



NORTH CHESHIRE JEWISH PRIMARY SCHOOL

Policy for Special Educational Needs



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SPECIAL EDUCATIONAL NEEDS and DISABILITY (SEND) POLICY

INTRODUCTION

North Cheshire Jewish Primary School provides a broad and balanced, curriculum for all children. The National Curriculum is our starting point for planning that meets the specific needs of individuals and groups of children. When planning, teachers set challenging targets and respond to children's diverse, individual learning needs.

A minority of children have particular learning requirements that could create barriers to their progress. These requirements can arise as a consequence of a child having special educational needs and disability (SEND). Teachers take account of these requirements and make provision, where necessary, to support individuals or groups of children and thus enable them to participate effectively in curriculum and assessment activities. Teachers liaise with the SENCo and external agencies to obtain support for children with SEND as necessary. We follow a 'graduated response' towards SEND: <https://stockport.fsd.org.uk/kb5/stockport/fsd/advice.page?id=7bp9NITVIEk>.

Children may have SEND either throughout, or at any time during, their school career. This policy ensures that curriculum planning, monitoring and assessment for children with SEND takes account of the type and extent of the difficulty experienced by the child. Their needs are reviewed on an ongoing basis through teacher assessment.

AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

The aims of this policy are:

- to create an environment that meets the individual needs of each child;
- to ensure that the special educational needs of children are identified as early as possible, assessed and provided for;
- to make clear the expectations of all partners in the process;
- to identify the roles and responsibilities of staff in providing for children's special educational needs;
- to enable all children, as far as possible, to have full access to all elements of the school curriculum;
- to ensure that achievement targets are set and reviewed on a regular basis to facilitate progress.

EDUCATIONAL INCLUSION

Through appropriate curricular provision, we respect that children:

- have different educational, emotional and behavioural needs and aspirations;
- require different strategies for learning;
- acquire, assimilate and communicate information at different rates;
- need a range of different teaching approaches and experiences.

Teachers respond to children's needs by:

- developing children's understanding by planning and delivering high quality teaching for all children including the use of multisensory approaches and providing a range of experiences
- providing differentiated support for children who require help with communication, language and literacy;
- planning for children's full participation in learning and physical and practical activities;
- helping children to manage their behaviour and to take part in learning effectively and safely;
- helping individuals to manage their emotions, particularly trauma or anxiety, facilitating participation in learning.

ROLE OF THE SENCO

In our school the Special Educational Needs Co-ordinator (SENCO) is Miss Sulman.

The SENCO:

- manages the day-to-day operation of the policy
- co-ordinates the provision for and manages the responses to children's special educational needs
- supports and advises colleagues
- maintains the school's SEND register
- contributes to and manages the records of all children with special educational needs
- monitors the school-based assessment and completes the documentation required by outside agencies and the Local Authority
- organises and manages review meetings for children with SEND
- acts as the link with parents
- acts as the link with external agencies
- acquires and maintains resources and a range of teaching materials to enable appropriate provision to be made
- monitors and evaluates the special educational needs provision and reports to the governing body
- provides opportunities for pupils to comment on their views regarding support for pupils with SEND available in school
- completes referrals to external agencies
- applies for additional funding for pupils with complex additional needs

THE ROLE OF THE GOVERNING BODY

The Governing Body does its best to secure the necessary provision for any pupil identified as having SEND. The governors ensure that all teachers are aware of the importance of providing for these children. They consult the Local Authority and other schools, when appropriate, and report annually to parents on the success of the school's policy for children with SEND.

The Governing Body has decided that children with SEND will be admitted to the school in line with the school's agreed admissions policy.

ALLOCATION OF RESOURCES

The SENDCO is responsible for the operational management of the specified and agreed resourcing for special needs provision within the school, including the provision for children with statements of special educational needs.

The Headteacher informs the Governing Body of how the funding allocated to support special educational needs has been employed.

The Headteacher and the SENDCO work in partnership to ensure that the needs of all SEND children are supported within the school's budget. Resources are allocated based on need at the beginning of each academic year and reviewed termly to check review progress and impact.

IDENTIFICATION

Early identification of SEND is vital. The class teacher informs the SENDCO and parents at the earliest opportunity to alert them to concerns and enlist their active help and participation.

The class teacher and the SENDCO assess, monitor and review the child's progress in line with existing school practices and Stockport Criteria.

The SENDCO works closely with parents and teachers to plan an appropriate programme of intervention and support.

The assessment of children reflects their participation in the whole curriculum of the school. The class teacher and the SENDCO can break down the assessment into smaller steps in order to aid progress and provide detailed and accurate indicators.

At NCJPS we support the children's needs through a tiered approach: monitored (emerging needs), increased support (increasing needs) and Education and Health Care Plan (significant and complex needs).

A child of school age, or young person, has a learning difficulty or disability if he/she has a significantly greater difficulty in learning than the majority of others of the same age, or has a disability which prevents him/her from making use of educational facilities of a kind generally provided for others of the same age in mainstream schools. The categories outlined in the Code of Practise considered SEND are: Cognition and Learning; Sensory and/or Physical needs; Social, Emotional and Mental Health; and Communication and Interaction.

ACCESS TO THE CURRICULUM

All children have an entitlement to a broad and balanced curriculum, which is differentiated to enable them to:

- understand the relevance and purpose of learning activities;
- experience levels of understanding and rates of progress that facilitates feelings of success and achievement.

Teachers use a range of strategies to meet children's special educational needs. Lessons have clear learning objectives; work is differentiated appropriately according to pupil needs, and assessment is used to inform planning the next stage of learning.

Support Plans which employ a small-steps approach, feature significantly in the provision that is made in the school. Breaking down the existing levels of attainment into finely graded steps and targets, helps children experience more measurable success. All children on the special needs register have a Support Plan or Individual Behaviour Plan.

Children are supported in a manner that acknowledges their entitlement to share the same learning experiences that their peers enjoy. Wherever possible children are taught within the classroom situation. However, there are times when, to maximise learning, children work in small groups, or in a one-to-one situation outside the classroom. This support may be given by a SEND teacher, outside agency or trained teaching assistant.

Children with SEND enjoy the same opportunities for extra-curricular activities/clubs as those without SEND.

MONITORING AND EVALUATION

The Headteacher and Senior Leadership Team (including the SENCO) monitors the progress of children within the SEND system in school. The SENCO provides the Headteacher and governors with summaries of the impact of the policy on the practice of the school.

The SENDCO is involved in supporting teachers in planning provision and with writing Support Plans for children. The SENCO and the Headteacher regularly review the work of the school in this area. The named governors with responsibility for special needs are also kept informed.

The Governing Body reviews this policy annually and considers any amendments in light of the annual review findings.

COMPLAINTS PROCEDURE

Any complaints regarding the SEND Policy or the provision made for children with special educational needs should be addressed in the first instance to the class teacher. If parents need further advice, the SENDCO and/or Headteacher will meet by appointment. If, however, parents are still concerned, they may contact the Governors responsible for SEND. Further advice can be gained from the Stockport Parent Partnership Service. The school can provide contact information for this service.

PARTNERSHIP WITHIN AND BEYOND THE SCHOOL

PARTNERSHIP WITH PARENTS

North Cheshire Jewish Primary aims to promote a culture of co-operation with parents, schools, LAs and external agencies through:

- Ensuring all parents are made aware of the school's arrangements for SEND including the opportunities for meetings between parents and the SENCO.
- Involving parents as soon as a concern has been raised. This may be done at a parent consultation or by personal appointment with the class teacher.
- Providing access to the SENCO to discuss the child's needs and approaches to address them, using a Support Plan where appropriate.
- Supporting parents' understanding of external agency advice and support.
- Undertaking Annual Reviews for children with Education and Healthcare Plans.

A named governor takes a special interest in special needs and is always willing to talk to parents.

At all stages of the special needs process, the school keeps parents fully informed and involved. We take account of the wishes, feelings and knowledge of parents at all stages. We encourage parents to make an active contribution to their child's education.

Regular meetings with parents and relevant staff are held to share and review the progress of children with SEND. Parents are informed of any outside intervention, and share the process of decision-making and target-setting. Parents are provided with clear information relating to the education of children with SEND.

STAFF DEVELOPMENT

- SENDCOs, teachers and teaching assistants will attend SEND courses which have a particular bearing on children they are supporting.
- All school staff are given regular professional development opportunities during to develop confidence and skills in working with children with SEND. Governors will be informed of school-based training and are invited to attend. Staff will be involved in developing practices, which promote Whole School approaches to SEND.

- NQTs will access specific training and induction programmes.

WORKING IN PARTNERSHIP WITH OTHER AGENCIES

EXTERNAL SUPPORT SERVICES

The school has arrangements for securing access to external support services for pupils with SEND. This may include liaison with special schools and other specialist provision e.g. Learning Support Service, Behaviour Support Service, Educational Psychologists and Child and Adolescent Mental Health Service. There is regular liaison and exchange of information between the SENCO and these services.

For children with Education and Health Care plans, a multi-agency meeting is held annually to enable parents, teachers, outside agencies and the SENCO to liaise and effectively plan support.

THE VOICE OF THE CHILD

In this school we encourage pupils to participate in their learning by:

- Being involved in target setting and identifying teaching and learning strategies that work for them.
- Incorporating their views in every aspect of their education.
- Encouraging self-advocacy and independence.
- Circle Times/PSHE
- School Council
- Contributions to SEND reviews (in an age appropriate manner)

LINKS WITH OTHER SCHOOLS

- We will ensure that all transfers between schools are planned, monitored and supported to facilitate successful outcomes for children.
- We will consult the LA and governing bodies of other schools, when it is necessary or desirable in the interest of the co-ordinated special educational provision in the area.
- We will collaborate with all other support services and agencies involved with the child and parents and, where appropriate, make joint planning arrangements.

This policy will be reviewed and updated annually. The SENDCO will also report annually to the Governing Body concerning the effectiveness of the policy.