

SEND AND INCLUSION POLICY

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Please note: 'School' refers to Chatsworth Schools & nurseries; 'parents' refers to parents, guardians and carers. This is a whole school policy, which also applies to the Early Years Foundation Stage.

Context

The school is an inclusive, independent co-educational school for pupils aged 1 to 5. It is part of the schools group: Chatsworth Schools. This SEND and Inclusion Policy applies to all sections of the school. This policy has been developed with the staff.

Legal Framework

This SEND and Inclusion Policy is provided in accordance with the Children and Families Act 2014, as well as other legislation and associated regulations relating to children and young people with special educational needs (SEN) and disabilities (D).

These include:

1. SEND Code of Practice: 0-25 years (January 2015)
2. The Special Educational Needs and Disability Regulations 2014
3. The Special Educational Needs (Personal Budgets) Regulations 2014 in relation to Education Health and Care Plans
4. The Children Act 1989
5. The Equality Act 2010
6. The Special Needs and Disability Act 2001
7. The Education Act 1996
8. School policies, including the Child Protection Safeguarding Policy

Definition of SEND

The school considers a pupil as having SEND if they have a learning difficulty or disability, which calls for special educational provision to be made for them because they have:

- *Significantly greater difficulty in learning than the majority of pupils of the same age*
- *Have a disability, which prevents or hinders them from making use of facilities provided for their peer group in mainstream schools.*

Needs can be categorised in four key areas, as detailed in the SEND Code of Practice 2015:

1. Communication and Interaction, autistic spectrum and language disorders
2. Cognition and Learning dyslexia, dyspraxia and dyscalculia, moderate learning difficulties and global development delay
3. Social, Emotional and Mental Health Difficulties, ADHD, ADD, attachment disorders, emotional difficulties, mental health difficulties
4. Sensory and/or Physical Needs, hearing or vision impaired

Some pupils may have difficulties in more than one of these four categories. The school aims to:

- *Work closely with parents and pupils to take into account their views and aspirations and the families' experience of, and hopes for their child.*
- *Invite families to be involved at every stage of planning and reviewing of the SEND provision for their child.*
- *Ensure that pupils benefit from 'Quality First Teaching': teachers assess, plan and teach all pupils to allow them to progress their learning. The school implements focused interventions to target particular skills.*
- *Have high expectations for all pupils.*

A pupil doesn't have SEND because they are taught in a language different to the one used at home. The school may recommend that pupil's whose first language is not English, receive support in English as an Additional Language (refer to the EAL policy).

Objectives

These objectives are in conjunction with the aims and objectives of the school:

- Help every pupil realise their potential and optimise self-esteem by providing access to a broad, inclusive and relevant curriculum, which is differentiated to meet individual needs.
- Early identification, assessment and provision for any pupil who may have SEND
- Maintain pupil records detailing individual needs, interventions and progress
- All staff involved in identifying SEND pupils and to take responsibility for recognising and addressing their individual needs
- Make information available to staff for their planning regarding pupils' SEND
- Regular INSET for staff in specific aspects of meeting the needs of pupils with SEND
- The whole school community to demonstrate a positive attitude towards SEND
- An effective parent partnership with a joint learning approach at home and at school
- Links with relevant schools, organisations and outside agencies
- Links with the schools' governing body, in the development and monitoring of SEND

Roles and Responsibilities

The Head has responsibility for:

- Day-to-day management of all aspects of the school's work, including provision for pupils with SEND
- Informing the Governing body of SEND issues

The Head will work closely with the SEND Team and the Governor with responsibility for SEND.

The SENDCO has responsibility for:

- Overseeing the day-to-day operation of the SEND policy
- Coordinating provision for SEND pupils and reporting on progress
- Advising on the graduated approach to providing SEND support – **Assess, Plan, Do, Review**
- Monitoring relevant SEND continuous professional development for staff
- Managing the SEND team
- Overseeing and updating the records of pupils with SEND
- Liaising with parents/carers of pupils with SEND
- Contributing to INSET
- A point of contact for external agencies
- Liaising with other schools, educational psychologists, health and social care professionals
- Liaising with next providers of education, inform pupils and their parents/carers about options and plan for a smooth transition
- Monitoring the impact of interventions provided for pupils with SEND
 - Lead on the development of quality SEND provision as part of the school improvement plan
 - Working with the Head and school governors to ensure that the nursery meets its responsibilities under the Equality Act (2010) with regard to reasonable adjustments

The Teaching and Non-Teaching Staff have responsibility for:

- Reading the school's SEND and Inclusion Policy and understanding the procedures for identifying, assessing and provision for pupils with SEND
- Provide quality teaching, differentiated for individual pupils. This includes reviewing and developing, understanding of strategies to identify and support SEND pupils and their knowledge of the most common SEND needs
- Responsible for setting learning challenges and facilitating SEND provision in response to pupils' diverse needs to remove potential barriers to learning. This includes working with the SEND team to analyse pupils' needs using teacher assessment and experience of the pupil as well as previous progress and attainment

Admissions

The school is committed to inclusivity, irrespective of SEND. However, pupils should have the ability and aptitude to access an academic curriculum. Pupils with SEND may be accepted provided that the appropriate resources and facilities are available. As part of the admissions process:

- Parents must disclose any known or suspected circumstances relating to their child's health, development, allergies, disabilities, and learning difficulties. The school reserves the right to

subsequently withdraw any place offered based on incomplete disclosure of known or suspected SEND circumstances

Identification

The SENDCO, and Head will liaise with a child's previous nursery where appropriate, where pupils have been identified as having SEND. During their first term at the nursery, pupils with or without SEND are monitored by the staff and the SEND Team to identify need and any provision. Early identification of a pupil's SEND is essential if progress is to be maintained or enhanced. Parents should inform staff to any concerns as pupils may mask difficulties.

The nursery will continue to monitor pupil progress in order to identify any future SEND needs.

Staff report any concerns regarding pupils ability to learn to the Head and SENDCO. The SENDCO may assess a pupil to help identification. Results will be shared with parents and a plan for support discussed.

Concerns expressed by parents will be acknowledged by the Head or SENDCO. The SENDCO will decide whether an assessment is required. Results from any assessment will be shared with parents, and staff.

Parents should always liaise with the nursery prior to having an external assessment completed; not doing so could invalidate the assessment. External assessments are taken as advisory and will be used to inform the nurseries's knowledge of a pupil.

Pupils identified as SEND will be added to the SEND Register. The SEND Register will be shared with all staff (teaching and non-teaching) via the Intranet and ISAMS, so that the pupil's need is recognised and addressed. The SEND Register will include the following information:

Name, stage on the SEND Code of Practice (Sept 2014), need type, description and any provision.

Level 1: MONITORING – teacher raises concerns by completing a record of concern. Pupils tracked using the school's assessment tracking system. Pupils are assessed regularly using teacher marking, observations and questioning as well as more formal assessments such as curriculum tests and standardised test. The pupil is not recorded on the SEND Register.

Level 2: IN CLASS SUPPORT - pupils have an identified need, which may have been diagnosed by a specialist. Pupils are supported by their teacher through differentiation. Staff may ask for additional advice from the SENDCO. The Pupil will be recorded on the school SEND Register as a record of concern.

Level 3: SEND INTERVENTION - pupils have an identified need, which may have been diagnosed by a specialist that requires different or additional provision to that available to their peer group. They are supported by their teacher and SENDCO. They will be on the SEND Register and will have a pupil passport.

Level 4: Education, Health and Care Plan (EHCP)/ Statement (ST) – the pupil has an EHCP or a statement of need and will be included on the SEND Register.

Provision

All staff teach SEND pupils and plan the curriculum to meet the learning needs of all pupils with quality first teaching. Staff and support staff follow procedures for identification and assessment of SEND, following a graduated response as outlined in the Code of Practice with the four part cycle of Assess, Plan, Do, Review.

If a pupil continues to make less than expected progress the SENDCO may re/assess the pupil. The assessment results will indicate further support, which may include:

- Further differentiation
- Access to specific resources
- Pastoral support
- Additional specialist teaching
- Referral to external specialists where appropriate

The nursery can identify SEND, provide learning support but does not diagnose. Parents are advised to contact their GP if they think their child may have an underlying medical condition or SEND. They may also contact external agencies for an assessment with support from the school.

Social, Emotional & Mental Health Needs

Emotional literacy is part of child development and wellbeing. Poor behaviour is not classified as SEND. If a pupil shows consistent unwanted behaviours, the SENDCO will assess the pupil's needs, taking into account family circumstances and the pupil's history. If the pupil's behaviour is in response to trauma or to home-based experiences e.g. bereavement, parental separation the school may refer to outside agencies to support the family and pupil. If parents and nursery are concerned that the pupil may have mental health needs, parents should ask their GP for a referral to CAMHS (Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services), or the nursery may make a referral through an Educational Psychologist.

Access to Extra Curricular Activities

The nursery ensures that every pupil can access all activities and trips. The nursery will make reasonable adaptations. The main concern is for the safety and wellbeing of all pupils. If it is considered unsafe for a pupil to take part in a specific activity this will be discussed with the pupil's parents. Pupils are not excluded from a trip because of SEND or medical needs.

Transition Arrangements

All transitions are supported by their current and new key workers through a transition form and also a meeting between both parties.

Partnership with Parents

The knowledge and first-hand experience parents have regarding their children contribute to their child's education. Parents are partners in the educational process. The SENDCO and staff are available to discuss parental concerns. Specialist assessments should be shared with the SEND team.

Initial enquiries about a pupil's progress should be addressed to:

Kayleigh Morrissey – SENDCO

Soni Valechha – Head

Mr Nick Rees – Director of Enhanced Learning, SEND Governor of Chatsworth Schools

Professional Development

The nursery keeps up to date through continuous professional development with recent educational developments. Staff are provided opportunities to develop their knowledge of SEND.

Complaints

The school provides quality first teaching and pastoral care to all pupils. Complaints should be directed to the Head who will treat the complaint in accordance with the nurseries's Complaints Procedure, available on the website.

Evaluation of SEND and Inclusion Policy

The SENDCo reviews information on the implementation of this policy, and any updates. The nursery identified the following success criteria to evaluate the effectiveness of the policy:

- The SENDCo has termly meetings with the Head sharing pupil tracking data, SEND attainment and progress, and the SEND Action Plan
- The SEND Register updated termly
- The SEND Register is up to date and accessible.
- Concerns are followed up
- Parents are informed about concerns
- Pupils have their progress reviewed regularly
- Pupils are aware of their targets and what helps them to learn
- Staff are aware of the pupil's strengths and areas of difficulty
- Staff are aware of procedures
- Pupil's progress is evidenced over time
- Resources are used effectively
- SEND issues are included in staff development planning
- Staff are aware of their responsibilities

Review

This policy will be reviewed annually and updated where necessary. The review will consider the effectiveness of identification and the efficiency of record keeping, resources and provision for pupils with SEND.

Interpretation

In this policy, the term "senior manager" means a School Head and their designated deputies.

This policy applies to all employees in all Schools (save for Schools with their own procedure which shall prevail) and other work environments within Chatsworth Schools

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This policy does not form part of any employee's contract of employment and may be amended at any time.

