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Appendix 1

Barrier to Learning	Christ Church understands that children who are not making expected progress will often have under lying reasons that we need to unpick and try to overcome before the need for more focused interventions. The information below gives an overview of the most common reasons for children at risk of falling behind and the strategies that we use to overcome them. As we work very closely with all stakeholders the strategies that we use are personalised for individual children and added to their learning plan. Lots of these areas overlap.
Low self-esteem and/or anxiety	 We focus on strengths and use positive reinforcement throughout the day. The praise is specific and descriptive rather than general. The way this is done is dependent upon the child. (Some children prefer quiet more private praise) We plan different types of activities to allow all children the 'let their light shine' and help children to recognise their strengths. We use reflective listening by checking the learner's input/ideas by asking questions to confirm understanding We plan activities that allow for positive outcomes- for example our draft, write, publish model for writing. Never put a child on the spot to answer a question- always give thinking time and this should be built into lessons. Time to talk box in school to allow children to reach out to adults for support in an none threatening way
Attention and Concentration	 We will always try to give very clear, short instructions which require one activity at a time. We ask specific questions to ensure instructions have been understood We repeat instructions several times- always using the same language Recording devices are used for children to remind themselves of instructions We use tick lists of tasks that need to be completed Large font may be used to allow information to be clearly read avoiding block capitals, underlining and italics Some learners are really adversely affected by the use of bright white paper, so we use a softer colour. We use hyperbird on computers to minimise information and allow focus. (see our website for more information) Don't speak and give instructions whilst children are working
Behaviour	 We understand that some behaviours are all about concealing or covering up anxiety. Anxiety and fear can show itself in students as anger/ annoyance. We work with all stakeholders to understand triggers – what is it that will make a learner anxious. We work together to put strategies in place that can remedy the anxiety which in turn can remedy the poor behaviour. We are aware that anxiety may take different forms. With some it is obvious, resulting in the pupil 'acting out' with poor behaviour. With others it may be hidden - many pupils simply shy away preferring not to be noticed. We acknowledge both types.

	• We ensure the classroom is a positive environment, thinking about seating, ear defenders, concentration stations
	Create an atmosphere of trust
	 Prepare learners for what is coming next, eg, visual prompts, timetables discussion and pre learning if it is new to the child
	 Voice recorders so children can remind themselves of instructions
	 Timely use of time out- carrying messages, carrying heavy items, exercise on trim trail
	Quiet time to regulate and discuss and validate emotions
	• We use zones of regulation as an intervention to teach children about understanding and identifying their own emotions
	• Staff work with small groups of children to model good play and communication this is built up to bigger groups as appropriate.
	 Chew/fiddle toys are provided for children that need to then to focus
Attendance	• Every Half Term attendance letters are sent to all children which have attendance below 90%.
	• Families with attendance below 90% for more that a term are invited in for a meeting to discuss support with can offer.
	This support could consist of: early help, the purchase of alarm clocks, support with families writing morning routines, parenting classes.
	• We do first day telephone calls and if no response we will visit the home for a welfare check. If we still can't contact the family, we will contact children's services.
	 School staff will collect children from home if required.
Language and	We use simple sentences
Communication	• 'think time' is build into lessons so that pupils can process information, instructions and/or questions.
	We avoid (or explain) idioms/double meanings
	We will always avoid sarcasm
	 Now and next boards are used
	 Staff wear lanyards to encourage communication by the reinforcement of language through pictures
	• We use devices and programs such as Clicker 8 to support children with their writing.
Reducing Memory	We break any task down into manageable sizes – bite size.
load	 We use signal words to alert learners to what is required of them.
	We regularly check understanding through specific questions
	 We provide written instructions using numbered bullet points that children can tick off

Resources provided by school	Interventions provided by school	
Visual timetables	Wellbeing worker in school	
Concentration stations	Mental health practitioners	
Clicker 8	Consultations provided through the mental health support team	
Task Planners	Little wandle phonics	
Weighted pens	Talk about	
Adapted books/paper	Language for thinking	
Manipulatives	Zones of regulation	
Scaffolding of activities	Toe by toe	
Help sheets/word mats	Speech therapy strategies	
Wobble cushion	Language and communication strategies	
Chew buddies	Trauma informed work	
Fidgets	Mastering maths	
Weighted blankets		
Ear defenders		
Home collection		
Breakfast		

Appendix 2