



Inclusion Policy

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ABOUT THIS POLICY

Legislative Compliance

This policy complies with the guidance given in Statutory Instrument: Special Educational Needs (Information) Regulations (Clause 65). It has been written as guidance for staff, parents or carers and children with reference to the following guidance and documents.

- SEN Code of Practice (which takes account of the SEN provisions of the SEN and Disability (SEND) Act 2001) September 2014
- Ofsted Section 5 Inspection Framework April 2014
- Ofsted SEN Review 2010 “A Statement is not enough”
- Equality Act 2010
- Children and Families Act 2014

Inclusion Statement

- We endeavour to achieve maximum inclusion of all children (including vulnerable learners) whilst meeting their individual needs.
- Teachers provide differentiated learning opportunities for all the children within the school and provide materials appropriate to children’s interests and abilities. This ensures that all children have a full access to the school curriculum.
- Special Educational Need might be an explanation for delayed or slower progress but is not an excuse, and we make every effort to narrow the gap in attainment between vulnerable groups of learners and others.
- English as an Additional Language (EAL) is not considered a Special Education Need. Differentiated work and individual learning opportunities are provided for children who are learning EAL as part of our provision for vulnerable learners.
- We focus on individual progress as the main indicator of success.
- We strive to make a clear distinction between “underachievement” – often caused by a poor early experience of learning - and special educational needs.
 - Some pupils in our school may be underachieving but will not necessarily have a special educational need. It is our responsibility to spot this quickly and ensure that appropriate interventions are put in place to help these pupils catch up.
 - Other pupils will genuinely have special educational needs and this may lead to lower attainment (though not necessarily to under-achievement). It is our responsibility to ensure that pupils with special educational needs have the maximum opportunity to attain and make progress in line with their peers. Accurate assessment of need and carefully planned programmes, which address the root causes of any learning difficulty, are essential ingredients of success for these pupils. These will be provided, initially, through additional support funded from the devolved schools budget.

Aims and Objectives of this Policy

The aims of our inclusion policy and practice in this school are:

- To provide curriculum access for all
- To secure high levels of achievement for all
- To meet individual needs through a wide range of provision

- To attain high levels of satisfaction and participation from pupils, parent and carers
- To carefully map provision for all vulnerable learners to ensure that staffing deployment, resource allocation and choice of intervention is leading to good learning outcomes.
- To ensure a high level of staff expertise to meet pupil need, through well targeted continuing professional development.
- To work in cooperative and productive partnership with the Local Authority and other outside agencies, to ensure there is a multi-professional approach to meeting the needs of all vulnerable learners.
- To “promote children’s self-esteem and emotional well-being and help them to form and maintain worthwhile relationships based on respect for themselves and others”. (National Curriculum, 2014).

The head teacher and the governing body have delegated the responsibility for the ongoing implementation of this Inclusion Policy to the Special Educational Needs Coordinator/Inclusion Leader.

The Inclusion Leader is responsible for reporting regularly to the headteacher and the governor with responsibility for SEN on the ongoing effectiveness of this inclusion policy.

The Inclusion Leader has strategic responsibility for the inclusion of children who have EAL and the achievement of vulnerable ethnic minority groups (this role may be also included within the Inclusion Leader role).

The Designated Teacher for ‘Looked After Children’ has strategic responsibility for the inclusion of children who are adopted or in local authority care.

All staff in school have a responsibility for maximising achievement and opportunity of vulnerable learners – specifically, all teachers are teachers of pupils with special educational needs and EAL. Staff are aware of their responsibilities towards all vulnerable learners and a positive and sensitive attitude is shown towards all pupils at all times.

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SPECIAL EDUCATIONAL NEEDS

Special Educational Needs categories

As an inclusive school we do not seek to closely define the special educational needs for which we will make provision. Historically we have had success in providing for a wide range of different needs, when budget, resources and availability of expertise has allowed. This has included pupils with:

- Social, Emotional and Mental Health Difficulties
- Cognition and Learning needs, including Dyslexia
- Autistic Spectrum Disorders
- Speech, Language and Communication needs
- Medical needs
- Physical needs
- Hearing impairment
- Visual Impairment

We assess each pupil's current skills and levels of attainment on entry, building on information from previous settings and key stages where appropriate. At the same time, we consider evidence that a pupil may have a disability under the Equality Act 2010 and, if so, what reasonable adjustments may need to be made for them.

Class teachers, supported by the senior leadership team, make regular assessments of progress for all pupils. These seek to identify pupils making less than expected progress given their age and individual circumstances. This can be characterised by progress which:

- 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

Assessment also includes progress in areas other than attainment – for instance where a pupil needs to make additional progress with wider development or social needs in order to make educational gains.

The first response to such progress will be high quality teaching targeted at their areas of weakness. Where progress continues to be less than expected the class or subject teacher, working with the SENCO, should assess whether the child has SEN. When informally gathering evidence, the pupil and parents' response to such support can help identify their particular needs.

For some children, SEN can be identified at an early age. However, for other children and young people difficulties become evident only as they develop. All school staff will be alert to emerging difficulties and respond early. Parents know their children best and it is important that we listen and understand when parents express concerns about their child's development, as well as the child themselves.

In admitting pupils with special educational needs, we would expect to have informative discussions with both the pupil's family and the local authority to ascertain the suitability of our provision. We understand that it is initially our responsibility to make provision for a pupil with special educational needs through the school's devolved SEN budget. Thereafter we are aware of the process of applying for High Needs Funding if the pupil's and the school's needs make that a necessity.

In agreeing our staged arrangements, the school has considered the following statements and definitions:

“Defining achievement in terms of the number of targets on an individual education plan achieved across a given time rarely ensured rigorous evaluation of provision or pupils’ progress. What made the difference to higher outcomes was effective target-setting within the curriculum or personalised programme as part of a whole-school policy on assessment.”

‘Inclusion: does it matter where pupils are taught?’ (Ofsted, 2006a)

“High quality teaching that is differentiated and personalised will meet the individual needs of the majority of children and young people. Some children and young people need educational provision that is additional to or different from this. This is special educational provision under Section 21 of the Children and Families Act 2014. ”

SEN Code Of Practice (2014 : Para 1.24)

“This is not necessarily “more literacy” or “more maths” but would be interventions which address the underlying learning needs of the pupil in order to improve his or her access to the curriculum.”

“Achievement for All” (National Strategies : 2009)

Across all the education providers visited, the keys to good outcomes were good teaching and learning, close tracking, rigorous monitoring of progress with intervention quickly put in place, and a thorough evaluation of the impact of additional provision.

Ofsted SEN Review 2010

“Ensuring that schools are clear about their provision that is normally available for all children, including targeted help routinely provided for those falling behind and the additional provision they make for those with SEN, should simplify the process of planning the right help at school level” (p68)

SEN Code of Practice 2014

STAGES OF PROVISION

STAGE 1 - Well-differentiated, quality first teaching, including, where appropriate, the use of small group interventions. All vulnerable learners to be included on a whole-school provision map.

- All learners will have access to quality first teaching.
- Some vulnerable learners will have access to carefully differentiated activities or approaches directly related to the school curriculum which are part of our good practice in making teaching and learning accessible to pupils learning at different rates. These will probably be pupils who are underachieving and have been identified by the school as needing to make accelerated progress but will not necessarily be pupils with special educational needs. This is considered to be a differentiation of the usual school curriculum – not a special intervention for pupils with SEN.
- All vulnerable learners will be included on a detailed whole-school provision system which outlines and monitors all additional intervention across the school. The whole school provision system enables the school to:
 - Plan strategically to meet pupils' identified needs and track their provision.
 - Audit how well provision matches need
 - Recognise gaps in provision
 - Highlight repetitive or ineffective use of resources
 - Cost provision effectively
 - Demonstrate accountability for financial efficiency
 - Demonstrate to all staff how support is deployed
 - Inform parents, LA, external agencies and Ofsted about resource deployment
 - Focus attention on whole-school issues of learning and teaching as well as individual needs, providing an important tool for self-evaluation.

Identification and Assessment at Stage 1

Children's needs should be identified and met as early as possible through:

- the analysis of data including entry profiles, Foundation Stage Profile scores, "A Language in Common" assessment, reading ages, other whole-school pupil progress data
- classroom-based assessment and monitoring arrangements. (Cycle of planning, action and review.)
- following up parental concerns
- tracking individual children's progress over time,
- liaison with feeder nurseries on transfer
- information from previous schools
- information from other services
- maintaining a provision system for all vulnerable learners but which clearly identifies pupils receiving additional SEN Support from the school's devolved budget or in receipt of High Needs funding. This provision map is updated termly through review meetings between the teachers and Inclusion leader.
- Undertaking, when necessary, a more in depth individual assessment - this may include a range of commercially available assessments, carefully chosen to deliver appropriate, useful information on a pupil's needs. It may include a bilingual assessment where English is not the first language.
- Involving an external agency where it is suspected that a special educational need is significant.

STAGE 2 - Additional SEN Support

- Pupils will be offered additional SEN support when it is clear that their needs require intervention which is "additional to" or "different from" the well-differentiated curriculum offer for all pupils in the school i.e. they have a special educational need as defined by the SEN Code of Practice 2014.
- Under-achieving pupils and pupils with EAL who do not have SEN will not be placed on the list of pupils being offered additional SEN support (but will be on the school's provision system).
- In keeping with all vulnerable learners, intervention for pupils on the SEN list will be identified and tracked using the whole-school provision system.

- It may be decided that a very small number (but not all) of the pupils on the SEN list will require additional High Needs funding, for which an application needs to be made to the Local Authority, to ensure their underlying special educational need is being addressed. This may particularly be the case where outside agencies have been involved in assessing the pupil or contributing to their provision. Where the school can evidence that more than £6,000 above the Average Weighted Pupil Unit has, or will need to be, spent on a pupil within any one financial year, in order to meet his or her special educational needs, an application will be made to the Local Authority, with particular regard to the success criteria and SEN Descriptors published as part of the Local Offer.
- Where a pupil has a significant, severe and sustained need, it may be necessary to enter a multidisciplinary assessment process with health and social care in order to consider the need for an Education Health and Care Plan.
- Where a pupil is in receipt of High Needs Funding and/or an Education Health and Care Plan, a decision will be made as to whether a short-term Individual Education Plan is required.
- Our approach to Individual Education Plans (Learning Plans), which we recognise are no longer prescribed in the SEN Code of Practice 2014, is as follows:
 - Our Learning Plans are a planning, teaching and reviewing tool which enables us to focus on particular areas of development for pupils with special educational needs. They are seen as working document which can be constantly refined and amended.
 - Our Learning Plans will only record that which is *additional to* or *different from* the differentiated curriculum plan which is in place as part of provision for all children. Targets will address the underlying reasons why a pupil is having difficulty with learning – they will not simply be “more literacy” or “more maths”.
 - Our Learning Plans will be accessible to all those involved in their implementation – pupils should have an understanding and “ownership of the targets”.
 - Our Learning Plans will be based on informed assessment and will include the input of outside agencies,
 - Our Learning Plans have been devised so that they are manageable and easily monitored and therefore will be monitored and evaluated regularly.
 - Our Learning Plans will be time-limited – at (at least) termly review, there will be an agreed “where to next?”
 - Our Learning Plans will have a maximum of four short / medium term SMART targets set for or by the pupil.
 - Our Learning Plans will specify how often the target(s) will be covered
 - Our Learning Plans will state what the learner is going to learn – not what the teacher is going to teach and will be clear about what the pupil should be able to do at the end of the given period.
 - Targets for an Learning Plan will be arrived at through :
 - Discussion between teacher and Inclusion Leader
 - Discussion, wherever possible, with parents/carers and pupil
 - Discussion with another professional
 - Our Learning Plans will be reviewed at least termly by class teachers in consultation with the Inclusion Leader.

STAGE 3 - Education, Health and Care Plan

- Pupils with an Education Health and Care Plan (EHCP) will have access to all arrangements for pupils on the SEN list (above) and, in addition to this, will have an Annual Review of their EHC plan.
- Our school will comply with all local arrangements and procedures when applying for
 - High Needs Block Funding
 - An Education Health and Care Planand will ensure that all pre-requisites for application have been met through ambitious and proactive additional SEN Support using our devolved budget at an earlier stage.

- Our review procedures fully comply with those recommended in Section 6.15 of the Special Educational Needs Code of Practice and with local NCC policy and guidance - particularly with regard to the timescales set out within the process.

PROVISION AND SUPPORT

Curriculum Access and Provision for vulnerable learners

Where children are underachieving and/or identified as having special educational needs, the school provides for these additional needs in a variety of ways and might use a combination of these approaches to address targets identified for individual pupils.

- teachers differentiate work as part of quality first teaching
- small group withdrawal time (limited and carefully monitored to ensure curriculum entitlement is not compromised)
- in class intervention
- specific intervention programme
- individual class support / individual withdrawal
- bilingual support/access to materials in translation
- further differentiation of resources
- specialised support from external services
- access to health services

Monitoring and Evaluation

The monitoring and evaluation of the effectiveness of our provision for vulnerable learners is carried out in the following ways:

- classroom observation by the Inclusion leader and senior leaders.
- ongoing assessment of progress made by intervention groups
- work sampling on a termly basis.
- scrutiny of planning
- informal feedback from all staff
- pupil progress tracking using assessment data (whole-school processes)
- monitoring Learning Plans and targets, evaluating the impact of Learning Plans on pupils' progress.
- attendance records and liaison with Education Entitlement Team.
- regular meetings about pupils' progress between the Inclusion leader and the head teacher
- Inclusion report to governing body

Assessing and Reviewing pupils' progress and the effectiveness of our educational provision for pupils with Special Educational Needs

- Depending upon the stage of support as outlined above, the progress of our pupils will be assessed and reviewed through
 - The school's generic processes for tracking the progress of all pupils
 - Half termly evaluation of the effectiveness of interventions on the provision system (in relation to the progress of each pupil)
 - At least half termly evaluation of whether pupils in receipt of High Needs Funding and/or with Education Health and Care Plans are meeting their individual targets which have been written to address their underlying special educational need.
 - Annual review of Education Health and Care Plans as prescribed in the SEN Code of Practice (September 2014)
- As an inclusive school, we do everything we can to ensure that pupils of all abilities and needs are fully included in the life of the school.

- Where appropriate and legitimate, we endeavour to provide different ways for all learners to access the same learning experience, rather than withdrawing pupils and providing an entirely different activity.
- Our deployment of additional staffing and resources funded from our devolved additional needs budget through the Local Offer, ensure that all curriculum experiences are available to all pupils in the school (eg educational visits, extra-curricular activities), particularly where a voluntary financial contribution from parents is required for the activity to run. This is in compliance with the Equality Act 2010.
- All lesson planning seeks to address the learning needs of all pupils in the class. Teachers receive regular training and support to ensure they are skilled in differentiating the curriculum for vulnerable learners. When subject coordinators monitor planning, work and progress data and when they or senior leaders carry out observations of teaching and learning in classrooms, particular attention is given to whether the ongoing learning offer is inclusive.
- Pupils are encouraged to analyse how they themselves learn and there is an ongoing dialogue about this in our classroom. Pupils are given the opportunity and support to develop self-help strategies to ensure their full access to the curriculum.

Pastoral Support

- As a school, the Head teacher and the Inclusion leader lead the provision for improving emotional and social development in all children, with the emphasis on vulnerable children in the school. This includes taking consideration of children's and parents' views. This support can be short or long term and may involve an Early Help Assessment, where detailed action plans are written to support families and their children. The school has a Family Support Worker to provide support for individuals that require extra intervention in pastoral areas, including behaviour and mental health. External services can be commissioned where required, to ensure improvement in the vulnerability of children.

STAFF ROLES

Roles and Responsibilities

Headteacher

- the head teacher is responsible for monitoring and evaluating the progress of all pupils and for making strategic decisions which will maximise their opportunity to learn
- the head teacher and the governing body will delegate the day to day implementation of this policy to the Special Educational Needs Coordinator (Inclusion Leader)
- the head teacher will be informed of the progress of all vulnerable learners and any issues with regard to the school's provision in this regard through:
 - analysis of the whole-school pupil progress tracking system
 - pupil progress meetings with individual teachers
 - regular meetings with the Inclusion Leader
 - discussions and consultations with pupils and parents

Special Educational Needs Coordinator/Inclusion Leader

In line with the recommendations in the SEN Code of Practice 2014, the SENCO will oversee the day-to-day operation of this policy in the following ways:

- maintenance and analysis of whole-school provision system for vulnerable learners
- identifying on this provision system a list of pupils with special educational needs – those in receipt of additional SEN support from the schools devolved budget, those in receipt of High Needs funding and those with Education Health and Care plans
- co-ordinating provision for children with special educational needs
- liaising with and advising teachers
- managing other classroom staff involved in supporting vulnerable learners
- overseeing the records on all children with Special Educational Needs
- contributing to the in-service training of staff
- implementing a programme of Annual Review for all pupils with Education Health and Care plans.
- carrying out referral procedures to the Local Authority to request High Needs funding and/or an Education Health and Care Plan when it is suspected, on strong evidence arising from previous intervention (additional SEN support from devolved budget), that a pupil may have a special educational need which will require significant support
- overseeing the smooth running of transition arrangements and transfer of information for Year 6 pupils on the vulnerable learners' provision map
- monitoring the school's system for ensuring that Learning Plans, where it is agreed they will be useful for a pupil with special educational needs, have a high profile in the classroom and with pupils (see section below on Learning Plans)
- evaluating regularly the impact and effectiveness of all additional interventions for all vulnerable learners (including those with special educational needs)
- meeting at least termly with each teacher to review and revise learning objectives for all vulnerable learners in their class who are being tracked on the school's provision system (school managers will guarantee planning and preparation time for teachers and Inclusion Leader to ensure that these meetings occur).
- liaising and consulting sensitively with parents and families of pupils on the SEN list, keeping them informed of progress and listening to their views of progress, in conjunction with class teachers
- attending area Inclusion Leader network meetings and training as appropriate.

- liaising with the school's Inclusion Governor, keeping him/her informed of current issues regarding provision for vulnerable learners, including those with Special Educational Needs (nationally, locally and within school)
- liaising closely with a range of outside agencies to support vulnerable learners.

Ethnic Minority Achievement

- maintenance of a list of pupils with ethnic minority heritage and EAL, ensuring they are identified on the school's provision map
- advising on and co-ordinating provision for children with additional needs relating to ethnic or linguistic background
- working collaboratively with teachers to plan for and teach children with EAL as part of mainstream teaching practice
- managing other classroom staff involved in supporting ethnic/linguistic minorities
- overseeing the initial and on-going assessment records on all children with EAL
- liaising with parents of ethnic and linguistic minority children, in conjunction with class teachers, keeping them informed of progress and listening to their views of progress.
- meeting at least termly with each teacher to review the linguistic progress of children learning EAL and establish next steps in learning
- contributing to the in-service training of staff
- supporting the design and delivery of a culturally inclusive curriculum which reflects the ethnic, cultural and linguistic diversity of the school
- advising on and sourcing bilingual and culturally reflective materials to support children's learning across the curriculum
- advising on and sourcing interpreters and materials in translation to ensure that bilingual parents have equality of access to essential information.
- liaising with the school's Inclusion Governor, keeping him/her informed of current issues regarding provision for ethnic/linguistic minorities.
- liaising closely with a range of outside agencies to ethnic & linguistic minority learners

Class teacher

- liaising with the Inclusion Leader:
 - which pupils in the class are vulnerable learners
 - which pupils are underachieving and need to have their additional interventions monitored on the vulnerable learners' provision system – but do not have special educational needs. o which pupils (also on the provision system) require additional support because of a special educational need and need to go on the school's SEN list. Some of these pupils may require advice/support from an outside professional and, therefore, a Learning Plan to address a special educational need (this would include pupils with EHC Plans)
- securing good provision and good outcomes for all groups of vulnerable learners by:
 - providing differentiated teaching and learning opportunities, including differentiated work for EAL pupils which reduces linguistic difficulty whilst maintaining cognitive challenge
 - ensuring there is adequate opportunity for pupils with special educational needs to working on agreed targets which are genuinely "additional to" or "different from" those normally provided as part of the differentiated curriculum offer and strategies". (SEN Code of Practice 2014)
 - ensuring effective deployment of resources – including teaching assistant support - to maximise outcomes for all groups of vulnerable learners.

Training and Expertise of Staff

- In accordance with Section 6 of the SEN Code of Practice 2014, if appointed after September 2008, our Special Educational Needs Coordinator will be a qualified teacher working at our school and will have statutory accreditation. If a new Inclusion Leader is appointed, he/she will gain statutory accreditation within three years of appointment.
- The Inclusion Leader and Designated Teacher for LAC will regularly attend local network meetings
- All staff will be trained in how to best support all vulnerable learners in order to maximise their achievement as part of the school development plan and annual schedule of continuous professional development. Specific training needs will be identified and met through the appraisal/performance management process.
- Specialist advice and expertise in relation to assessment and support of individual pupils will be commissioned by the school from the open market, accessing, as far as possible, services available as part of the Local Offer. Service level agreements and quality assurance criteria will be put in place at the point of commissioning and the head teacher and senior leaders will be responsible for reporting to governors on the efficacy of these arrangements (including value for money). Our school will, wherever possible, join with other schools in joint commissioning and quality assurance arrangements.
- All staffing appointments to support vulnerable learners will be carried out in accordance with equal opportunities legislation, employment law, safer recruiting policy and best practice. All vacancies will be competitively advertised to ensure our school employs staff of the highest calibre.

Specialist Equipment and Facilities

- When specialist equipment or a high level of staffing support is required to support a pupil with special educational needs, our school will fund this as additional SEN support up to £6,000 per annum for each individual pupil. Thereafter, if the cost is higher and the provision of these facilities is likely to be prolonged, the school will apply to the Local Authority for High Needs Block Funding.
- Specialist equipment and expertise in relation to its use will be purchased/hired/ commissioned by the school from the open market, subject to the usual guarantees, service level agreements and quality assurance criteria. Our school will, wherever possible, join with other schools in joint purchasing/hire of equipment.
- All staffing appointments to support vulnerable learners will be carried out in accordance with equal opportunities legislation, employment law, safer recruiting policy and best practice. All vacancies will be competitively advertised and recruited.

PARTNERSHIPS

Partnership with Parents/Carers

The school aims to work in partnership with parents and carers. We do so by:

- working effectively with all other agencies supporting children and their parents
- giving parents and carers opportunities to play an active and valued role in their child's education
- making parents and carers feel welcome
- encouraging parents and carers to inform school of any difficulties they perceive their child may be having or other needs the child may have which need addressing
- instilling confidence that the school will listen and act appropriately
- focusing on the child's strengths as well as areas of additional need
- allowing parents and carers opportunities to discuss ways in which they and the school can help their child
- attending review meetings at least three times a year to discuss progress towards targets set, and set new ones
- keeping parents and carers informed and giving support during assessment and any related decision-making process
- making parents and carers aware of the Parent Partnership services available as part of the Local Offer
- providing all information in an accessible way, including, where necessary, translated information for parents with English as an Additional Language

Involvement of Pupils

We recognise that all pupils have the right to be involved in making decisions and exercising choice. In most lessons, all pupils are involved in monitoring and reviewing their progress through the use of layered targets. We endeavour to fully involve all pupils by encouraging them to:

- state their views about their education and learning
- identify their own needs and learn about learning
- share in individual target setting across the curriculum so that they know what their targets are and why they have them,
- self-review their progress and set new targets
- (for some pupils with special educational needs) monitor their success at achieving the targets on their Learning Plan.

Involvement of External Services to support children and their families

- Our school will identify sources of support as they develop and evolve as the Local Offer is defined through Education, Health and Social Care (including the establishment of joint commissioning arrangements).
- We seek to respond quickly to emerging need and work closely with other agencies including :
 - Family Help Team
 - CAMHS
 - Mental Health Support Team
 - Educational Psychology Service
 - Inclusion Intervention Support Team (IIST)
 - Information and Advice Support Service (IASS)
 - WNC Sensory Impairment team
 - Local NHS services – e.g. Speech and Language, Physiotherapy
 - Children and Family Support Service
 - Multi-agency Safeguarding Hub (MASH)

- In accordance with the SEN Code of practice 2014 we invite all relevant agencies to annual review meetings, transition meetings and specific provision planning meetings involving pupils with special educational needs in our school. For pupils with Education, Health and Care Plans, we comply fully with requests from independent facilitators to provide information and cooperate fully with other agencies.
- Often at the request of families, we liaise with voluntary bodies in order to be as familiar as possible with best practice when the special educational needs of a pupil are very specific (eg autism, visual impairment etc).
- We have a clear point of contact within the school who will coordinate the support from outside agencies for each pupil. Most often this will be the Inclusion Leader, but in some cases it can be another member of staff who we have identified as a key worker.

Supporting children in moving between phases of education

- We will ensure smooth transition into our school from the previous phase of education and from our school into the next phase of education.
- We will ensure early and timely planning for transfer to a pupil's next phase of education and, in the year before the year in which they leave, will offer transition meetings to all pupils in receipt of Additional SEN support. Pupils with Education Health and Care Plans will have next phase destinations and transition arrangements discussed at plan review meetings convened by the plan coordinator.
- A transition plan will be produced, with specific responsibilities identified.
- Support for the pupil in coming to terms with moving on will be carefully planned and will include familiarisation visits and counselling. Pupils will be included in all "class transition days" to the next phase but may also be offered additional transition visits.
- Pupils and parents will be encouraged to consider all options for the next phase of education and the school will involve outside agencies, as appropriate, to ensure information is comprehensive but easily accessible and understandable. Accompanied visits to other providers may be arranged as appropriate.
- Parents will be given, where possible, a named contact at the next phase provider with whom the Inclusion Leader will liaise

Admission Arrangements

No child will be refused admission to school on the basis of his or her special educational need, ethnicity or language need. In line with the Equalities Act 2010, we will not discriminate against disabled children and we will take all reasonable steps to provide effective educational provision (*see Admission policy for the school, as agreed with the Local Authority*)

Complaints

If there are any complaints relating to the provision for children with SEN or EAL these will be dealt with in the first instance by the class teacher and Inclusion Leader, then, if unresolved, by head teacher. The governor with specific responsibility for SEN/inclusion may be involved if necessary. In the case of an unresolved complaint the issue should be taken through the general Governors complaints procedure (see separate Complaints Policy)

Information and Advice Support Service (IASS) is a confidential service for parents with children with special educational needs. They provide advice and support in a range of areas linked to a child's education and support.

Information and Advice Support Service for SEND in Northamptonshire (IASS)

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Appendix 1

Inclusion of pupils with English as an additional language

Definition

A pupil who has English as an Additional Language is a pupil whose first language is not English, and who uses that language on a regular basis inside or outside of school. EAL pupils are not considered to have a Special Educational Need, but are seen to benefit from the ability to live and learn in more than one language.

Ethos

We strive to recognise, welcome and celebrate linguistic and cultural diversity and have a high expectation of all pupils regardless of ethnic, cultural or linguistic heritage. We aim to include all pupils and parents in our school by respecting that diversity and reflecting it in our school environment, curriculum, learning resources and partnership with parents. We welcome the enrichment that linguistic and cultural diversity brings to our school community.

The routine and prolonged withdrawal from mainstream of children with EAL is not recognised as good practice and does not promote rapid language acquisition. Language acquisition is best promoted through a range of good, inclusive strategies, interventions and differentiation of the usual school curriculum.

Admissions

No pupil will be refused admission on the basis of ethnicity or EAL. Pupils who have EAL will be admitted under the same criteria as any other pupil applying for a school place. Where parents do not speak English, we endeavour to provide oral and written information and help in first language which will facilitate the admission process and provide key information about our school. On admission, the pupil will have access to a welcome and induction programme which recognises their linguistic needs and provides a safe and secure start to their learning.

Provision

Pupils with EAL will have full access to mainstream provision regardless of their proficiency in English. Where necessary, additional support will be given to improve acquisition of English: this will be provided through Wave 1 and, where appropriate, Wave 2 teaching.

The following provision can be expected:

- initial assessment of English acquisition
- a further mother tongue assessment may be applicable where SEN is known or where further information needs to be gathered in the pupil's first language
- pupils will be placed in sets and groups which match their academic ability. Initially this may be in a middle-ability set until the pupil's academic strengths can be more fully assessed. Pupils will not be placed with SEN pupils unless SEN is indicated.
- Work in class will be differentiated for the pupils to lessen linguistic difficulties without significantly reducing academic challenge. Differentiated homework will be provided to enable the pupil to improve their knowledge and use of English and to participate in homework activities on an equal basis with their peers.
- Additional support for pupils may be given through: first language resources & translation facilities; teaching support on a 1:1 or small group basis, peer group support; pre-teaching of key concepts and vocabulary.

- Where necessary, catch-up work will be provided for pupils arriving from overseas who have experienced a different curriculum or who may have gaps in their schooling. Where pupils are ahead of their peer group in terms of learning, differentiation will be made in order to access learning at an appropriate level.
- Progress of EAL pupils will be monitored against both A Language in Common (where below English NC level 2) and against National Curriculum indicators. Where accelerated progress in English is needed for reasons of EAL, targets will be set and provision made on agreement between the class teacher and the Inclusion Leader. Provision will be recorded and monitored for effectiveness using the school's provision map, in line with standard practice for all vulnerable learners in the school. The pupil will not be placed on the SEN register for reasons of EAL.

Parental support

We recognise that some parents who are learning English may find it difficult to communicate with the school and approach the school regarding any concerns they may have on their child's progress. We endeavour to fully include EAL parents in the life of the school by, wherever possible, providing interpreting facilities at parents' evenings and other school meetings and by providing key school information in translated format.

Appendix 2

Inclusion of pupils who are Looked After in Local Authority Care

Our school recognises that:

- Children who are looked after in local authority care have the same rights as all children but may have additional needs due to attachment issues, early neglect, separation and loss, trauma and many placement moves. These barriers to learning can affect their educational outcomes and their personal, social and emotional development.
- There are commonly understood reasons (Social Exclusion Unit Report :2003] why children who are looked after in local authority care often fail to make expected progress at school:
 - Placement instability
 - Unsatisfactory educational experiences of many carers
 - Too much time out of school
 - Insufficient help if they fall behind
 - Unmet needs - emotional, mental, physical
- There is a statutory requirement for all schools to have a designated teacher (DT) for looked after children. (The designated teacher for looked after children is the Inclusion Leader). The responsibilities of our designated teacher include:
 - monitoring the progress of children who are 'looked after' to ensure that they have the best life chances possible and access to the full range of opportunities in school
 - ensuring that children who are 'looked after' have access to the appropriate network of support
 - checking that the statutory Personal Education Plan (PEP) has been arranged and that it is regularly reviewed, at least every six months • ensuring that information concerning the education of children who are 'looked after' is transferred between agencies and individuals
 - preparing a report on the child's educational progress to contribute towards the statutory review. (These are usually held at six monthly intervals or more frequently if there is a concern)
 - discussing feedback from the statutory review (chaired by the Independent Reviewing Officer) with social workers and, where necessary, the carers and a member of the Virtual School team.
 - liaising with the child's social worker to ensure that there is effective communication at all times
 - celebrating the child's successes and acknowledge the progress they are making.

Our school will work closely with the county's The Virtual School (VS) for Children which promotes the educational needs of Looked After Children and monitors admissions, PEP completion, attendance & exclusions.

Appendix 3

Inclusion of pupils who are disadvantaged

Definition

A disadvantaged pupil is defined as a child who faces barriers to learning due to socio-economic circumstances. This may include pupils eligible for Pupil Premium funding, those who have been eligible within the last six years, children looked after by the local authority, previously looked-after children, or pupils experiencing wider disadvantage such as financial hardship, housing insecurity, limited access to enrichment opportunities or family vulnerability.

Disadvantaged pupils are not defined by their ability and do not automatically have Special Educational Needs. With appropriate support, high expectations and inclusive practice, disadvantaged pupils can achieve outcomes in line with their peers.

Ethos

We are committed to ensuring equity of opportunity and high expectations for all pupils, regardless of background or circumstance. We recognise that disadvantage can impact learning, wellbeing and access to wider opportunities, and we aim to remove barriers so that all pupils can thrive.

Our school community values inclusion, aspiration and achievement. We strive to create an environment where disadvantaged pupils feel safe, supported and confident, and where their strengths, talents and aspirations are recognised and nurtured. We believe that disadvantage should never limit ambition or attainment.

Support for disadvantaged pupils is rooted in high-quality teaching, strong relationships and a culture of care, combined with targeted intervention where appropriate.

Admissions

No pupil will be refused admission on the basis of socio-economic background or disadvantage. Disadvantaged pupils are admitted in line with the school's published admissions criteria.

We recognise that some families may require additional support during the admissions process. Where needed, we will provide clear guidance, practical assistance and signposting to ensure families are able to access information about the school and make informed choices. On admission, pupils will have access to a welcome and induction programme that supports their academic, social and emotional needs, ensuring a positive and secure start to school life.

Provision

Disadvantaged pupils have full access to the mainstream curriculum and all aspects of school life. High-quality Wave 1 teaching is the primary means of support, with additional Wave 2 or Wave 3 interventions implemented where evidence indicates a need.

The following provision can be expected:

- Identification of disadvantaged pupils through school data, professional knowledge and partnership with families
- Careful monitoring of attainment, progress, attendance, behaviour and wellbeing

- Placement in teaching groups that reflect academic ability and potential, not background or disadvantage
- High-quality, inclusive classroom teaching with appropriate differentiation to reduce barriers while maintaining high academic challenge
- Access to targeted academic interventions, including small-group or 1:1 support where appropriate
- Support with literacy, numeracy and language development where gaps in learning are identified
- Provision of resources, equipment or materials where financial barriers may impact learning
- Support for wider development, including social skills, confidence, wellbeing and emotional regulation
- Access to enrichment activities, trips and extra-curricular opportunities, with financial support provided where necessary
- Catch-up support for pupils who have experienced disruption to learning, including those affected by mobility, family circumstances or previous school absence

Progress of disadvantaged pupils is monitored regularly using school assessment systems and pupil progress meetings. Where progress is not in line with expectations, targeted support and clear outcomes will be agreed and reviewed. All provision is recorded and evaluated for impact through the school's provision map and Pupil Premium strategy.

Parental Support

We recognise that families of disadvantaged pupils may face additional challenges that can affect engagement with school. We are committed to building positive, respectful and supportive partnerships with parents and carers.

Wherever possible, we provide:

- Clear, accessible communication about learning, expectations and support
- Flexible opportunities for parents to engage with the school
- Practical support and signposting to external agencies where appropriate
- Guidance to help families support learning at home

Appendix 4

Inclusion of pupils who have a disability

Pupils who have disabilities may be part of the Inclusion policy of the school as they may receive additional support through the stages of provision outlined above. The provision and support will be tailored to their needs and monitored in the same way.

Pupils with a disability are safeguarded to ensure they are not treated less favourably than other pupils by:

- an Equality policy and action plan to ensure that all pupils are of equal value
- the school complies with the Equality Act 2010
- positive representation in images, stories and curriculum materials
- a broad and balanced curriculum ensuring all pupils have access
- an anti-bullying curriculum to ensure respect
- risk assessments carried out for activities that may be carried out, including educational visits offsite

Accessibility for pupil with a disability is covered by an accessibility plan to ensure that the school has plans to make reasonable adjustments to the school if necessary. The school currently has the following accessibility methods in place:

- Disabled parking facilities for two cars
- Ramps to front and side entrances
- Ramp to mobile classrooms
- Toilet with disabled access and modifications
- Lift access to the hall from the front entrance
- Wide doors for access around the building

Inclusion in the school curriculum is ensured by:

- Planning for additional needs
- Differentiation of the curriculum
- Use of external services and advice to meet the pupil's needs
- Modifications and alterations to school resources
- Specialist resources to ensure inclusion in activities and tasks

Appendix 5

Inclusion of pupils who are known (or previously known) to Social Care

Definition

A pupil involved with social care is a child or young person who is known to children's social care services. This may include children who are subject to a Child in Need (CIN) plan, a Child Protection (CP) plan, those receiving early help support, children looked after by the local authority (CLA), or previously looked-after children (PLAC).

Pupils involved with social care are not defined by their circumstances and do not automatically have Special Educational Needs. However, involvement with social care may indicate that a pupil is experiencing additional challenges that can affect wellbeing, engagement and learning. With appropriate support, stability and high expectations, these pupils can make strong progress and achieve positive outcomes.

Ethos

We are committed to safeguarding, inclusion and the promotion of positive outcomes for all pupils, particularly those who are vulnerable due to involvement with social care. We recognise that children involved with social care may have experienced adversity, instability or trauma, and we aim to provide a consistent, nurturing and supportive school environment.

Our school places the child at the centre of all decision-making. We strive to build strong, trusting relationships and to promote emotional wellbeing alongside academic achievement. We maintain high expectations for all pupils, ensuring that social care involvement is never a barrier to success.

We work closely with families and external agencies to ensure that pupils feel safe, supported and able to engage fully in school life.

Admissions

No pupil will be refused admission on the basis of involvement with social care. Pupils are admitted in line with the school's published admissions criteria, with priority given where required by statutory guidance (e.g. children looked after and previously looked-after children).

We recognise that transitions into school can be particularly challenging for pupils involved with social care. On admission, we provide a carefully planned welcome and induction programme which takes account of the pupil's emotional, social and safeguarding needs. Where appropriate, information will be shared sensitively with relevant staff to ensure continuity of care and support.

Provision

Pupils involved with social care have full access to the mainstream curriculum and all aspects of school life. High-quality Wave 1 teaching and strong pastoral support form the foundation of provision, with additional targeted support implemented where needed.

The following provision can be expected:

- Identification of pupils involved with social care through safeguarding records and liaison with external agencies
- A named key adult or trusted member of staff to provide consistent pastoral support where appropriate
- Close monitoring of attendance, behaviour, wellbeing and academic progress
- High-quality, inclusive classroom teaching with appropriate differentiation to reduce barriers to learning
- Access to targeted academic interventions (Wave 2 or Wave 3) where gaps in learning are identified
- Emotional and wellbeing support, including access to nurture provision, mentoring or counselling where available
- Flexible approaches to behaviour management that are trauma-informed and focused on regulation and repair
- Support during transitions, including between classes, key stages or schools
- Access to enrichment activities and wider opportunities, with barriers removed wherever possible
- Close partnership working with social workers, virtual schools (for CLA), and other professionals to ensure coordinated support

Progress and wellbeing of pupils involved with social care are reviewed regularly through pupil progress meetings and safeguarding processes. Provision is recorded, monitored and evaluated for impact using the school's provision map. Pupils will not be placed on the SEN register unless additional learning needs are identified that meet SEN criteria.

Parental and Carer Support

We recognise that pupils involved with social care may be supported by a range of adults, including parents, carers, foster carers, kinship carers or residential staff. We are committed to working in partnership with all those who have responsibility for the child.

Wherever possible, we provide:

- Clear, sensitive and timely communication with parents and carers
- Support to help families and carers understand school expectations and routines
- Flexible arrangements for meetings and reviews
- Effective information sharing with social workers and other professionals, in line with safeguarding and data protection requirements

Our aim is to ensure that all pupils involved with social care feel safe, valued and supported, and that the adults around them are confident in working with the school to promote positive outcomes.

Appendix 6

Inclusion of pupils who are more able

In this section the term 'more able' refers to pupils who have a broad range of achievement at a very high level. Those children who are very able have very well-developed learning skills across the curriculum.

The term 'talented' refers to pupils who excel in one or more specific fields, such as sport or music, but who may or may not perform at a high level across all areas of learning.

- Physical talents, sports, games, skilled, dexterity
- Visual/performing abilities, dance, movement, drama
- Mechanical ingenuity construction, object assembly (and disassembly), systematic, working solutions
- Outstanding leadership/organiser, outstanding team leader, sound judgements
- Social awareness, sensitivity, empathy,
- Creativity, artistic, musical, linguistic

We respect the right of all children in our school, irrespective of differences in ability, to access a number of areas of learning, and to develop the knowledge, skills, understanding and attitudes that are necessary for their self-fulfilment and eventual development into active and responsible adults.

The aims of our school make specific reference to teaching and learning that takes into account the needs of all children. They also identify the commitment to giving all our children every opportunity to achieve the highest of standards. This policy guides the way in which this happens for our very able and/or talented children.

As set out in DFE guidelines, we monitor the children closely in the FS and at KS1, but we only identify very able and talented children once they are in KS2.

Identification

Before identifying any child 'very able' in a particular area, we aim to ensure that all children have had the opportunity to learn and succeed in this area. This makes the identification process fair.

Identification of pupils as 'very able' and/or 'talented' is a judgement which applies to the current class/school context and refers to the current level of performance only. This means that 'at this time this child is showing ability in a particular area'. Identification at our school does not necessarily mean that in another school or context the child would be identified.

A very able or talented pupil should be identified using a variety of methods. The specific procedure will vary according to subject area but will include elements of the following:

- teacher nomination
- assessment results
- specialist teacher identification
- parental nomination
- peer nomination
- self nomination

Each year the school will draw up a register of very able and/or talented children, this list will be kept under review. Provision for very able and/or talented children will be tracked on the school's provision map

Provision

Teachers have high expectations and plan carefully to meet the learning needs of all our children. We give all children the opportunity to show what they know, understand and can do, and we achieve this in a variety of ways when planning for children's learning by providing:

- a common activity that allows the children to respond at their own level;
- an enrichment activity that broadens a child's learning in a particular skill or knowledge area;
- an individual activity within a common theme that reflects a greater depth of understanding and higher level of attainment;
- the opportunity for children to progress through their work at their own rate of learning.

Children meet a variety of organisational strategies as they move through the school. Each strategy supports all children in their learning, but gives due regard to the more able and very able learner.

We offer a range of extra-curricular activities for our children. These activities offer very able and/or talented children the opportunity to further extend their learning in a range of activities. Opportunities include a range of sporting and musical clubs. School based provision includes opportunities for performance, artists in residence, specialist teaching and partnership with primary and secondary schools.

Appendix 7

Links with other services

Effective working links will also be maintained with:

Information and Advice Support Service for SEND in Northamptonshire :

Contact Number : 0300 126 1039

<http://www.iasnorthants.co.uk>

Virtual School for Looked After Children

<https://www.northamptonshire.gov.uk/councilservices/children-families-education/schools-andeducation/virtual-school/Pages/default.aspx>

Please see the Local Offer website link below for contact details in relation to SEND services

West Northamptonshire Council – Local Offer

<http://www.westnorthants.gov.uk/local-offer>