



Special Educational Needs Disability policy (SEN D)

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We believe this policy relates to the following legislation:

- Children Act 1989
- Education Act 1996
- r: School Standards and Framework Act 1998
- Education (Special Educational Needs) (Information) Regulations 1999
- r: Special Educational Needs and Disability Act 2001
- Education Act 2002
- r: Education and Inspections Act 2006
- Education (Special Educational Needs Coordinators) (England) Regulations 2008
- Education (Special Educational Needs Coordinators) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2009
- r: Equality Act 2010
- r: Education Act 2011
- School Discipline (Pupils Exclusions and Reviews) (England) Regulations 2012
- Children and Families Act 2014
- Special Educational Needs and Disability Regulations 2014
- Special Educational Needs (Local Offer) Regulations 2014
- r: Special Educational Needs (Personal Budgets) Regulations 2014

The following documentation is also related to this policy:

- r: Quality Standards for Special Educational Needs (SEN) Support and Outreach Services (DCSF)
- School Admissions Code (DfE)
- r: Special Educational Needs and Disability Code of Practice: 0 to 25 Years. Statutory Guidance for Organisations Who Work With and Support Children and Young People with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (DfE) and (DoH)
- r: Supporting Pupils at School with Medical Conditions: Statutory Guidance for Governing Bodies of Maintained Schools and Proprietors of Academies in England (DfE)

We wish to comply with the Special Educational Needs and Disability Code of Practice: 0 to 25 Years. Statutory Guidance for Organisations Who Work with and Support Children and Young People with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities and with sections 29, 34, 35, 66, 67, 68, 69 and 100 of the Children and Families Act 2014.

We have a duty to provide appropriate SEN provision for children and young people in order to meet their needs. It is also our duty to 'make reasonable adjustments for disabled children and young people, to support medical conditions and to inform parents and young people if SEN provision is made for them'.

We believe it is our responsibility to publish all details of the SEN provision that we have available in the Information Report and to work with the Local Authority in compiling and reviewing the Local Offer.

We believe that... 'Children have special educational needs if they have a learning difficulty, which calls for special educational provision to be made for them'.

Children have a learning difficulty if they:

- ⊗ have a significantly greater difficulty in learning than the majority of children of the same age: or
- ⊗ have a disability which prevents or hinders them from making use of educational facilities of a kind generally provided for children of the same age in schools within the area of the local education authority
- ⊗ are under compulsory school age and fall within the definition at (a) or (b) above or would do so if special educational provision was not made for them

Special educational provision is 'additional to, or otherwise different from, the educational provision made generally for children of their age in schools maintained by the local authority, other than special schools, in the area.' (Education Act 1996)

When organising additional support it is very important that we provide children with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) a broad and balanced curriculum with regular access to all subjects and areas of learning. We believe that children with SEND should not be routinely segregated from their class teachers and peers but included as much as possible within their class.

We will ensure that teachers and teaching assistants (TAs) are prepared for dealing with the challenges and complex difficulties posed by children with SEND by providing structured training on a variety of SEND issues. We believe teachers are responsible for children's learning and that teaching assistants will be used effectively to provide the necessary support for children with SEND within the classroom.

We are aware that depending upon their age and understanding we must discuss with pupils with SEND any decision that might affect them.

It is our intent to provide every child with the best education possible. Our objective in setting out the school's SEND policy is to make everyone aware that we want all pupils to benefit as fully as possible from the education provided within the school.

We cater for pupils who experience difficulties in: -

- ''o communication and interaction
- ''o cognition and learning
- ''o Social, emotional and mental health difficulties
- ''o sensory and/or physical needs including self-help and independence.

The school has full provision for pupils who are disabled.

We wish to work closely with our pupils and to hear their views and opinions as we acknowledge and support Article 12 of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child that children should be encouraged to form and to express their views.

We as a school community have a commitment to promote equality. Therefore, an equality impact assessment has been undertaken and we believe this policy is in line with the Equality Act 2010.

We believe it is essential that this policy clearly identifies and outlines the roles and responsibilities of all those involved in the procedures and arrangements that is connected with this policy.

Aims and Objectives

We aim:

- ''o To have due regard to the Special Educational Needs and Disability Code of Practice.
- ''o To identify pupils with special educational needs and disabilities as early as possible and that their needs are met.
- ''o To have in place systems whereby teachers are aware of such pupils.
- ''o To provide all our children with a broad and balanced curriculum that is differentiated to the needs and ability of the individual.
- ''o To have high ambitions and expectations for pupils with special educational needs and disabilities.
- ''o To be sympathetic to each child's needs by providing a strong partnership between children, parents, governors, Local Authority and outside agencies.
- ''o To ensure all pupils make effective progress and realise their full potential.

r- To ensure all pupils take a full and active part in school life.

r- To work with other schools and the Local Authority to share good practice in order to improve this policy.

Responsibility for the Policy and Procedure

Role of the Governing Board

The Governing Board has:

r- appointed a member of staff to be the Special Needs Co-ordinator;

r- responsibility for ensuring the Special Needs Co-ordinator will hold a 'National Award in Special Educational Needs Co-ordination';

r- responsibility for ensuring the Special Needs Co-ordinator is allocated time to undertake the demanding role of SENCO;

r- delegated powers and responsibilities to the Headteacher to ensure all school personnel and visitors to the school are aware of and comply with this policy;

r- to ensure that provision of special educational needs is of a high standard;

r- responsibility for ensuring pupils with SEND have access to all activities;

r- responsibility for ensuring pupils with SEND have access to all school facilities;

r- due regard to comply with the SEN Code of Practice when undertaking its responsibilities;

r- responsibility for having in place an admissions policy;

r- responsibility for admitting any child whose EHCP names the school;

r- responsibility for publishing a SEN information report;

r- responsibility for having in place an accessibility plan outlining what improvements need to be made to the school facilities so that disabled pupils can access the curriculum;

r- responsibility for regularly reviewing funding for resources;

r- responsibility for ensuring that the school complies with all equalities legislation;

r- taken to deal with all prejudice related incidents or incidents which are a breach of this policy;

r- responsibility for ensuring funding is in place to support this policy;

r- responsibility for ensuring this policy and all policies are maintained and updated regularly;

r- responsibility for ensuring all policies are made available to parents;

r- make effective use of relevant research and information to improve this policy;

r- nominated a link governor to visit the school regularly, to liaise with the Headteacher and the SENCO and to report back to the Governing Board;

r- responsibility for the effective implementation, monitoring and evaluation of this policy

Role of the Headteacher

The Headteacher will:

- ensure all school personnel, pupils and parents are aware of and comply with this policy;
- ensure that the daily management of SEND provision is effective;
- work closely with the SENCO, the link governor and the teaching and support staff;
- keep the Governing Board informed of all matters relating to its responsibilities for the provision of SEND;
- ensure that all relevant school personnel receive the appropriate information regarding the special needs provision for pupils with SEND;
- inform parents when SEND provision has been made for their child;
- be responsible for supervising the statutory assessment, statementing and annual review process for pupils with SEND;
- ensure all pupil records are sent to and received by schools that pupils with SEND transfer to;
- monitor the quality of teaching for pupils with SEND;
- monitor the progress made by pupils with SEND;
- agree with the Local Authority the school's arrangements for assessing and identifying pupils as having SEND as part of the Local Offer;
- publish SEN information report on the school's website updating stakeholders of how the school's offer is administered;
- provide leadership and vision in respect of equality;
- make effective use of relevant research and information to improve this policy;
- provide guidance, support and training to all staff;
- monitor the effectiveness of this policy by checking to see if:
 - pupils with SEND are making sufficient progress appropriate to their ability
 - school personnel have high expectations of pupils with SEND
 - appropriate provision is in place
 - differentiation is put into practice
 - the pupil tracking system is effective
- annually report to the Governing Body on the success and development of this policy

Role of the Local Authority

The Local Authority has a statutory duty to develop and publish a Local Offer which gives 'information about provision they expect to be available across education, health and social care for children and young people in their area who have SEN or are disabled, including those who do not have Education, Health and Care (EHC) plans. In setting out what they 'expect to be available', Local Authorities should include provision which they believe will actually be available.'

Role of the Special Needs Co-ordinator (SENCO)

The SENCO will:

- 110 have the 'National Award for Special Educational Needs Co-ordination' qualification or relevant experience;
- 110 ensure the detailed implementation of support for children with SEND;
- 110 ensure the implementation of this policy;
- 110 ensure all school personnel understand their responsibilities to children with SEND;
- 110 work with the Headteacher to oversee the day to day provision for pupils with SEND within the school including those with education, health and care (EHC) plans;
- 110 identify the barriers to learning and what special educational needs provision that a pupil requires;
- 110 provide advice and teaching strategies to teachers and support staff;
- 110 inform parents of their child's special educational needs;
- 110 provide awareness training for parents;
- 110 arrange meetings for parents with external support teachers or the educational psychologist;
- 110 organise in-house and external support for a pupil with SEND;
- 110 monitor this support;
- 110 keep parents up to date with the special educational needs provision for their child;
- 110 ensure pupils with SEND have full access to the curriculum;
- 110 ensure pupils with SEND are included in all school activities and events;
- 110 ensure pupils with SEND take part in extra-curricular activities;
- 110 arrange for key workers to be allocated to pupils with SEND so that pupils can talk about any difficulties or concerns that they may have;
- 110 lead the development of SEND throughout the school;
- 110 arrange in-service training for school personnel and governors;
- 110 help select, train, organise and manage a team of TAs;
- 110 prepare and keep up to date ISPs (Individual Support Plans)

- undertake classroom observations;
 - ensure differentiated teaching methods are being used;
 - track the progress of children with SEND;
 - maintain records of all children with SEND;
 - keep up to date with new developments and resources;
 - make effective use of relevant research and information to improve this policy;
- r: liaise with parents;
- r: Support teachers to organise annual reviews;
- r: meet with outside agencies;
- work with feeder or transition schools;
 - provide information for the SEN Information Report;
 - review and monitor;
 - annually report to the *Governing Body* on the success and development of SEND

Role of the Nominated Governor

The Nominated Governor will:

- work closely with the Headteacher and the coordinator;
 - ensure this policy and other linked policies are up to date;
- r: ensure that everyone connected with the school is aware of this policy;
- r: attend training related to this policy;
- report to the *Governing Board* every term;
 - annually report to the *Governing Body* on the success and development of this policy

Role of Class Teachers

Class teachers must:

- r: have high expectations of pupils with SEND;
- be aware of the school's policy for the identification and assessment of pupils with SEND and the provision it makes for them;
 - work closely with the SENCO;
 - be well informed of the special needs and medical conditions of the pupils that they teach;
- r: implement any advice and teaching strategies given by the SENCO;

- 4provide high quality teaching for all pupils;
- 4deliver the individual programme for each SEND pupil;
- 4include pupils with SEND in all class activities;
- 4ensure their planning includes differentiated activities;
- 4set challenging targets;
- 4track and monitor the progress of all pupils;
- 4inform the SENCO of any identified barriers to learning and lack of progress of pupils;
- 4liaise with parents of pupils with SEND to update them of the progress of their children;
- 4suggest ways that parents can support their children at home;
- 4undertake appropriate training on induction;
- 4identify any additional training needs they require;

Role of Teaching Assistants (TAs)

Teaching assistants will:

- 4work closely with the SENCO and class teachers;
- 4provide support for individual or groups of pupils with SEND;
- 4provide in- class and out of class catch up literacy and numeracy support for pupils;
- 4assist in the preparation of lessons;
- 4monitor pupils progress;
- 4provide feedback to teachers and the SENCO;
- 4attend appropriate training;
- 4suggest training needs

Role of External Agencies

External agencies may provide for schools, they will:

- 4be line managed by the SENCO;
- 4work closely with the SENCO, class teachers and TAs;
- 4work with pupils with an EHCP to meet the objectives of their statements;
- 4develop planning for teachers and TAs;
- of.undertake continuous pupil assessment;

- keep up to date pupil records;
- develop support materials;
- provide in-house training on specific topics;
- meet regularly with the SENCO, teaching staff and parents

Role and Rights of Parents

We encourage parents:

- to work closely with the school in order to develop a partnership that will support special educational needs pupils
- to be aware of their child's targets and their progress towards them;
- to take part in the review of ISPs .

Role and Rights of Pupils

We encourage pupils with special educational needs to understand their rights *and* to take part in:

- assessing their needs;
- setting learning targets;
- the annual review

Graduated approach

We feel it is vital that pupils with special educational needs are identified at an early stage. Every teacher in this school is responsible for identifying pupils with special educational needs.

We will inform parents at the earliest opportunity of the school's concerns and to work in partnership with them to establish the support the child needs.

We will adopt a graduated approach coordinated by the SENCO *and* using the following four stages of action: **Assess, Plan, Do and Review**.

Parents will be kept well informed of and involved in all four stages.

Assess

- Working with the SENCO and the child's parents, an analysis of the child's needs will be undertaken by the class teacher when trying to identify what SEN support is required.
- Support is put into place and is reviewed regularly to ensure that the support is matched to need.

ofoMore specialist assessment will take place if there is no improvement in the child's progress.

ofoThis will be organised by the SENCO with the agreement of the parents.

Plan

ofoWhen it has been decided to provide SEN support all parties will decide:

- o the expected outcomes
- o what interventions and support that is required
- o the expected impact on progress, development or behaviour
- o on a review date

ofoPlans will take into account the views of the child.

ofoParents will reinforce the provision by contributing to progress at home.

Do

ofo The Class teacher and the SENCO, where required, oversee the implementation of the interventions as part of the agreed SEN support.

ofoThe class teacher supported by the SENCO, if required, assesses the child's response to the action taken.

ofoThe SENCO offers continuous advice on the effective implementation of support.

Review

ofoThe effectiveness of the support and its impact on the child's progress is discussed at regular Pupil Progress review meetings.

ofoParents are given the opportunity to respond to and comment upon their child's ISP reviews.

ofoIn light of the child's progress and development, changes to the outcomes and support will be agreed by all concerned.

ofoA cycle of review meetings will continue with all parties attending in order to identify the best way of securing good progress.

ofoAll parties will agree to any specialist involvement if a child continues to make less than expected progress.

ofoIf a child has an Education, Health Care Plan the Local Authority may be involved in the child's annual review.

ofoDetailed records will be maintained by the SENCO which will be available to the child's parents.

Medical Conditions

We have a duty under the Children and Families Act 2014 to support pupils with medical conditions. We are aware that individual healthcare plans will state the type and level of support required to meet their medical needs.

Record Keeping

Accurate and up to date records will be kept that provide:

- " evidence tracking data of pupil progress
- " evidence of outcomes and planned next steps
- " details of additional support or different provision made under SEN support
- " details of the involvement of specialists
- " evidence of involvement with parents
- " evidence that shows a rigorous approach to the monitoring and evaluation of any SEN support provided

Range of Provision

The school aims to provide a variety of provision by way of:

- " in-class support either individually or in small groups with specialist teachers and/or teaching assistants;
- withdrawal support either individually or in small groups with specialist teachers or TAs

Inclusion

Every effort will be made to include pupils with SEN into all school activities.

Partnerships

We believe that a close partnership with parents will enable children to progress. Parents have a key role to play in the partnership between home and school as they have an exclusive overview of the provision needed for the child.

Pupils with special educational needs will benefit from the school's close working relationship with the numerous external support agencies, which offer advice and support.

We feel that the provision for special educational needs in this school will benefit from the close links we have with other schools by the sharing of good practice and in making the transition between phases as smooth as possible for the pupils.

Admissions

We will:

ofotreat all applications equally and we will not discriminate against pupils with SEND;

" admit those children with special educational needs but who do not have a statement;

Curriculum

The school aims to provide for pupils: -

ofa broad and balanced curriculum

" a curriculum which is differentiated to their needs

ofa range of teaching strategies to meet their needs

Celebration of Achievements

We will regularly celebrate the achievements of all children not just in literacy and numeracy but in all curriculum areas and in all aspects of school life.

Complaints Procedure

Parents who have a grievance or complaint about the nature or amount of special needs that their child receives are encouraged to ask for a mutually convenient meeting with the school in order to resolve the issue.

The Local Authority must have in place 'arrangements with a view to avoiding or resolving disagreements between parents and certain schools about the special educational provision made for their child.' (SEN Code of Practice) SEN Information Report/ SEND Overview for Parents Annually we will publish information about the implementation of the policy for pupils with SEN which will be set out in clear and straightforward language and easily accessible to parents and young people. The information may include:

ofthe kinds of SEN that are provided for

ofopolicies for identifying children and young people with SEND and assessing their needs, including the name and contact details of the SENCO

- ∴ arrangements for consulting parents of children with SEND and involving them in their child's education
- ∴ arrangements for consulting young people with SEND and involving them in their education
- ∴ arrangements for assessing and reviewing children and young people's progress towards outcomes including the opportunities available to work with parents and young people as part of the assessment and review
- ∴ arrangements for supporting children and young people in moving between phases of education and in preparing for adulthood. As young people prepare for adulthood outcomes should reflect their ambitions, which should include higher education, employment, independent living and participation in society
- ∴ the approach to teaching children and young people with SEND
- ∴ how adaptations are made to the curriculum and the learning environment of children and young people with SEND
- ∴ evaluating the effectiveness of the provision made for children and young people with SEN
- ∴ how children and young people with SEND are enabled to engage in activities available with children and young people in the school who do not have SEND
- ∴ support for improving emotional and social development including extra pastoral support arrangements for listening to the views of children and young people with SEND and measures to prevent bullying
- ∴ how the school involves other bodies, including health and social care bodies, Local Authority support services and voluntary sector organisations, in meeting children and young people's SEND and supporting their families
- ∴ arrangements for handling complaints from parents of children and young people with SEND about the provision made at the school
- ∴ arrangements for supporting children and young people who are looked after by the Local Authority and have SEND
- ∴ details of the school's contribution to the Local Offer including information on where the Local Authority's Local Offer is published
- ∴ details of the broad and balanced curriculum provided in each year
- ∴ admission arrangements for disabled pupils
- ∴ accessibility plans

(Special Educational Needs and Disability Code of Practice: 0 to 25 Years)

Raising Awareness of this Policy

We will raise awareness of this policy via:

- the school website
- meetings with parents such as introductory, transition, parent-teacher consultations and periodic curriculum workshops
- school events
- meetings with school personnel
- communications with home such as newsletters.
- reports such as annual report to parents and Headteacher reports to the Governing Board.
- information displays in the main school entrance

Training

All school personnel and governors:

- have equal chances of training, career development and promotion
- receive training on this policy on induction which specifically covers:
 - the SEN Code of Practice
 - the graduated approach
 - inclusion
 - differentiation
 - pupil tracking
 - working with pupils with SEN
 - Safeguarding and Child Protection
 - intervention programmes
- receive periodic training so that they are kept up to date with new information

Awareness training will be provided by the SENCO and by support teachers on specific topics and concerns.

Equality Impact Assessment

Under the Equality Act 2010 we have a duty not to discriminate against people on the basis of their age, disability, gender, gender identity, pregnancy or maternity, race, religion or belief and sexual orientation.

This policy has been equality impact assessed and we believe that it is in line with the Equality Act 2010 as it is fair, it does not prioritise or disadvantage any pupil and it helps to promote equality at this school.

Monitoring the Effectiveness of the Policy

The practical application of this policy will be reviewed annually or when the need arises by the coordinator, the Headteacher and the nominated governor.

A statement of the policy's effectiveness and the necessary recommendations for improvement will be presented to the Governing Body for further discussion and endorsement.