



BROWICK ROAD PRIMARY SCHOOL
SPECIALIST RESOURCE BASE FOR
CHILDREN WITH SPEECH, LANGUAGE & COMMUNICATION NEEDS



Achieving Success Together

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Achieving Success Together at our SRB

The SRB is a specialist provision, operated by a mainstream school with delegated funding provided by the Local Authority. SRBs provide short-term teaching and support to meet the needs of individual children and offer opportunities for assessment and planning around individual needs, whilst promoting positive behaviour.

At Browick our SRB for Speech and Language is currently funded for 10 places. These are for children aged 4 to 7 identified as having specific speech, language and communication difficulties. It has a specially trained staff of two part-time teachers, a full time specialist teaching assistant, a part-time teaching assistant and a part-time speech and language therapist. There is also a shared specialist teacher who works with all of the five language SRBs in the county to provide support and outreach to schools.

Our aim at the SRB is to work together with children, families and the home school to address speech, language and communication needs so that children can make a successful return to their home school.



Money work in the SRB Class Shop

How Does My Child Gain a Place in a SRB?

Places are allocated by the Local Authority's SRB Admissions Panel. Applications are made by your child's home school in consultation with the speech therapist, pre-school provision and parents. All pre-school children need to be registered at a mainstream school, known as the Home School, before an application can be made. Placements are usually for up to 4 terms.

How Does My Child Get to the SRB?

If your child is offered a place you will be contacted by the Local Authority. The Local Authority may provide transport to the SRB. If you require this please ask your child's home school to request it via the SRB mailbox. The Travel and Transport Service will then contact you to make any arrangements.

Any queries or concerns you may have concerning transport should be directed to them on **0344 800 8003**.

Sometimes parents prefer to make their own arrangements and bring children to the SRB themselves.

A Typical Day in the SRB

From 8.30am to 8.50am

- Children start to arrive in taxis or with parents. They are brought to the SRB front door and handed over to SRB staff.

9.00am – Morning Lessons

10.40am - Playtime.

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12.00pm - Lunch and playtime.

- Children can choose a free hot meal or packed lunch or bring a packed lunch from home.

1pm – Afternoon Lessons in the SRB.

3pm - All children in the SRB are collected at the front door.



Working with the speech therapist

What Will My Child Learn?

The curriculum in the SRB is based on the Early Years Foundation Stage and the National Curriculum with speech and language therapy integrated into all aspects of learning. Your child's speech and language skills will be developed and enhanced within a supportive learning environment provided by the SRB staff; Mrs King & Mrs Hunter the teachers, Ms Wilson the specialist teaching assistant, Miss Slaney the teaching assistant and Miss Mackintosh the speech therapist. Staff work very closely together. Mrs Woods, our shared specialist teacher, may also work with the children.

Your child will also have a programme of specific speech and language therapy delivered by the speech therapist and school staff.

Children in the SRB often also have difficulties with fine and gross motor skills and we provide a programme of activities to support and develop this.

What Facilities Does the SRB Have?

The SRB is in the former schoolhouse attached to the school. We have a teaching area upstairs. Downstairs is the language therapy room, toilets and a fully equipped kitchen where the children take part in cooking, art and craft activities. Outside there is a lovely garden area.

We also make full use of the rest of the school's indoor and outdoor facilities.



The quiet garden at the back of the SRB

Will My Child Need a Uniform?

Children in the SRB can wear their Home School uniform or a burgundy sweatshirt or cardigan (which is Browick's uniform colour). Polo shirts need to be either white or pale blue. We have an online system for ordering uniform (<http://browickroad.goodies.co.uk>). Fashion clothing or footwear and nail varnish are not appropriate at school. Please make sure that all your child's clothing and footwear is clearly named. Children do not need a PE kit.

Mid-morning snacks/water bottles.

Children are provided with free fruit every day. They can bring in fruit or vegetables from home if they wish. Drinks bottles should be brought in daily and contain only water. Please make sure they are named as many children have the same design of bottle!

Will My Child Go on Trips?

Yes. We have trips throughout the year linked to the topics we are doing.



A visit to the pet shop

How Do We Keep in Touch with Each Other?

Your child will have a contact book in which we will write any messages for you. You are welcome to write notes to us in it. This is a very important means of communication between us. This contact book is to be used between you and the SRB only. Emails and the telephone are also important means of communication as many of our children travel a considerable distance by school transport and parental contact can be more difficult. Each term there will be a formal meeting to discuss progress and an informal social meeting – see below. Our class email address is denmarkclass@browickroad.norfolk.sch.uk.

Please look at the school website regularly to find out more about what is happening in school and in the SRB. We also have a class blog called 'Denmark' which includes lots of lovely photos of the things we do in the SRB.

What is the Contact with the Home School?

Children in the SRB attend their home school on Fridays. This is the school in which they are registered. There is weekly contact between the SRB and home school for attendance figures. We send a summary of learning to you and the home school by email each week.

We will assess and track your child's progress in the SRB and report termly to home schools to inform their assessments. As your child remains on roll at their home school, they are responsible for reporting on progress and attainment. Home schools also liaise with staff at the SRB via email and telephone and often visit the SRB during the placement.

What Do I do if my Child is Unwell?

If your child is unwell, please ring the school to tell us. **Please do not** rely on the taxi driver to tell us, or another child in the same taxi: this is a safeguarding issue. Similarly, if a person other than yourself or the taxi staff is collecting your child we need, for purposes of safeguarding, to be notified by you even if this person is another family member. You can let us know by a note in the contact book, email or a phone call.

Does the School Have Clubs My Child Can Attend?

Browick runs many after-school activities. A letter goes home each term giving details. Please note that the Local Authority will not organize a different time for the taxi to collect your child if they are staying for a club so you will need to make alternative arrangements to collect them.



Three Little Pigs in our Allotment

What about Social Events?

With many of the children being taxied to school, we appreciate that parents can feel isolated from what is happening and we hope that our social events will help you to feel part of the SRB community.

There will be opportunities throughout the year for you to meet other parents informally in the SRB and see the children's achievements.

During the school year, Friends of Browick Road School organise a Christmas and a Summer Fair. We are always delighted to see you there.

Reviewing Progress

We aim to hold progress meetings each term during the school day at a time that is mutually convenient. These could be face-to-face, via zoom or phone calls. These meetings are with the SRB teacher and the speech and language therapist. We discuss and review your child's progress with speech and language targets and their academic progress. The appropriateness of continuing the provision will also be discussed – staff from home schools are also invited.



Working together

What if My Child is not making Progress?

If the placement does not appear to be the right one for your child then other options will be considered in full negotiation with you, home school and other professionals.

When will my Child return to his/her Home School?

Because of the nature of the difficulties experienced by children in the SRB, it is not easy to predict when a child will be ready to return to a mainstream setting. Children have up to 4 terms as standard but they may need an extension of placement or be ready to return before this. There is on-going assessment by staff and you are kept fully informed. When your child is considered ready to return, a programme of transition is put into place in consultation with you and the home school.

Comments from parents!

"I cannot praise the SRB and the staff who work there enough. I couldn't be more grateful and appreciative for all that you have done for him and I will remain grateful for the rest of his life."

"The quality of his workbooks are brilliant! Amazing activities and experiences laid on for him. He has been so well cared for and the weekly feedback sheets are excellent. We are so grateful – you guys are awesome!"

"Progress has been unbelievable! All of his friends understand him 100% of the time now. Lovely staff, he has loved every minute at the SRB."