

# Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) Policy

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#### 1. Aims and objectives

- Our special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) policy aims to:
- Make sure our school fully implements national legislation and guidance regarding pupils with SEND
- Set out how our school will:
  - Support and make provision for pupils with special educational needs and disabilities
  - Provide pupils with SEND access to all aspects of school life so they can engage in the activities of the school alongside pupils who do not have SEND
  - Help pupils with SEND fulfil their aspirations and achieve their best
  - Help pupils with SEND become confident individuals living fulfilling lives
  - Communicate with pupils with SEND and their parents or carers and involve them in discussions and decisions about support and provision for the pupil
- Explain the roles and responsibilities of everyone involved in providing for pupils with SEND
- Communicate with, and involve, pupils with SEND and their parents or carers in discussions and decisions about support and provision for the pupil
- Make sure the SEND policy is understood and implemented consistently by all staff.

#### 2. Vision and values

All pupils come to our school to be happy and successful. This has inspired the design of our curriculum so that all children can achieve.

Pupils explore the skills and acquire knowledge to allow them to reason critically, making informed decisions and choices through a curriculum that promotes creativity and curiosity.

Our values and curriculum develop high expectations for every child and empower them to be successful in their own lives and to contribute positively to the local, national and international community.

It is our belief that children come to Sandgate Primary School to be happy and successful – this is at the heart of all that we do.

Our six core values: courtesy, determination, respect, equality, compassion and friendship help us to understand how we can all make a positive contribution to the school and wider community. After all...

Everyone deserves the taste of success.

Pupils with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) have the greatest need for excellent teaching and are entitled to provision that supports achievement at, and enjoyment of, school. Supporting pupils with special educational needs and disabilities at Sandgate Primary School is part of a proactive approach to supporting all pupils. It means understanding the specific barriers pupils face to learning and what they need in order to thrive so that they can be included in all that Sandgate Primary School has to offer. High-quality teaching, differentiated and/or adapted for individual pupils, is the first step in responding to pupils who have or may have special educational needs. Many steps are taken to support children with SEND through their learning journey. Quality

first teaching is vital; however, for some children, there are occasions when further additional support may be needed to help them achieve their targets.

At Sandgate Primary School, all staff are considered responsible for supporting the needs of pupils with SEND. Our staff are committed to regular, high-quality training to ensure that they have the knowledge and skills to better meet a wide range of pupil needs.

# 3. Legislation and guidance

This is based on the statutory <u>Special Educational Needs and Disability (SEND) Code of Practice</u> and the following legislation:

- Part 3 of the Children and Families Act 2014, which sets out schools' responsibilities for pupils with SEND
- The Special Educational Needs and Disability Regulations 2014, which set out local authorities'
  and schools' responsibilities for education, health and care (EHC) plans, SEN coordinators
  (SENDCOs) and the special educational needs (SEN) information report
- The <u>Equality Act 2010</u> (section 20), which sets out the school's duties to make reasonable adjustments for pupils with disabilities
- The <u>Public Sector Equality Duty</u> (section 149 of the Equality Act 2010), which set out the school's responsibilities to eliminate discrimination, harassment and victimisation; and advance equality of opportunity and foster good relations between people who share a protected characteristic (which includes having a disability) and those who don't share it
- The Governance Handbook, which sets out governors responsibilities for pupils with SEND
- The <u>School Admissions Code</u>, which sets out the school's obligation to admit all pupils whose education, health and care (EHC) plan names the school, and its duty not to disadvantage unfairly children with a disability or with special educational needs

# 4. Inclusion and equal opportunities

At Sandgate Primary School, we ensure that all pupils feel welcome and valued, feeling a strong sense of belonging to the school and community. We strive to create an inclusive teaching environment that offers all pupils, no matter their needs and abilities, a broad, balanced and challenging curriculum. We are committed to offering all pupils the chance to thrive and fulfil their goals.

We have the highest aspirations for every child and are committed to ensuring that all pupils, including those with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND), succeed both academically and personally. We achieve this by making reasonable adjustments and adaptions to teaching, the curriculum and the school environment to make sure that pupils with SEND are included in all aspects of school life.

Our aim is for every child to:

- · Achieve their aspirational academic goals
- · Feel safe, happy, and healthy

· Develop the skills and confidence to lead successful lives and make a positive contribution to society.

Inclusion is at the heart of our classrooms. We ensure that barriers to learning are quickly identified and tackled swiftly and expertly so that all children can access our knowledge-rich curriculum. Adaptations are reviewed and adjusted accordingly, so that they make a sustained difference to pupils' learning and/or well-being. Where additional support is required, carefully planned interventions and personalised strategies help to ensure that children remain an active part of their class and school community.

We value partnership with parents and carers and believe that working together is the best way to support children's learning, wellbeing and development.

#### 5. Definitions

# **5.1 Special educational needs**

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

They have a **learning difficulty or disability** if they have:

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

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

#### 5.2 Disability

Pupils are considered to have a **disability** if they have a physical or mental impairment that has a substantial and long-term adverse effect on their ability to do normal daily activities.

The school will make reasonable adjustments for pupils with disabilities, so that they are not at a substantial disadvantage compared with their peers.

#### 5.3 The 4 areas of need

The needs of pupils with SEND are grouped into 4 broad areas. Pupils can have needs that cut across more than 1 area, and their needs may change over time.

Interventions will be selected that are appropriate for the pupil's particular area(s) of need, at the relevant time.

AREA OF NEED				
Communication and interaction	Pupils with needs in this area have difficulty communicating with others. They may have difficulty understanding what is being said to them, have trouble expressing themselves, or do not understand or use the social rules of communication.  Pupils who are on the autism spectrum often have needs that fall in this category.			
Cognition and learning	Pupils with learning difficulties usually learn at a slower pace than their peers.			
	<ul><li>A wide range of needs are grouped in this area, including:</li><li>Specific learning difficulties, which impact 1 or more specific aspects of</li></ul>			
	learning, such as: dyslexia, dyscalculia and dyspraxia			
	Moderate learning difficulties     Severe learning difficulties			
	<ul> <li>Severe learning difficulties</li> <li>Profound and multiple learning difficulties, which is where pupils are likely to have severe and complex learning difficulties as well as a physical disability or sensory impairment</li> </ul>			
Social, emotional and mental health	These needs may reflect a wide range of underlying difficulties or disorders. Pupils may have:			
	<ul> <li>Mental health difficulties such as anxiety, depression or an eating disorder</li> </ul>			
	<ul> <li>Attention deficit disorder, attention deficit hyperactive disorder or attachment disorder</li> </ul>			
	Suffered adverse childhood experiences			
	These needs can manifest in many ways, for example as challenging, disruptive or disturbing behaviour, or by the pupil becoming withdrawn or isolated.			
Sensory and/or physical	Pupils with these needs have a disability that hinders them from accessing the educational facilities generally provided.			
	Pupils may have:			
	<ul> <li>A sensory impairment such as vision impairment, hearing impairment or multi-sensory impairment</li> </ul>			
	A physical impairment			
	These pupils may need ongoing additional support and equipment to access all the opportunities available to their peers.			

#### 6. Roles and responsibilities

#### **6.1 The SENDCO**

The SENDCO at our school is Rachel Shoob (rachel.shoob@sandgate.kent.sch.uk)

They will:

- Inform any parents that their child may have SEN and then liaise with them about the pupil's needs and any provision made
- Work with the headteacher and SEN governor to determine the strategic development of the SEND policy and provision in the school
- Lead the SEN team of staff to ensure that all roles and responsibilities are being met.
- Have day-to-day responsibility for the operation of this SEND policy and the co-ordination of specific provision made to support individual pupils with SEN, including those who have EHC plans
- Provide professional guidance to colleagues and liaise and work with staff, parents, and other agencies to make sure that pupils with SEN receive appropriate support and high-quality teaching
- Advise on the graduated approach to providing SEN support and differentiated teaching methods appropriate for individual pupils
- Advise on the deployment of the school's delegated budget and other resources to meet pupils' needs effectively
- Be a point of contact for external agencies, especially the local authority (LA) and its support services, and work with external agencies to ensure that appropriate provision is provided
- Liaise with potential next providers of education to make sure that the pupil and their parents are informed about options and that a smooth transition is planned
- When a pupil moves to a different school or institution: Make sure that all relevant information about a pupil's SEN and the provision for them are sent to the appropriate authority, school or institution in a timely manner
- Work with the headteacher and school governors to make sure the school meets its responsibilities under the Equality Act 2010 with regard to reasonable adjustments and access arrangements
- Make sure the school keeps its records of all pupils with SEND up to date and accurate
- With the headteacher, monitor to identify any staff who have specific training needs regarding SEN, and incorporate this into the school's plan for continuous professional development
- With the headteacher, regularly review and evaluate the breadth and impact of the SEND support the school offers or can access, and co-operate with the LA in reviewing the provision that is available locally and in developing the local offer
- Prepare and review information for inclusion in the school's SEN information report and any updates to this policy
- With the headteacher and teaching staff, identify any patterns in the school's identification of SEN, both within the school and in comparison with national data, and use these to reflect on and reinforce the quality of teaching

## 6.2 The governing board

The governing board is responsible for making sure the following duties are carried out, though the duties can be delegated to a committee or an individual:

- Co-operate with the LA in reviewing the provision that is available locally and developing the local offer
- Do all it can to make sure that every pupil with SEND gets the support they need
- Make sure that pupils with SEND engage in the activities of the school alongside pupils who don't have SEND
- Inform parents when the school is making special educational provision for their child
- Make sure that the school has arrangements in place to support any pupils with medical conditions
- Provide access to a broad and balanced curriculum
- Have a clear approach to identifying and responding to SEND
- Provide an annual report for parents on their child's progress
- Record accurately and keep up to date the provision made for pupils with SEND
- Publish information on the school website about how the school is implementing its SEND policy, in a SEN information report
- Publish information about the arrangements for the admission of disabled children, the steps taken to prevent disabled children being treated less favourably than others, the facilities provided to assist access of disabled children, and the school's accessibility plans
- Make sure that there is a qualified teacher designated as SENDCO for the school and that the key responsibilities of the role are set out, and monitor the effectiveness of how these are carried out
- Determine their approach to using their resources to support the progress of pupils with SEND

#### **6.3 The SEND link governor**

The SEND link governor is Sarah Uden (sarah.uden@sandgate.kent.sch.uk)

The SEND governor will:

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

#### 6.4 The headteacher

The headteacher will:

- Work with the SENDCO and SEND link governor to determine the strategic development of the SEND policy and provision within the school.
- Work with the SENDCO and school governors to make sure the school meets its responsibilities under the Equality Act 2010 with regard to reasonable adjustments and access arrangements.

- Have overall responsibility for, and awareness of, the provision for pupils with SEND, and their progress.
- Have responsibility for monitoring the school's notional SEND budget and any additional funding allocated by the LA to support individual pupils.
- Make sure that the SENDCO has enough time to carry out their duties.
- Have an overview of the needs of the current cohort of pupils on the SEND register.
- Advise the LA when a pupil needs an EHC needs assessment, or when an EHC plan needs an early review.
- With the SENDCO, monitor to identify any staff who have specific training needs regarding SEN, and incorporate this into the school's plan for continuous professional development.
- With the SENDCO, regularly review and evaluate the breadth and impact of the SEND support the school offers or can access, and co-operate with the LA in reviewing the provision that is available locally and in developing the local offer.
- With the SENDCO and teaching staff, identify any patterns in the school's identification of SEN, both within the school and in comparison with national data, and use these to reflect on and reinforce the quality of teaching.

#### 6.5 Class teachers

Each class teacher is responsible for:

- Planning and providing high-quality teaching that is differentiated and/or adapted to meet pupil needs through a graduated approach
- The progress and development of every pupil in their class
- Working closely with any teaching assistants or specialist staff to plan and assess the impact of support and interventions, and consider how they can be linked to classroom teaching
- Ensuring Pupil Learning Plans and Personalised Support Plans (EHC Plans) are evaluated and actions set termly. These will be shared with parents.
- Working with the SENDCO to review each pupil's progress and development, and decide on any changes to provision
- Ensuring they follow this SEND policy and the SEN information report
- Communicating with parents regularly to:
  - Set clear outcomes and review progress towards them
  - o Discuss the activities and support that will help achieve the set outcomes
  - o Identify the responsibilities of the parent, the pupil and the school
  - Listen to the parents' concerns and agree their aspirations for the pupil

#### **6.6 Parents or carers**

Parents or carers should inform the school if they have any concerns about their child's progress or development.

Parents or carers of a pupil on the SEND register will always be given the opportunity to provide information and express their views about the pupil's SEND and the support provided. They will be invited to participate in discussions and decisions about this support. They will be:

- Invited to meetings with the SENDCO and class teacher to review the provision that is in place for their child
- Asked to provide information about the impact of SEN support outside school and any changes in the pupil's needs
- Given the opportunity to share their concerns and, with school staff, agree their aspirations for the pupil
- Given reports twice a year on their child's progress as well as receiving their child's Pupil
  Learning Plan which will set out their child's SMART targets and the provision their child
  receives.

The school will take into account the views of the parent or carer in any decisions made about the pupil.

#### 6.7 The pupil

Pupils will always be given the opportunity to provide information and express their views about their SEND and the support provided. They will be invited to participate in discussions and decisions about this support. This might involve the pupil:

- Explaining what their strengths and difficulties are
- Contributing to setting targets or outcomes
- Attending review meetings
- Giving feedback on the effectiveness of interventions

The pupil's views will be taken into account in making decisions that affect them, whenever possible.

#### 7. SEN information report

The school publishes a SEN information report on its website, which sets out how this policy is implemented in the school.

The information report will be updated annually and as soon as possible after any changes to the information it contains.

#### 8. Our approach to SEND support

# 8.1 Identifying pupils with SEND and assessing their needs

Early identification of pupils with SEND is essential to ensure that relevant intervention and support can happen immediately.

We will assess each pupil's current skills and levels of attainment when they start at the school. This will build on information from previous settings and Key Stages, where appropriate. We will also consider any evidence that the pupil may have a disability and if so, what reasonable adjustments the school may need to make.

Class teachers will regularly assess the progress of all pupils and identify any whose progress:

- Is significantly slower than that of their peers starting from the same baseline
- Fails to match or better their previous rate of progress

- Fails to close the attainment gap between them and their peers
- Widens the attainment gap

This may include progress in areas other than attainment, for example, wider development, sensory processing or social needs.

When teachers identify an area where a pupil is making slow progress, they will target the pupil's area of weakness with adapted, high-quality teaching. This child may have a Pupil Learning Plan which identifies the very small steps they need to achieve and how they will do this.

If progress does not improve, the teacher will raise the issue with the SENDCO to have an initial discussion about whether this lack of progress may be due to a special educational need. Where necessary they will, in consultation with the pupil's parents or carers, consider consulting an external specialist. This is also discussed at the weekly SEND meetings led by the SENDCO in which the Headteacher, Deputy Heads and FLO are present.

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

Potential short-term causes of impact on behaviour or performance will be considered, such as well-being or attendance. Staff will also take particular care in identifying and assessing SEND for pupils whose first language is not English.

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

If a pupil is joining the school, and:

- Their previous setting has already identified that they have SEND
- They are known to external agencies
- They have an education, health and care plan (EHCP)

...then the school will work in a multi-agency way to make sure we get relevant information before the pupil starts at school, so support can be put in place as early as possible.

#### 8.2 Consulting and involving pupils and parents

The school will put the pupil and their parents at the heart of all decisions made about special educational provision.

When we are aiming to identify whether a pupil needs special education provision, we will have an early discussion with the pupil and their parents. These conversations will make sure that:

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

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

We will formally notify parents if it is decided that a pupil will receive special educational provision. If the child has a Pupil Learning Plan, then this will be shared with parents. Children with EHCPs will meet three times a year with the SENDCO to review the child's Personalised Support Plan, review the EHC Plan and carry out the Annual Review.

#### 8.3 The graduated approach to SEN support

Once a pupil has been identified as having SEN, we will take action to remove any barriers to learning, and put effective special educational provision in place. This support will be delivered through successive rounds of a 4-part cycle known as the graduated approach.

# 1. Assess – within a Pupil Learning Plan - this is the Identification and Analysis Stage

The pupil's class teacher and the SENDCO will carry out a clear analysis of the pupil's needs. The views of the pupil and their parents will be taken into account. The school may also seek advice from external support services.

The assessment will be reviewed regularly to help make sure that the support in place is matched to the pupil's need. For many pupils, the most reliable way to identify needs is to observe them in class and the way they respond to an intervention.

#### 2. Plan – within a Pupil Learning Plan - this is the Prioritisation Stage

In consultation with the parents and the pupil, the teacher and the SENDCO will decide which adjustments, adaptations, interventions and support will be put into place, the expected outcomes, and a clear date for review. All targets will be SMART - Specific, Measurable, Achievable, Realistic, Time bound and are used for children to ensure that they are meeting their long-term outcomes. This part of the planning process is about making sure that targets or outcomes are very specific. Working out small 'next steps' for individual children is a skilful process and takes a great deal of practice. Targets are expressed using clear language describing exactly what a child will be able to do or say to be successful. For example, targets that are unclear include, 'know numbers to 10', but SMART targets would include, 'By the end of Term 2, Child A will point to the numeral when named with 80% accuracy'.

All staff who work with the pupil will be made aware of the pupil's needs, the outcomes sought, the support provided and any teaching strategies or approaches that are needed. Parents will be fully aware of the planned support and interventions, and may be asked to reinforce or contribute to progress at home.

#### 3. Do – within a Pupil Learning Plan - this is the Action Stage

The pupil's class or subject teacher retains overall responsibility for their progress.

Where the plan involves group or 1-to-1 teaching away from the main class or subject teacher, they still retain responsibility for the pupil. They will work closely with any teaching assistants or specialist staff involved, to plan and assess the impact of support and interventions and how they can be linked to classroom teaching.

The SENDCO will support the teacher in further assessing the pupil's particular strengths and weaknesses, in problem solving and advising on how to implement support effectively.

#### 4. Review – within a Pupil Learning Plan this is the Evaluation Stage

The effectiveness of the support and interventions and their impact on the pupil's progress will be reviewed in line with the agreed date.

We will evaluate the impact and quality of the support and interventions. This evaluation will be based on:

- The views of the parents and pupils
- The level of progress the pupil has made towards their outcomes
- The views of teaching staff who work with the pupil

The teacher and the SENDCO will revise the outcomes and support in light of the pupil's progress and development, and in consultation with the pupil and their parents.

# If a child does not have a Pupil Learning Plan, then their provision will be identified on the Weekly Plans. Below is an example of a Pupil Learning Plan:

ASSESS	PLAN	DO	REVIEW
Identification:	Prioritisation:	Action:	Evaluation:
		What specific action will be taken to	
In what areas is the child not in line with age expectations?	- from the identified components,	scaffold the child to success in the	What specific evidence is there of
Analysis:	which will be prioritised over the	priority areas over the 6 week	success?
	term?	period, before, during, after and	
Within each area, what are the specific components that prevent the child		beyond lessons? What frequency?	What adjustments moving forwards?
being in line with age expectations?			

## 8.4 Levels of support

## **School-based SEND provision**

Pupils receiving SEND provision will be placed on the school's SEND register. These pupils have needs that can be met by the school through the graduated approach. Where the pupil's needs cannot be adequately met with in-house expertise, staff will consider involving an external specialist as soon as possible.

The provision for these pupils is funded through the school's notional SEND budget.

On the census these pupils will be marked with the code K.

# Education, health and care (EHC) plan

Pupils who need more support than is available through the school's school-based SEN provision may be entitled to an EHC plan. The plan is a legal document that describes the needs of the pupil, the provision that will be put in place, and the outcomes sought.

The provision for these pupils will be funded from the school's notional SEND budget, and potentially from the LA (tiered funding allocated to the child's EHC Plan).

On the census these pupils will be marked with the code E.

# 8.5 Evaluating the effectiveness of SEND provision

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

- Tracking pupils' progress, for example through termly assessment. For Pupil Learning Plans, termly evaluation ensures that identification of gaps can be addressed more readily.
- Carrying out the review stage of the graduated approach in every cycle of SEND support
- Using pupil questionnaires
- Monitoring by the SENDCO
- Holding annual reviews for pupils with EHC plans and bi-termly reviews of Personalised Support Plans
- Getting feedback from the pupil and their parents

# 9. Expertise and training of staff

Training will regularly be provided to teaching and support staff. The headteacher and the SENDCO will continuously monitor to identify any staff who have specific training needs and will incorporate this into the school's plan for continuous professional development.

# 10. Links with external professional agencies

The school recognises that it won't be able to meet all the needs of every pupil. Whenever necessary the school will work with external support services such as:

- Speech and language therapists
- Specialist teachers or support services
- Educational psychologists
- Occupational therapists, speech and language therapists or physiotherapists
- General practitioners or paediatricians
- School nurses
- Child and adolescent mental health services (CAMHS)
- Education welfare officers
- Social services
- The Community of Schools Total Health Excellence W2

#### 11. Admission and accessibility arrangements

# 11.1 Admission arrangements

Most children with special educational needs and disabilities can attend mainstream schools, whether or not they have an education, health and care (EHC) plan.

If a child has an EHC plan, then their school placement will be arranged via the SEN Team at Kent County Council. Children with an EHC Plan that name Sandgate Primary School will be admitted before any other places are allocated.

Liaising with former schools and settings is part of the transition plan for the child. A robust transition plan helps the child with SEND to move from one setting to another.

## 11.2 Accessibility arrangements

Schools are required under the Equality Act 2010 to have an accessibility plan. The purpose of the plan is to:

- > Increase the extent to which pupils with disabilities can participate in the curriculum
- > Improve the physical environment of the school to enable pupils with disabilities to take better advantage of education, benefits, facilities and services provided
- > Improve the availability of accessible information to pupils with disabilities

Our school aims to treat all its pupils fairly and with respect. This involves providing access and opportunities for all pupils without discrimination of any kind.

## Accessibility Plan

# 12. Complaints about SEND provision

# Sandgate Primary School's Complaints Procedure

Complaints about SEND provision in our school should be made to the class teacher, the SENDCO (or a member of the SEND team), the Family Liaison Officer, one of the Deputy Headteachers or the Headteacher in the first instance. They will then be referred to the school's complaints policy.

If you are not satisfied with the school's response, you can escalate the complaint. In some circumstances, this right also applies to the pupil themselves.

To see a full explanation of suitable avenues for complaint, see pages 246 and 247 of the <u>SEND</u> Code of Practice.

If you feel that our school discriminated against your child because of their SEND, you have the right to make a discrimination claim to the first-tier SEND tribunal. To find out how to make such a claim, you should visit:

https://www.gov.uk/complain-about-school/disability-discrimination

You can make a claim about alleged discrimination regarding:

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

Before going to a SEND tribunal, you can go through processes called disagreement resolution or mediation, where you try to resolve your disagreement before it reaches the tribunal.

Kent County Council Mediation Service is Global Mediation:

https://www.globalmediation.co.uk/service/special-educational-needs-disability/

To see a full explanation of suitable avenues for complaint, see pages 246 and 247 of the <u>SEN Code</u> of Practice.

To find out about disagreement resolution and mediation services in our local area, <a href="https://www.iask.org.uk/">https://www.iask.org.uk/</a>

# 13. Monitoring and evaluation arrangements

#### 13.1 Evaluating the effectiveness of the policy

We are constantly looking for ways to improve our SEND policy. We will do this by evaluating whether or not we are meeting our objectives set out in section 1.

We will evaluate how effective our SEND provision is with regards to:

- All staff's awareness of pupils with SEND at the start of the autumn term
- How early pupils are identified as having SEND
- Pupils' progress and attainment once they have been identified as having SEND
- Whether pupils with SEND feel safe, valued and included in the school community
- Comments and feedback from pupils and their parents

# 13.2 Monitoring the policy

This policy will be reviewed by Rachel Shoob, SENDCO **every year**. It will also be updated when any new legislation, requirements or changes in procedure occur during the year.

It will be approved by the full governing board.

# 14. Links with other policies and documents

This policy links to the following documents:

- SEN information report
- The local offer
- Accessibility plan
- Behaviour policy
- Equality information and objectives
- Supporting pupils with medical conditions policy
- Attendance policy
- Safeguarding / child protection policy
- Complaints policy