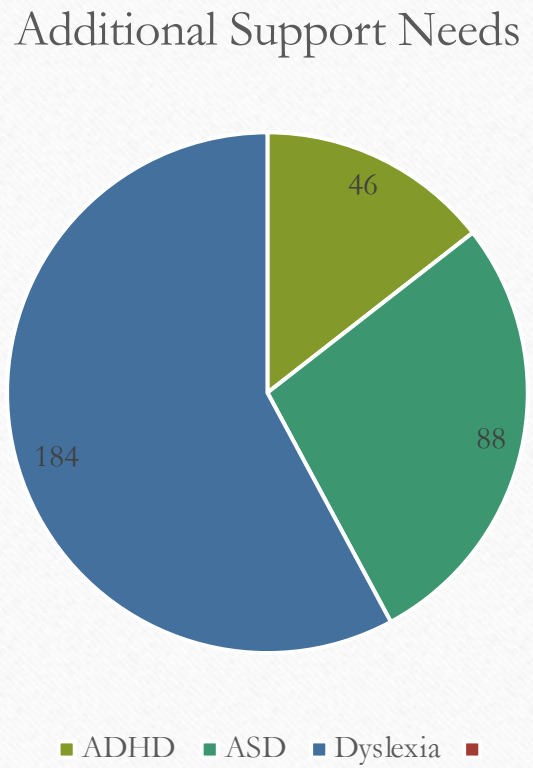
Support for Learning at JGHS

Plan for the Day

- Overview of the Additional Support Needs our pupils have
- The 5 roles of SfL in Edinburgh
- Any Questions?

Overview



What is an Additional Support Need?

- Dyslexia
- Dyspraxia (DCD)
- ADHD/ADD
- Autistic Spectrum Disorder (ASD)
- Dyscalculia
- Hearing impairments
- Visual impairments
- Physical disabilities
- Mental health issues
- Young carers
- Care experienced pupils

The SfL Department

5 teachers – each linked with a learning community

Currently 7 part time PSAs – plus 4 vacancies

The Five Roles of Support for Learning

1. Consultation
2. Cooperative teaching
3. Direct teaching
4. Liaising with specialist services
5. Staff/Pupil development

Consultation

- Transition
- Sharing Information
- Planning Meetings
- Sharing Successful Strategies
- Assessment Arrangements

Assessment Arrangements (AA)

- Pupils do not need an identified ASN, but staff need to have noticed an impact on their progression. The issue needs to be longstanding and should have been identified some time before the exams.
- Each subject needs to see what can help remove the disadvantage
- Each subject has to provide evidence of the positive impact of the AA.
- Schools are audited by the SQA every few years to ensure they stick to the SQA's strict policy guidelines. Our Ed Psych quality assures the process, checking our ASN information on the pupils we make requests for and the quality of teachers' evidence.

Cooperative Teaching

Support for Learning teachers support in some mainstream classes – most often Maths and English.

Liaising with Specialists

- Additional Support for Learning Service
- Educational Psychologist
- Occupational Therapy
- Speech and Language
- Skills Development Scotland
- Social Work
- Third Sector providers – Canongate Youth, Green Team, Barnardos, Light Up Learning, Enable etc

Staff Training

Three year rolling programme focusing on the most prevalent ASNs.

Increasingly need to consider training for all the school community – all pupils need to be aware of the ASNs of their peers.

Direct Teaching

- S1 Reading Groups
- S2 Literacy Groups
- S3-6 Tutorial Groups
- Supported Duke of Edinburgh
- Nurture Groups / Fit 4 Life
- Transition Support Groups
- Break and Lunch Club
- Homework Club

Any Questions?