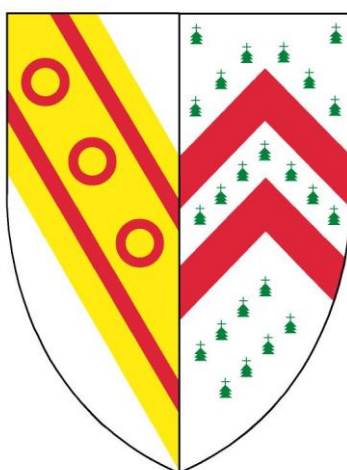


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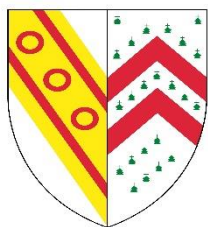
Special Educational Needs Policy 2022-2023

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Achieving and Aspiration – a school in which children aspire to achieve their personal potential.

Belonging and Becoming – a place in which strong roots enable personal flourishing.



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Special Educational Needs (SEN) Information Report and SEN Policy 2022-23

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1. Aims

- Our SEN policy and information report aims to:
- Set out how our school will support and make provision for pupils with special educational needs (SEN)
 - Explain the roles and responsibilities of everyone involved in providing for pupils with SEN

At Pollington-Balne C of E Primary School we are committed to providing the conditions, support and opportunities to enable all children including those with Special Educational Needs and/or Disabilities to be included in all aspects of school life and helped to reach their full potential. We aim to give this support in a sensitive and purposeful way, ensuring that each child is valued and has independence, taking into account the current code of practice (2014).

All children benefit from the expertise and care of our experienced support staff team. Children may work with support staff on a one to one basis or in small groups. We draw on the expertise of parents' knowledge in relation to their children and are committed to the training and development of staff.

2. Legislation and guidance

- This policy and information report is based on the statutory Special Educational Needs and Disability (SEND) Code of Practice and the following legislation:
- Part 3 of the Children and Families Act 2014, which sets out schools' responsibilities for pupils with SEN and disabilities
 - The Special Educational Needs and Disability Regulations 2014, which set out schools' responsibilities for education, health and care (EHC) plans, SEN co-ordinators (SENCOs) and the SEN information report

3. Definitions

A pupil has SEN if they have a learning difficulty or disability which calls for special educational provision to be made for them.

They have a learning difficulty or disability if they have:

- A significantly greater difficulty in learning than the majority of others of the same age, or
- A disability which prevents or hinders them from making use of facilities of a kind generally provided for others of the same age in mainstream schools

Special educational provision is educational or training provision that is additional to, or different from, that made generally for other children or young people of the same age by mainstream schools.

4. Roles and responsibilities

4.1 The SENCO

The SENCO is (Jodie Hodkin) with support from Katherine Rawes (Head).

They will:

- Work with the Headteacher and SEN governor to determine the strategic development of the SEN policy and provision in the school
- Have day-to-day responsibility for the operation of this SEN policy and the co-ordination of specific provision made to support individual pupils with SEN, including those who have Education Health Care (EHC) plans
- Provide professional guidance to colleagues and work with staff, parents, and other agencies to ensure that pupils with SEN receive appropriate support and high quality teaching
- Advise on the graduated approach to providing SEN support
- Advise on the deployment of the school's delegated budget and other resources to meet pupils' needs effectively
- Be the point of contact for external agencies, especially the local authority and its support services
- Liaise with potential next providers of education to ensure pupils and their parents are informed about options and a smooth transition is planned
- Work with the Headteacher and governing board to ensure that the school meets its responsibilities under the Equality Act 2010 with regard to reasonable adjustments and access arrangements
- Ensure the school keeps the records of all pupils with SEN up to date

4.2 The SEN governor

The governor linked to SEND will:

- Help to raise awareness of SEN issues at governing board meetings
- Monitor the quality and effectiveness of SEN and disability provision within the school and update the governing board on this
- Work with the Headteacher and SENCO to determine the strategic development of the SEN policy and provision in the school

4.3 The Headteacher

The Headteacher will:

- Work with the SENCO and SEN Governor to determine the strategic development of the SEN policy and provision in the school
- Have overall responsibility for the provision and progress of learners with SEN and/or a disability

4.4 Class teachers

Each class teacher is responsible for:

- The progress and development of every pupil in their class

- Working closely with any teaching assistants or specialist staff to plan and assess the impact of support and interventions and how they can be linked to classroom teaching
- Working with the SENCO to review each pupil's progress and development and decide on any changes to provision
- Ensuring they follow this SEN policy

5. SEN information report

5.1 The kinds of SEN that are provided for

Our school currently provides additional and/or different provision for a range of needs, including:

- Communication and interaction, for example, autistic spectrum disorder, Asperger's Syndrome, speech and language difficulties
- Cognition and learning, for example, dyslexia, dyspraxia.
- Social, emotional and mental health difficulties, for example, attention deficit hyperactivity disorder (ADHD),
- Sensory and/or physical needs, for example, visual impairments, hearing impairments, processing difficulties, epilepsy

5.2 Identifying pupils with SEN and assessing their needs

We will assess each pupil's current skills and levels of attainment on entry, which will build on previous settings and Key Stages, where appropriate. Class teachers will make regular assessments of progress for all pupils and identify those whose progress:

- Is significantly slower than that of their peers starting from the same baseline
- Fails to match or better the child's previous rate of progress
- Fails to close the attainment gap between the child and their peers
- Widens the attainment gap

This may include progress in areas other than attainment, for example, social needs.

Slow progress and low attainment will not automatically mean a pupil is recorded as having SEN.

When deciding whether special educational provision is required, we will start with the desired outcomes, including the expected progress and attainment, and the views and the wishes of the pupil and their parents. We will use this to determine the support that is needed and whether we can provide it by adapting our core offer, or whether something different or additional is needed.

5.3 Consulting and involving pupils and parents

We will have an early discussion with the pupil and their parents when identifying whether they need special educational provision. These conversations will make sure that:

- Everyone develops a good understanding of the pupil's areas of strength and difficulty
- We support the pupil's wellbeing and offer emotional support
- We take into account the parents' concerns
- Everyone understands the agreed outcomes sought for the child
- Everyone is clear on what the next steps are

Notes of these early discussions will be added to the pupil's record and given to their parents.

We will formally notify parents when it is decided that a pupil will receive SEN support.

5.4 Assessing and reviewing pupils' progress towards outcomes

We will follow the graduated approach and the four-part cycle of **assess, plan, do, review**.

The class or subject teacher will work with the SENCO to carry out a clear analysis of the pupil's needs. This will draw on:

- The teacher's assessment and experience of the pupil

- Their previous progress and attainment and behaviour
- Other teachers' assessments, where relevant
- The individual's development in comparison to their peers and national data
- The views and experience of parents
- The pupil's own views
- Advice from external support services, if relevant

The assessment will be reviewed regularly.

All teachers and support staff who work with the pupil will be made aware of their needs, the outcomes sought, the support provided, and any teaching strategies or approaches that are required. We will regularly review the effectiveness of the support and interventions and their impact on the pupil's progress.

5.5 Supporting pupils moving between phases and preparing for adulthood

Transition for all pupils is difficult, but for those with SEND diagnoses it can bring further anxieties. We work closely with feeder Nursery and Preschool settings, and with the local Secondary Schools to ensure information is transferred effectively.

We will share information with the school or other setting the pupil is moving to. We will agree with parents and pupils which information will be shared as part of this, which will be GDPR compliant.

5.6 Our approach to teaching pupils with SEN

All teachers at Pollington-Balne CE Primary are responsible for meeting the needs of each child. This is achieved through differentiation of planning, monitoring of each child's progress and assessment of their learning. If the planning and teacher support is not meeting the needs of the individual, then other strategies are tried within the classroom. The child's progress is monitored closely

High quality teaching is our first step in responding to pupils who have SEN. This will be differentiated for individual pupils.

We will also provide the following interventions:

- Small group work
- Differentiated/modified materials
- Teaching Assistant support
- ELSA intervention
- LA support
- Outside agency support

5.7 Adaptations to the curriculum and learning environment

We make the following adaptations to ensure all pupils' needs are met (see Accessibility Plan):

- Differentiating our curriculum to ensure all pupils are able to access it, for example, by grouping, 1:1 work, teaching style, content of the lesson, etc.
- Adapting our resources and staffing
- Using recommended aids, such as laptops, coloured overlays, visual timetables, larger font, etc.
- Differentiating our teaching, for example, giving longer processing times, pre-teaching of key vocabulary, reading instructions aloud, etc.

5.8 Additional support for learning

We have five teaching assistants who are trained to deliver interventions

Teaching assistants will support pupils on a 1:1 basis when they are directed to do so by the teacher to ensure that the pupil is making progress in line with peers

Teaching assistants will support pupils in small groups when directed to do so by the teacher to ensure that all pupils are making good or better progress

5.9 Expertise and training of staff

We use specialist staff for supporting pupils with visual impairments.

5.10 Securing equipment and facilities

The school will secure equipment to enable pupils to access the curriculum and activities where it is able to do so. In other cases applications will be made to the Local Authority and the Diocese for funding to make changes to the physical building or for larger items of equipment. This may mean making an application for an Educational Health Care Plan.

5.11 Evaluating the effectiveness of SEN provision

We evaluate the effectiveness of provision for pupils with SEN by:

- Reviewing pupils' individual progress towards their goals each term
- Reviewing the impact of interventions after 6 weeks
- Using pupil questionnaires
- Monitoring by the SENCO
- Using provision maps to measure progress
- Holding annual reviews for pupils with EHC plans

5.12 Enabling pupils with SEN to engage in activities available to those in the school who do not have SEN

All of our extra-curricular activities and school visits are available to all our pupils, including our before-and after-school clubs.

All pupils are encouraged to go on our residential trip(s)

All pupils are encouraged to take part in sports day/school plays/special workshops, etc.

No pupil is ever excluded from taking part in these activities because of their SEN or disability.

The school does not treat applications for admission from any pupil less favourably than any other

The school's accessibility plan is available from the school office

5.13 Support for improving emotional and social development

We provide support for pupils to improve their emotional and social development in the following ways:

- Pupils with SEN are encouraged to be part of the school council.

We have a zero tolerance approach to bullying.

5.14 Working with other agencies

The school works with other organisations, both in the Local Authority and in the voluntary sector to provide joined up support centred on the child. This may include making direct applications for support for families from Early Help, or engaging with other educational institutions. The school works alongside the Local Authority Local Offer.

5.15 Complaints about SEN provision

Complaints about SEN provision in our school should be made to the class teacher in the first instance. They will then be referred to the school's complaints policy.

The parents of pupils with disabilities have the right to make disability discrimination claims to the first-tier SEND tribunal if they believe that our school has discriminated against their children. They can make a claim about alleged discrimination regarding:

- Exclusions
- Provision of education and associated services
- Making reasonable adjustments, including the provision of auxiliary aids and services

5.16 Contact details of support services for parents of pupils with SEN

Parents can see details of support services available through the East Riding Local Offer website:

<http://localoffer.eastriding.gov.uk/>

5.17 Contact details for raising concerns

If you have any concerns about Special Educational Needs Provision please contact your child's teacher

If you do not have a child in the school, please speak to Miss J Hodkin or the Headteacher, contactable through the school office

5.18 The local authority local offer

Our contribution to the local offer is to provide education for young people.

Our local authority's local offer is published here: <http://localoffer.eastriding.gov.uk/>

6. Monitoring arrangements

This policy and information report will be reviewed by the Headteacher **every year**. It will also be updated if any changes to the information are made during the year.

It will be approved by the governing board.

7. Links with other policies and documents

This policy links to our policies on:

- Accessibility plan
- Behaviour statement
- Equality information and objectives
- Supporting pupils with medical conditions
- GDPR policy