



Thinking Schools Academy Trust
“Transforming Life Chances”

Inclusion Policy

NEW HORIZONS PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Policy: Inclusion



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 Act 2001) September 2015.
- Disability Discrimination Act (2002).

Inclusion Statement

At New Horizons Primary School, we are passionate about 'making a difference' to the children in our care and we are committed to providing each child with opportunities and experiences which will enable them to achieve. We want every child to feel included in the life of our school and see the purpose of their attendance. Our inclusive educational experience is driven by the desire for children to have a love of learning and to foster the early stages of their engagement in lifelong learning.

Children with Special Educational Needs & Disabilities (SEND) all have learning difficulties or disabilities that create barrier which make it harder for them to learn than most children of the same age. These children may need extra or different help from that given to other children of the same age. Class teachers are responsible and accountable for the progress and development of the children in their class, even where pupils access SEN support or interventions from teaching assistants or specialist staff. High quality teaching, differentiated for individual pupils, is the first step in responding to pupils who have or may have SEND. Additional intervention and support cannot compensate for a lack of good quality teaching. We aim to meet the needs of all children that come into our care regardless of any difficulties they may be experiencing. Special educational needs and provision can be considered as falling under four broad areas:

- Communication and interaction
- Cognition and learning
- Social, mental and emotional health
- Sensory and/or physical

As an inclusive school, we strive to ensure that any barriers to learning are identified as early as possible and appropriate interventions are implemented in a timely manner in order to meet the individual needs of each child. 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. As a mainstream school, it would clearly be difficult for us to make provision for pupils whose needs and/or demands are significant, severe or profound. However, we do not rule this out and would make a careful assessment of the needs of each pupil in constructive conversation with other agencies. We endeavour to:

- Achieve maximum inclusion of all children (including vulnerable learners) whilst meeting their individual needs.
- Provide differentiated learning opportunities for all the children and p materials appropriate to children's interests and abilities. This ensures that all children have a full access to the school curriculum.
- Recognise that Special Educational Needs 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.
- Focus on individual progress as the main indicator of success.
- Strive to make a clear distinction between underachievement and special educational needs.

Key Principles

- The needs of children and young people are at the centre of all that we do. We will seek their views and involvement at all stages.
- To provide curriculum access for all in conjunction with individualised provision to reduce any barriers to learning.
- Quality first teaching is essential for all pupils to make progress. All teachers are expected to develop a range of inclusive practices where additional provision is planned and differentiated to enable all pupils to succeed.
- "All teachers are teachers of pupils with special educational needs". All staff will be supported in their continuing professional development through appropriate training and support to enhance their skills along with our own processes (SEN area of need flowcharts, check lists and Wave Plans), which support teachers with identifying and supporting needs.

- To involve parents and carers at every stage of identification, planning and review to ensure their knowledge of their child is fully acknowledged, fostering positive relationships and full partnership working.
- 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.
- Pupils will be assessed and progress reviewed regularly at all level of SEN.
- 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.

Staged Arrangements – Waves 1, 2 and 3

In agreeing our staged arrangements, the school has taken into account the following statements and definitions:

“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)

“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

Wave 1

Universal element: 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 usually 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 the provision mapping software which outlines and monitors all additional intervention across the school. The whole school provision mapping software 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

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

- The analysis of data including transition data, baseline scores, Foundation Stage Profile scores, pupil progress meetings, other whole-school pupil progress data
- Classroom-based assessment and monitoring arrangements. (Cycle of planning, action and review.)
- Following up parental concerns
- Following up teachers concerns through the use of our SEND Wave Plan system and meeting to discuss
- Tracking individual children's progress over time,
- Liaison with feeder nurseries/pre-schools on transfer
- Information from previous schools
- Information from other services
- Maintaining a provision map 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.
- Undertaking, when necessary, a more in depth individual assessment 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 to help us in our gathering information stage.

Wave 2

Targeted Support: 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 identified on the school's pupil overview).
- In keeping with all vulnerable learners, intervention for pupils on the SEN list will be identified and tracked using the whole-school provision mapping software and by the Area of Needs leads.
- It may be decided that a very small number of the pupils on the SEN list will require additional High Needs funding from the Local Authority. This will initially commence with an 'SEN Support Plan' being put in place and will then be reviewed termly with parents/carers in order 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 multi-disciplinary 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 short-term individual provision map and timetable is created and will be reviewed through a Target Plan Review meeting (termly) and targets are set to key staff to work towards with the pupil.
- For those pupils on an SEN Support Plan pupils will automatically have outcomes to address which be reviewed termly, with key staff for the pupil.
- Our approach to IEPs, which we recognise are no longer prescribed in the SEN Code of Practice 2014, is as follows:
 - Target Plan Reviews are used for children at EHCP level.

- Our children with an ND profile of needs will have an individual passport so that all key staff are aware of individual needs and how best to support.
- Wave Plans will be implemented and targets for this will be arrived at through:
 - Discussion between teacher and Area of Need leads in the first instance
 - Discussion, wherever possible, with parents/carers and pupil
 - Discussion with another professional, if appropriate

Wave 3

Specialist Intervention: Statement of Special Educational Needs or Education Health and Care Plan

- Pupils with a statement of educational needs (pre September 2014) or an Education Health and Care Plan (post September 2014) will have access to all arrangements for pupils on the SEN list (above) and, in addition to this, will have an Interim and Annual Person Centred Review of their statement/plan.
- Our school will comply with all local arrangements and procedures when applying for:
 - High Needs Block Funding
 - An Education Health and Care Plan
 - Transport
 and 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.

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
- Applying Wave 1, 2 or 3 interventions as appropriate
- Small group withdrawal time (limited and carefully monitored to ensure curriculum entitlement is not compromised)
- Individual class support / individual withdrawal
- Bilingual support/access to materials in translation
- Pastoral Support Time

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 Area of Need leads, SENCO, EMA co-ordinator 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 interviews to gain views when setting new SEN support plan targets or reviewing existing targets
- pupil progress tracking using assessment data (whole-school processes)
- monitoring SEN support plans and SEN support plan targets, evaluating the impact of SEN support plans on pupils' progress.
- attendance records
- regular meetings about pupils' progress between the SENCO/EMA co-ordinator and the head teacher
- regular pastoral meetings between SLT, SENCO, Mental Health Lead and ELSA
- head teacher's report to governors

Roles and Responsibilities

The head teacher and the governing body have delegated the responsibility for the on-going implementation of this Inclusion Policy to the Special Educational Needs Leader.

The Special Educational Needs Co-ordinator, Sally Turner, is responsible for reporting regularly to the headteacher and the governor with responsibility for SEND on the on-going effectiveness of this inclusion policy.

The Ethnic Minority Achievement (EMA) Co-ordinator, Lucy Martin, has strategic responsibility for the inclusion of children who have EAL and the achievement of vulnerable ethnic minority groups.

The Designated Teacher for Looked After Children, Sally Turner, 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.

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 (SENCO) and Ethnic Minority Achievement Co-ordinator
- 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
 - maintenance and analysis of a whole-school provision map for vulnerable learners (could be devolved to another member of the SLT and SENCO)
 - ~~pupil progress meetings~~ SOAP meetings with individual teachers
 - regular meetings with the SENCO/EMA Co-ordinator
 - discussions and consultations with pupils and parents

Special Educational Needs Co-ordinator

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 map for vulnerable learners
- Identifying on this provision mapping software a staged 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 statements of Special Educational Need or Education Health and Care plans
- 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 person centred Annual Review for all pupils with a statement of special educational need/EHCP.
- Overseeing the smooth running of transition arrangements and transfer of information for pupils on the vulnerable learners' provision map
- 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

- Attending area SENCO network cluster meetings and training as appropriate.
- Liaising with the school's Inclusion Governor, keeping them 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.

Area of Need Leads

- Setting up and completing termly reviews of the SEN Support Plans within their area of need
- Co-ordinating provision for children with special educational needs at SEN support level
- Liaising with and advising teachers
- Contributing to the in-service training of staff
- Monitoring the school's system for ensuring that IEP's Wave 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
- 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 for all vulnerable learners in their class who are being tracked on the school's provision map.
- Liaising and consulting sensitively with parents and families of pupils on the SEN list, keeping them informed of progress of Wave 2 and 3 Plans and listening to their views of progress, in conjunction with class teachers
- Liaising closely with appropriate outside agencies, according to the area of need, to support vulnerable learners, e.g. MABS and MHST for SEMH area of need, Speech and Language Therapist for Communication and Interaction, OT and Physio for sensory and physical and Educational Psychologist for Cognition and Learning area of need.

Ethnic Minority Achievement Coordinator

The EMA co-ordinator will oversee the day-to-day operation of this policy in the following ways:

- Maintenance of a list of pupils with ethnic minority heritage and EAL, ensuring they are identified on the school's provision map
- In collaboration with the SENCO and/or Area of Need leads, maintain and analysis of whole-school provision map for vulnerable learners from ethnic/linguistic minority backgrounds
- 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 including Bilingual Assistants from the Ethnic Minority Achievement Service
- 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.
- Attending pupil Progress termly with each teacher to review the linguistic progress of children learning EAL and establish next steps in learning
- In collaboration with the SENCO and/or Area of Need leads, evaluate regularly the impact and effectiveness of all additional interventions for children from cultural and linguistic minority backgrounds.
- In collaboration with the SENCO and/or Area of Need leads, overseeing the smooth running of transition arrangements and transfer of information for Year 6 pupils with EAL.
- Contributing to the in-service training of staff
- 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
- Attending EMA Co-ordinator network meetings and training as appropriate.
- 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
- Understand that 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.

Class teacher

- Liaising with the SENCO/ Area of Need leads, EMA co-ordinator to agree:
 - Which pupils in the class are vulnerable learners
 - Which pupils are underachieving and need to have their additional interventions monitored on the a vulnerable learners' provision map – but do not have special educational needs.
 - Which pupils who may need a Wave 2 or 3 plan and liaising with Area of Need leads, where appropriate, for support.
 - Identifying which pupils may have an SEN Support Plan
 - Which pupils (also on the provision map) require additional support because of a special educational need and need to go on the school's SEN list/register. Some of these pupils may require advice/support from an outside professional and, therefore, a Wave 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 2013)
- ensuring effective deployment of resources – including teaching assistant support - to maximise outcomes for all groups of vulnerable learners.
- Contributing to SEN Support plans for identified children, with the support of the Inclusion Leader.

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:
 - Daily monitoring and assessment
 - termly SOAP meetings with Head teacher / Deputy Head teacher / SENCO / class teachers and year leaders
 - Half termly evaluation of the effectiveness of interventions on the provision map 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.
 - Half termly reviews, followed by least termly reviews with Parents / Carers of those pupils on SEN Support Plans
 - Annual review of Statements/Education Health and Care Plans are prescribed in the SEND Code of Practice (September 2014)

Inclusion

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 by:

- 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 (e.g. 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. This is also regularly monitored by Subject leaders and /or senior leaders during 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 (BLP)

Emotional and Social Development

We recognise all our pupils as equal individuals and are committed to developing an inclusive and support learning environment that removes barriers to learning and in which all learners achieve their full potential.

Within school we have a range of support networks. These include:

- Pastoral Support: to enable pupils to discuss views and concerns in a non-judgmental environment
- An Early Help Officer: to support pupils and parents/carers in and out of school
- Friendships, behaviour and Social and Emotional groups
- Emotional Literacy Support Assistants
- Mental Health Lead

Staff Training

- In accordance with Section 6 of the SEN Code of Practice 2014 the Special Educational Needs Lead is a qualified teacher who has also achieved the Statutory Accreditation for SEN co-ordinators (from Winchester University, May 2015).
- The Special Educational Needs Lead, EMA Coordinator and Designated Teacher for LAC will regularly attend local network meetings and Cluster groups
- 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, 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).
- New Horizons Primary commission a private Speech and Language Therapist for 12 hours over a fortnight.
- New Horizons Primary will also be commissioning an Educational Psychologist for 20 days over the next academic year.
- 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.

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 set up an SEN Support Plan which will be reviewed termly to identify needs / and funding levels required before finally submitting an application for an EHCP. 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.

Partnership with Parents/Carers

The school aims to work in partnership with parents and carers and to empower parents to support their children. 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
- Supporting parents through involvement with our Pastoral Lead / Pastoral Team / and SENCO.
- 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
- Agreeing targets for all pupils, in particular, those not making expected progress and, for some pupils identified as having special educational needs, involving parents in the drawing-up and monitoring progress against these targets
- 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 (SENDIASS) 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.
- Annual consultation of the School SEN Information Report with parents, to be updated on the website every Summer Term.

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, reviewing their progress and addressing their own identified 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
- Monitor their success at achieving the targets on their SEN Support Plan / Wave Plan (not required for all pupils with special educational needs)

Outside Agencies

We 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 a wide range of outside agencies including:

- MASH (Multi Agency Safeguarding Hub).
- Children and Adolescent Mental Health Service (CAMHS)
- Educational Psychology Service (EP)
- Solent NHS Trust
- Speech and Language Therapists (SALT)
- Portsmouth Inclusion Team

In accordance with the SEND 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 SEN Support Plans and 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 SENCo or Designated Teacher for LAC, but in some cases it can be another member of staff who we have identified as a key worker.

Transition

We will ensure smooth transition into our school from the previous phase of education and from our school into the next phase of education by:

- Ensuring 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 and all those with EHCP's. 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.
- Producing a transition timeline with specific responsibilities identified.
- Supporting pupils in coming to terms with moving on will be carefully planned and will include familiarisation visits and support from our Pastoral Team. Pupils will be included in all "class transition days" to the next phase but may also be offered additional transition visits and supported by the use of social stories.
- Encouraging pupils and parents 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.
- Informing parents of a reliable named contact at the next phase provider with whom the SENCO will liaise
- Standardised resources will be produced and offered to all feeder schools

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 (*please also see Admission policy for the school, as agreed with the Portsmouth Local Authority*)

SEN Information Report

The contact details of all support services for the parents of pupils with special educational needs, including those for arrangements made in accordance with clause 32 can be seen on the Portsmouth Local Offer website at: <https://portsmouthlocaloffer.org/>

For New Horizons Primary 'SEN Information Report' please view the school website on:

<https://www.newhorizonsprimaryschool.org.uk/about-us/special-educational-needs-and-disabilities-send-2/>

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 pack 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: The following provision can be expected:

- Initial assessment of EAL using the Portsmouth Pathway Points to record stage of language 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 organised into mixed ability classes and offered a range of challenges to work towards (linked to work on 'Depth of Knowledge'). 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 the Portsmouth Pathway Points 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 EMA Co-ordinator or SENCO. 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. EMAS will be accessed to support effective communication with parents.

Inclusion of pupils who are looked after in the 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 name of the current designated teacher at our school is given at the end of this inclusion policy). 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.
 - 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.

Inclusion of pupils who are very able or talented

In this section the term 'very 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.

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.

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.

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.

Complaints

If you have a complaint about the support we provide for your child in regards to their special educational need please use the 'Complaints about Statutory Matters' policy which can be found on our website. A paper copy can also be collected from the school office.

Signed:

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