



Longparish C of E Primary School

Policy and Guidance for Special Educational Needs and Disabilities

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Longparish CE Primary School

Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) Policy

Definition:-

Special Educational Needs and Disabilities Policy

A child of compulsory school age or a young person has a learning difficulty or disability if he or she :

- Has a significantly greater difficulty in learning than the majority of others of the same age
Or
- Has a disability which prevents or hinders him/her from making use of facilities of a kind, generally provided for others of the same age in mainstream schools.
- requires special educational provision; namely provision that is different from and additional to...'

As with many labels, the term 'SEND' can carry the risk of negative stereotyping and suggest a 'deficit'. It is vitally important that SEND is seen as a difference in need as opposed to a shortcoming or a weakness. There is a danger of lowering aspiration and expectation for those with SEND, which must be proactively averted through the leadership of a strongly inclusive culture within Longparish CE Primary School . Everyone working with a child who has SEND must demonstrate high aspirations for and expectations of those children; asking the question 'what is it that I/we need to do differently in order to help this child access the learning and achieve success?'

This policy complies with the statutory requirements laid out in the SEND Code of Practice 0-25 (January 2015) 3.65 and complies with all other relevant policies including the following guidance and documents:

- Equality Act 2010: advice for schools DfE Feb 2013
- SEND Code of Practice 0-25 (January 2015)
- Schools SEN Information Report Regulations (2014)
- The National Curriculum Inclusion Statement
- Statutory Guidance on Supporting pupils at school with medical conditions December 2015 🏢 The Primary Curriculum in England Sept 2014
- Safeguarding Policy
- Accessibility Plan
- Teachers Standards 2013
- Hampshire Local Authority (LA) Special Educational Needs Policy and Inclusion Statement and Local Offer

This policy was created by the school's SENDCO in liaison with the Senior Leadership Team and the SEND governor, staff and parents of pupils with SEND. This joint co-production is in line with the inclusive approach to SEND provision outlined in the current SEND Code of Practice.

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Aims:

Longparish CE Primary School is a mainstream school, for children aged 4-11. We are an inclusive school, welcoming and celebrating diversity. We provide a caring and supportive environment, with high expectations and a rich, broad and balanced curriculum.

We seek to remove barriers to learning and participation that can delay or exclude individual children through high-quality teaching and learning in the context of inclusive pedagogy for all. We are committed to meeting the needs of all children, ensuring that they make progress. We believe that all children should be given the opportunity to raise their aspirations and achieve their full potential.

Objectives

To meet the aims set out above, the school has identified as its objectives:

- To enable all children to have access to **High Quality Inclusive Teaching** with a broad, balanced and relevant social and educational curriculum. Having the ethos 'All teachers are teachers for all children including children with SEND.
- To identify any child with Special Educational Needs or disability as soon as possible. To seek further professional support when the child's needs cannot be met solely by school provision
- For all children to have their progress continuously monitored by the class teacher; ensuring effective, robust and rigorous assessment is in place; ensuring the child is able to reach their full potential
- To cater, wherever possible, for learning needs to be met within the curriculum; through flexible, responsive provision, programmes and/or intervention.
- To enhance the involvement of the child, the parent/carer and school staff in target setting; Enabling both child and parent/carer to celebrate success of meeting individual targets

Identifying Special Educational Needs

We strongly believe that a working practice of 'equity' – providing a child with what is needed to achieve – is more impactful than 'equality' –providing the same for everyone.

At Longparish CE Primary School children are identified as having SEND through a variety of ways including the following:-

- Liaison with playgroup/previous school
- Child performing significantly below age expected levels
- Concerns raised by Parent
- Concerns raised by teacher, for example when low self-esteem is affecting performance
- Liaison with external agencies
- Health diagnosis e.g. through paediatrician

A child's needs will be identified in relation to the four broad categories of need outlined in the SEND Code of Practice, 2014.

- Cognition and Learning
- Social, emotional and mental health difficulties

- Communication and interaction
- Physical and sensory

These four broad areas give an overview of the range of needs that should be planned for. The purpose of identification is not to place a child within a category, but to work out what action the school may need to take. At Longparish CE Primary School, care is taken to identify the needs of pupils by considering the needs of the whole child, and not just their special educational needs.

Identifying behaviour as a need is no longer an acceptable way of describing SEND. Concerns relating to a child's behaviour will be seen as an underlying response to a deeper need. The teachers and other staff at Longparish CE Primary School, know each child well and, as a consequence, are able to recognise and identify clearly the underlying need that is effecting a child's behaviour.

We take care to consider aspects that are NOT SEND but may impact on progress and attainment.

These include:

Disability (we note that the "reasonable adjustment" duty for schools under current Disability Equality legislation, is reaffirmed in the SEND Code of Practice, but that these alone do not constitute SEND)

- Attendance and Punctuality
- Health and Welfare
- EAL (English as an Additional Language)
- Pupils in receipt of Pupil Premium
- Being a Looked After Child
- Being a child of a Serviceman/woman
- Vulnerable children

The progress and attainment of children within these categories are closely monitored by SENDCO and members of the SLT (Senior Leadership Team) and the class teachers.

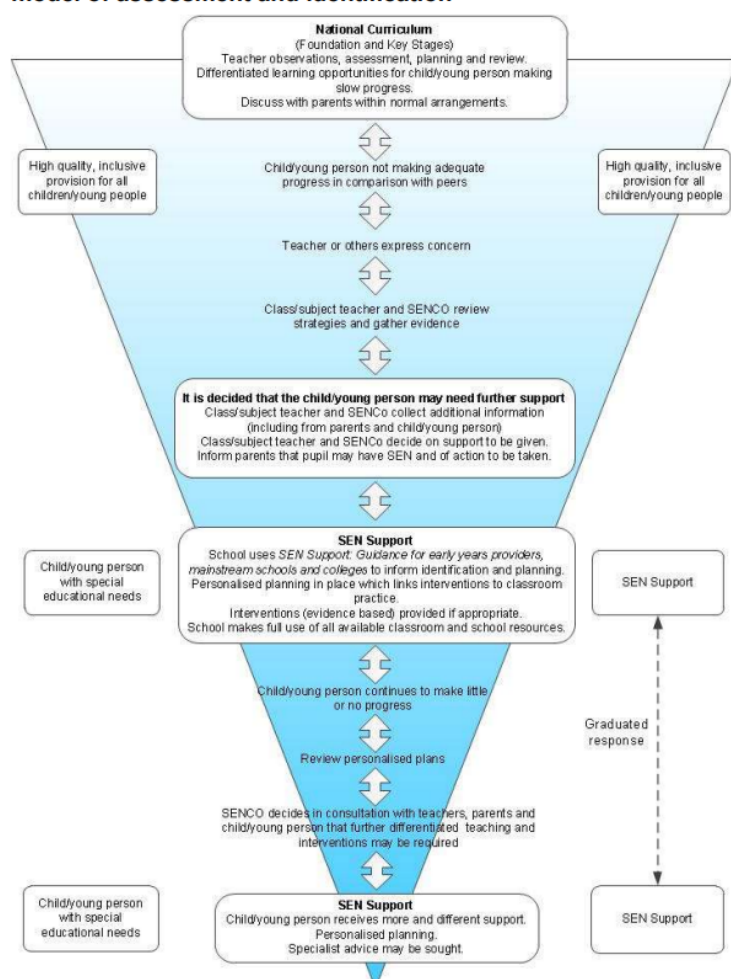
A Graduated Approach to SEND Support

Longparish Primary School seeks to establish and maintain a very effective system for the early identification and intervention for children identified with SEND. We take great care in the identification and recording of children's needs on the school's SEND register.

- It is the responsibility of each class teacher to provide quality first teaching to all pupils in their class. Pupils are only identified as SEND if they do not make adequate progress once they have received all appropriate interventions and high quality personalised teaching.
- Teachers are responsible and accountable for the progress and development of pupils in their class, including pupils who access support from teaching assistants or specialist staff.
- High quality teaching, differentiated for individual pupils, is the first step in responding to pupils who have or may have SEN.
- Additional support cannot compensate for a lack of high quality teaching.
- The SENDCO and members of the SLT (Senior Leadership Team) regularly and carefully review the quality of teaching for all pupils, including those at risk of underachievement. This includes reviewing, and where necessary, supporting teachers to improve their understanding of strategies to identify and support vulnerable pupils.

- Teachers will be supported by the SENDCO, to decide when it is appropriate to make special educational provision for individual children. A range of information will be gathered to inform this decision. This will include school data about children's progress, alongside national data and expectations of progress. This will include high quality and accurate formative assessment and early assessment materials.
- For higher levels of need, the SENDCO will draw on the support and expertise from external agencies and professionals.
- Decisions to place children on the SEND register follow discussions between the class teacher and the SENDCO. Support for children identified for inclusion on the SEND register follows the Assess-Plan-Do-Review cycle. This cycle ensures that children are initially assessed prior to receiving support, that their support is carefully planned for, specific programmes and staff are identified to deliver the plan and that a time is set for a final summative assessment, measuring the impact of the intervention.
- Pupils' and parents' views are sought in deciding: the type of support and intervention to be provided; the time scale that the intervention will run for and the intended outcomes.

Special Educational Needs (SEN): graduated approach – model of assessment and identification



Managing Pupils' Needs on the SEND Register

As a school we follow the graduated approach in delivering support to those children identified as SEND. This approach is intentionally flexible, reflecting and responding to the variety of needs present in the school setting and allowing for the professional discretion and judgement of individual teachers.

- Each child identified on the SEND register is provided with an IEP 'Individualised Educational Plan'. These plans identify the specific needs of individual children, the initial assessment taken to establish that need, the plan for supporting the child, the programme, support materials and individual staff who will deliver the support and the intended outcome with review date. We consider that each individual child's 'IEP' is a living record which tell us exactly what needs have been identified, how to remove barriers to learning effectively, the clear outcomes to be achieved within an agreed time frame, as well as who is responsible for maintaining and updating the plan. The SENDCO will have oversight of all plans to ensure that they are kept up to date and that intervention strategies are eliciting the intended impact. The core expectation though, is that each teacher holds the ultimate responsibility for evidencing progress against the outcomes described in the plan.
- It is the responsibility of the class teacher of the named child on the register, to keep the information in the 'Personalised Learning Plan' up to date.
- The 'IEP' must be reviewed by class teachers at least once every term, although this may occur more frequently where targets and outcomes are more short term. The review of 'IEP' will feed into pupil progress meetings once a term.
- The decision about what level of provision is appropriate for individual pupils follows a consultation between the class teacher and the SENDCO. Factors that will inform the decision include: formative assessment data, the school's tracking data, the results of any national summative assessment, and the child's achievement against national expectations, parental views and the pupil's own comments. The level of provision will be regularly reviewed and adapted in response to identified changes in need.
- Children with SEND who fail to respond to specific intervention strategies and continue to achieve significantly below their peers/national expectations, will be identified through a combination of: analysis of performance data, work sampling, classroom observations and pupil interviews.
- The SENDCO will liaise with specialist services when it is felt necessary to engage additional support for pupils with SEN. The SENDCO will be responsible for monitoring this additional provision. Where there is a cost factor, the SENDCO will be responsible for managing this disbursement and for reporting to the SEND Governor on its impact and cost effectiveness. Parents and pupils will be involved in the initial decision to make a referral for external specialist support and any future reviews of this provision.

Criteria for Exiting the SEND Register

If it is felt that children are making progress which is sustainable then they may be taken off the SEND register. If this is the case then the views of the teacher, SENDCO, pupil and parents need to be taken into account, as well as that of any other professionals involved with the child. If it is agreed by all to take the pupil off the SEND register, then all records will be kept until the pupil leaves the school (and passed on to the next setting). The pupil will continue to be monitored through the school's monitoring procedures, such as pupil progress meetings. If it is felt that the pupil requires additional assistance then the procedures set out in this policy will be followed.

Supporting Pupils and the Families

For an overview of the support available to pupils with SEND, parents should access Hampshire County Council's Local

Offer. This is available at: <https://fish.hants.gov.uk/kb5/hampshire/directory/localoffer.page>

- We encourage all new children to visit the school prior to starting. For children with SEND, we would encourage further visits to assist with the acclimatisation in the new surroundings. We would also visit them in their current setting.

- When children are preparing to leave us for a new school, typically to go on to secondary education, we may arrange additional visits.
- We liaise closely with staff when receiving and transferring children to different schools, ensuring all relevant paperwork is passed on and all needs are discussed and understood.
- If your child has complex needs then an IPA (Inclusion Partnership Agreement) or Statement review will be used as a transition meeting, during which we will invite staff from both schools to attend.
- The school's policy on managing the medical conditions of pupils can be found on the school's website under the "Policies" tab.

Supporting Pupils at School with Medical Conditions

- We recognise that pupils at school with medical conditions should be properly supported so that they have full access to education, including school trips and physical education. Some children with medical conditions may be disabled and where this is the case the school will comply with its duties under the Equality Act 2010.
- We recognise that some children with medical conditions may also have special educational needs (SEND) and may have a statement, or Educational Health Care plan (EHCP) which brings together health and social care needs, as well as their special educational provision. It is essential that the SEND provision for these pupils follows the SEND Code of Practice (2015).
- For details outlining the specific support for pupils with medical conditions, please see the school's policy for supporting pupils with medical conditions.

Monitoring and Evaluating of SEND

- The SENDCO and Senior Leadership Team (SLT) regularly and carefully monitor and evaluate the quality of provision that we offer to all pupils.
- Monitoring of SEND provision is conducted through a combination of regular audits and sampling of the views of parents, pupils and staff. The SEND Governor meets with the SENDCO regularly to discuss and review the content of the monitoring data.
- The school's monitoring and evaluation arrangements promote an active process of continual review and improvement of provision for all pupils.

Training and Resources

- SEND is funded from the school's main budget. Part of that budget is specifically allocated for SEN, but is supplemented with monies from the Revenue budget.
- Individual staff training needs are identified as part of the ongoing process of CPD (Continual Professional Development). Specific training will be provided to meet areas of need identified in the school's strategic plan.
- In order to maintain and develop the quality of teaching and provision to respond to the strengths and needs of all pupils, all staff undertake regular training and professional development.
- All teachers and staff undertake induction on taking up post. This includes a meeting with the SENDCO to explain the systems and structures around the school's SEND provision and practice and to discuss the needs of individual pupils.
- The school's SENDCO regularly attends the local authority's SENDCO network meetings, as well as the local SENDCO Circle support group, in order to keep up to date with local and national updates in SEND.

The SENDCO is currently undertaking the NASEN national award for Special Educational Needs Coordinators.

Roles and Responsibilities

Provision for pupils with SEND is a matter for the school as a whole.

The school's governors, in consultation with the Head teacher, have a legal responsibility for determining the policy and provision for pupils with special educational needs. It maintains a general overview and has an appointed representative who takes particular interest in this aspect of the school.

Governors will ensure that:

- the necessary provision is made for any pupil with SEND
- all staff are aware of the need to identify and provide for pupils with SEND
- pupils with SEND join in school activities alongside other pupils, so far as is reasonably practical and compatible with their needs and the efficient education of other pupils
- they have regard to the requirements of the Code of Practice for Special Educational Needs (2014)
- parents are notified if the school decides to make SEND provision for their child
- they are fully informed about SEND issues, so that they can play a major part in school self-review
- they set up appropriate staffing and funding arrangements, and oversee the school's work for SEND

The Head Teacher is responsible for:

The management of all aspects of the school's work, including provision for pupils with special educational needs

- keeping the governing body informed about SEND issues
- working closely with the SENDCO
- the deployment of all special educational needs personnel within the school
- monitoring and reporting to governors about the implementation of the schools' SEND policy and the effects of inclusion policies on the school as a whole

The SENDCO is responsible for:

Overseeing the day to day operation of the school's SEND policy

- co-ordinating the provision for pupils with special educational needs
- ensuring that an agreed, consistent approach is adopted
- liaising with and advising other school staff
- helping staff to identify pupils with special educational needs
- carrying out assessments and observations of pupils with specific learning problems
- supporting class teachers in devising strategies, drawing up Pupil Profiles (PPs), setting targets appropriate to the needs of the pupils, and advising on appropriate resources and materials for use with pupils with special educational needs and on the effective use of materials and personnel in the classroom
- liaising closely with parents of pupils with SEND alongside class teachers, so that they are aware of the strategies that are being used and are involved as partners in the process

- liaising with outside agencies, arranging meetings and providing a link between these agencies, class teachers and parents ■ maintaining the school's SEND register and records
- assisting in the monitoring and evaluation of progress of pupils with SEND through the use of existing school assessment information, e.g. class-based assessments/records, end of year QCA tests, SATs, etc.
- contributing to the in-service training of staff
- liaising with the SENDCOs in receiving schools and/or other primary schools to help provide a smooth transition from one school to the other
- taking part in county SEND moderation

Class Teachers are responsible for:

- Providing high quality teaching for all children
- Assessing pupils' needs and planning appropriate adjustments, interventions and support to match the outcomes identified for the pupil (in liaison with the SENDCO, parents and pupil)
- Regularly reviewing the impact of these adjustments, interventions and support, including pupils with SEND in the classroom, through providing an appropriately differentiated curriculum.
- Retaining responsibility for the child, including working with the child on a daily basis
- Making themselves aware of the school's SEND policy and procedures for identification, monitoring and supporting pupils with SEND.
- Directly liaising with parents of children with SEND

Learning Support Staff are responsible for:

- being fully aware of the school's SEND policy and the procedures for identifying, assessing and making provision for pupils with SEND.
- using the school's procedure for giving feedback to teachers about pupils' progress.

LSAs work as part of a team with the SENDCO and the teachers, supporting pupils' individual needs and ensuring inclusion of pupils with SEND within the class. They play an important role in implementing Pupil Profiles and monitoring progress.

Storing and Managing Information

All documents relating to Special Educational Needs are maintained with careful consideration towards security and confidentiality.

Individual pupil records are kept in unmarked, anonymous folders which are stored in a locked cupboard in the staffroom. Other SEND records and data are stored in a locked filing cabinet in the Head teacher's office. All staff are aware of the need for security and confidentiality in handling the records of children with SEND.


Accessibility

The DDA, as amended by the SEND and Disability Act 2001, places a duty on all schools to increase - over time - the accessibility of schools for disabled pupils and to implement their plans. Schools are required to produce written accessibility plans for their individual school and Local Authorities are under a duty to prepare accessibility strategies covering the maintained schools in their area. Longparish Primary School's Accessibility Plan forms part of our Equality Plan and Policy, which can be found on the school website under the "Policies" tab.

Dealing with Complaints

The school has a complaints procedure which applies to complaints about SEND provision. This can be found on the school website under the “Policies” tab.

Linked Policies/Documents

- Accessibility plan
- Anti-bullying policy
- Behaviour and Exclusion policy
- Complaints procedure  Confidentiality policy
- Data Protection policy
- Equality Plan and Procedure
- Use of Force & Restraint policy
- Managing Medical Conditions in School policy
- Personal Care policy

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