

Mid-Dale Excellence in Education







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Policy for Special Educational Needs Disabilities BAWB Federation May 2019

Rationale:

The school's SEND Policy is based on the new SEND Code of Practice 0 – 25 years which gives statutory guidance; relating to The Children and Families Act 2014, The Equalities Act 2010 and The SEN & Disability Regulations 2014.

All children and young people are entitled to an education that enables them to make progress so that they achieve their best, become confident individuals living fulfilling lives, and make a successful transition into adulthood, whether into employment, further or higher education or training.

The school will use its best endeavours to make sure that a child with SEN gets the support they need. The school will make reasonable adjustments for disabled children, to prevent them being put at a substantial disadvantage.

A child has a SEN if they have a Learning difficulty which calls for SEN provision to be made for them.

A child has a Learning difficulty if they: have a significantly greater difficulty in learning than the majority of children of the same age; or have a disability which prevents or hinders them from making use of educational facilities of a kind generally provided for children of the same age in a mainstream school. Special educational provision means: for children of two or over, educational provision which is additional to, or different from, the provision made generally for children of their age in a mainstream school. For children under two years, educational provision of any kind.

A child has and disability if he/she has a physical or mental impairment which has a long term and substantial adverse effect, on their ability to carry out normal day to day activities.

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Philosophy	Principles / Aims	Procedures / Guidelines	Performance / Monitoring
he school believes that:	The school intends that:	The staff will achieve this by:	This will be monitored using these indicators:
All children are equally valued and respected and school has	All staff will ensure a child is included, by promoting the child's presence, participation	All staff will provide good quality first teaching and deliver lessons that are	Overview of school provision map
high expectations for all.	and achievement and removing barriers to learning.	carefully differentiated. Appropriate support and adaptations	Child's work
 All children are entitled to a broad and balanced 	All children are included in the educational and social life of the school; supported	will be available to all children. Staff will be aware of a child's	Pupil voice
curriculum, which is personalised and focused on	alongside their peers and encouraged to join extra-curricular activities.	preferred learning style: visual, auditory or kinesthetic.	Review meeting
outcomes.	Inclusion strategies extend beyond SEND and include all Vulnerable groups e.g. medical	Praise to celebrate achievement not just attainment.	Observations
 All children will be encouraged to give their views on what learning is like for them. All teachers, are teachers of 	conditions, LAC, EAL. Positive attitudes towards learning and personal autonomy will be encouraged. Opportunity for children to make choices, be involved in their education and have their voice heard. A child's views, wishes and feelings will be listened to and respected. They will be encouraged to participate in decisions affecting their provision and support. TA's are part of the whole school approach to SEND; working in partnership with the CT &	Involve parents. Ensure a child's self-esteem is preserved and enhanced. Only withdrawing a child for a specific intervention. Staff trained to ensure that all children, regardless of their communication difficulties, can make their views known. Regular communication between staff. Role of the Class teacher:	Accessibility Plan SEND file / intervention map
children with SEN and share the responsibility.	SENCo, to deliver pupil progress and narrow gaps in performance. Less than expected progress, is progress that	All staff to contribute to the school's provision map. If a child is not making progress,	Individual provision map
 Teaching and learning will be adapted to suit the needs of 	is: significantly slower than that of their peers	despite differentiated learning opportunities then the CT will:	Evaluation of interventions
learners and recognise different routes to	starting from the same baseline. Fails to match or better the child's previous rate of	Gather information about the child's starting point, the barriers to learning	Parent and child views
achievement.Staff will be given appropriate	progress. Fails to close the attainment gap between the child and their peers. Widens	and the area of need. Evidence from the TA, other members of staff and	Differentiated planning
training to allow them to	the attainment gap	talk to the child.	Assemblies to celebrate success

meet a wide range of needs.	The CT will:	Meet with parents.	
	Focus on outcomes for the child: Be clear	Plan a time limited intervention or	List of Training for CT's and TA's
	about the outcome wanted from any SEN	different strategy.	
	support.	Review with parents.	TA timetables
	Be responsible for meeting SEN and	Discuss with SENCO/HT and consider	
	accountable for the progress and	putting the child on the SEND file.	
	development of the child: Use the SENCO	Inform parents that their child needs	
	strategically to support the quality of	SEN support.	
	teaching, evaluate the quality of support and	Record the provision on an Individual	
	contribute to school improvement.	Provision Map (IPM) or for children in	
	Have high aspirations for every pupils: Set	the EYFS an Individual Learning	
	clear progress targets for pupils and be clear	Provision Plan (ILPP).	
	about how the full range of resources are	The SEN provision will be reviewed	
	going to help reach them.	with the parents every term and for	
	Involve parents and pupils in planning and	some children more frequently.	
	reviewing progress: Seek their views and	SENCO /HT will offer advice on	
	provide regular updates on progress.	differentiation, strategies and	
	Training will be offered as CPD; as a result of	appropriate interventions.	
	performance management or an area		
	reflected in the SDP.		
	Tormly toucher assessments that are	Some children need 'additional or	Discussions with shild and parents
Early and accurate	Termly teacher assessments that are		Discussions with child and parents
identification is essential	accurate, consistent and moderated across the school and cluster.	different' support from their peers; this is recognized as SEN Support. It is	Review level of participation by
There will be a flexible	Tracking that identifies under achieving and	crucial that the primary SEN is	vulnerable groups.
continuum of provision for	under attaining children.	identified, under four broad areas of	vullerable groups.
pupils with SEND.	The primary SEN of the child identified.	need: Communication & Interaction ;	Target use of Outside agencies
SEND and high needs funding	A graduated response that centres round the	Cognition & Learning; Social,	larget use of Outside agencies
will be used efficiently to	child and engages with parents, should be	Emotional & Mental Health; Sensory	Reports from outside agencies
ensure good progress of	used: Assess – Plan – Do – Review.	& or Physical.	Reports from outside agencies
pupils with additional needs.	Additional interventions will be implemented	School has a range of interventions to	Data on attendance
	as necessary and be monitored and	support the needs of most children.	Bata on attendance
	evaluated.	An intervention would be recorded on	Inclusion passport
	Additional help may be sought from outside	an IPM or ILPP.	merasion passport
	agencies.	Some children may have an Inclusion	EHCP
	Transition arrangements will be personalised	Passport which is a summary of the	
	to support additional need.	type of support given; a child's	SEN budget – Element 2, notional SEI
	Good access arrangements are made so that	strengths and needs; strategies that	funding and Element 3 'top up'
	all pupils can demonstrate their full potential	help or do not help. The Inclusion	funding for a child with a Statement
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	in tests.	passport will follow a child as they	EHCP.

is a strategic one working with the senior leadership to review and refresh the SEN policy and then with the classroom/subject teacher to review its practice to ensure every child with SEN gets the personalised support that they need. The role involves:

- overseeing day-to-day operation of school's SEN policy;
- coordinating provision for children with SEN;
- liaising with designated teacher where a Looked after Child has SEN;
- advising on graduated approach to SEN Support;
- advising on use of delegated budget/ other resources;
- liaising with parents of children with SEN;
- links with other education settings and outside agencies;
- liaising with potential next providers of education;
- working with head and governors on Equality Act;
 and
- ensuring that SEN records are up to date.

Role of the Headteacher:

Should take overall responsibility for the provision and progress of learners with SEND and implement the SEND policy in line with the new Code of Practice 0-25 for use from September 2014

 Ensure that the SENCO is able to influence strategic decisions about SEN. transition.

Sometimes it is helpful for school to request additional specialist advice and support from an outside agency. The following professionals are available through SPA (a single point of access) The Inclusive Education Service:

Educational Psychologist (EP), Enhanced Mainstream School (EMS) for Communication & Interaction (C&I), EMS for Social & Emotional and Mental Health, Speech & Language therapist (SALT), Occupational Therapist (OT), Physiotherapist, Special Support Autism (SSA), Sensory, Physical & Medical team, YES (Your Education Support & Training – for specific learning difficulties/cognition and learning, provided via Richmond School), Educational Social Worker (ESW), The Prevention Service (a team of family outreach workers). Parents will always be consulted and involved in the provision which will provide the best outcomes for their child.

The LA has gathered together a 'Local Offer' which gives parents access to information on education, health, care, local groups and charities that support children & families that have a child with SEND.

For a very small number of children who have severe or complex needs a request for an Education, Health & Care Plan (EHCP) may be made if parents and professionals supporting a child feel that the child's needs cannot be met with the resources normally available to a mainstream

SENCO reporting to Governors

HT report to Governors

LA analysis of information about the school

Feedback from OFSTED

	 Ensure the wider school community understands the implications of the reforms for whole school improvement (from governors to classroom teachers and teaching assistants). Put in place arrangements to ensure parents are regularly engaged in discussions about the progress of their child (at least three times a year). Ensure a process is in place for involving parents and young people in reviewing provision and planning for those currently on the SEN register and any newly identified pupils with SEN. 	school. An EHC assessment does not always lead to an EHCP. This is a Statutory process with timescales to adhere to. For children who have an EHCP there has to be an Annual Review.	
Parents will be fully involved as partners in their child's education.	Regular communication between Parents, CT and TA. Parents are given information about their child's provision and progress. Parents given clear routes to access support. Encourage active interest of the parents; their views and participation in decision making for their child.	'Open door' policy where parents can speak to staff before or after school. Can ask to see SENCO or HT. Review meetings every term with CT. Parent can arrange to meet a professional who is working with their child. Parents are asked to contribute to Annual Reviews for a child with a Statement or EHCP. Access to the PSA, when there are issues relating to home and family circumstances. Access to SENDIASS (SEND information, advice and support service – formerly Parent Partnership) who can give impartial advice. Access to NYPACT – NY parent support group.	Parent feedback at reviews Governors talking to parents Parents questionnaires
Governors should have access to information which will	Role of the Governors: • Must have regard to the SEND Code	Appoint an SEN governor who is a champion for pupils with SEND.	Access to information to enable monitoring, while protecting

allow them to monitor and	of Practice 0 – 25 and should	Monitor data with respect to	individual children with SEND privacy
evaluate the effectiveness of	oversee the implementation of the	vulnerable groups.	
the SEND policy.	reform and provide strategic support	Challenge the leadership through	School provision map
	to the head teacher	informed questioning.	
	 Must publish information on the 	Undertake a Learning walk in school	SEND file / intervention map
	school's website about the	with a focus on SEND.	
	implementation of the SEND Policy.	Meeting with parents and pupils.	
	Also publish the schools' SEN	Ensure there is appropriate continuing	
	Information report and link it to NY	professional development taking place	
	'Local Offer'.	for all staff with regard to SEND.	
	 Must ensure that there is a qualified 	Holding the school to account for its	
	teacher designated as SENCO.	use of SEN funding.	
	 Must ensure that arrangements are 		
	in place in school to support pupils		
	at school with medical conditions.		
	Must also 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 their		
	accessibility plans.		

Abbreviations:

SEND Special Educational Needs and/or Disabilities

SENCo Special Educational Needs Coordinator

HT Head Teacher
CT Class Teacher
TA Teaching Assistant
PSA Parent Support Advisor
LAC Looked After Children

EAL English as an additional language
CPD Continuing Professional Development

SDP School Development Plan IPM Individual Provision Map

ILPP Individual Learning Provision Plan

CAN-DO Common Assessment of Need Document

EHCP Education, Health & Care Plan

NYPACT North Yorkshire Parents Action for Children Trust

IES Inclusive Education Service