



The Federation of East Cowton and
Kirkby Fleetham Church of England
Primary Schools
SEND Policy



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This policy is in line with the final draft Code of Practice in use from September 2014

Abbreviations used:

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| CoP | Code of Practice |
| EP | Educational Psychologist |
| EMS | Enhanced Mainstream School |
| ESWS | Educational Social Work Service |
| SEND | Special Educational Needs and/or Disabilities |
| SENCo | Special Educational Needs Coordinator |
| TA | Teaching Assistant |

School's aims and values

Curriculum

To offer a broad, enriched curriculum, where children are excited by their own learning and develop their individual talents and interests through independence and enquiry.

Pupil Welfare and Pastoral Care

To provide a safe, caring and friendly place for pupils to learn in and to help provide structure and stability for all pupils.

Spiritual, Moral and Cultural Development

To help individuals to foster respect for themselves, their environment and towards each other, developing tolerance towards people of different religion, race, gender or age, within an environment in which bullying and racism are unacceptable; produce happy, polite, caring, helpful and well-behaved pupils.

Personal and Social Development

To enable each child to reach his or her full potential (intellectually, physically, spiritually, emotionally and socially) acquiring the skills needed to live happy, useful and fulfilled lives.

Mission Statement

Learning through friendship, faith and respect, the possibilities are endless...

In our school family we offer a safe, secure and caring environment where children can flourish as individuals. Keeping Christian values at the heart of everything we do, we prepare our children for the opportunities and challenges of the wider world through a curriculum based on fun, friendship and respect for the world and everyone in it. We inspire them to aim high and reach their full potential.

Policy Statement

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 (6.1 final draft CoP)

Objectives of the policy

Inclusion Statement: Our aim is to realise the potential of all our children by addressing their individual needs. We strive to ensure children at East Cowton and Kirkby Fleetham CE Primary Schools are not being discriminated against because of physical disability, national origin, language, religion or gender.

The needs of highly able pupils are identified and they are encouraged to develop their skills through the challenging, yet supportive curriculum. Cluster activities are utilised to provide different and extended learning opportunities wherever possible.

Children with special educational needs (those that require different and additional educational provision) are very well supported by our schools and we involve parents as essential partners in their education. Quality First teaching with differentiated planning, a range of teaching methods and class organisation are used to ensure our school is inclusive to all.

Our school provides an Individual Provision Map (IPM) for all children with a special educational need and reviews them half termly to evaluate progress towards, and achievement of, specific targets. Children may also be supported by small group intervention programs led by our experienced inclusion team. Mrs Dudman is our SENCO and all our staff work closely together to support our children. Where necessary, external agencies also support the school, our pupils and their parents.

Our school Special Educational Needs and Equality Scheme policies are available on our website and from the school.

Philosophy

The school community believes that:

- All pupils are equally valued and the school has high aspirations for all
- All pupils are the shared responsibility of all staff
- All pupils are entitled to a broad and balanced curriculum which is personalised and focused on outcomes.
- Teaching and learning will be adapted to suit the needs of learners and recognise different routes to achievement
- Early and accurate identification is essential
- There will be a flexible continuum of provision for pupils with SEND

- SEND and high needs funding will be used efficiently to ensure good progress of pupils with additional needs
- Staff will be given appropriate training to allow them to meet a wide range of needs
- Parents will be fully involved as partners in their child's education
- Pupils will be encouraged to give their views on what learning is like for them
- Governors should have access to information which will allow them to monitor and evaluate the effectiveness of the SEND policy

Principles

A child is defined as having Special Educational Needs (SEN) if they have a learning difficulty which calls for special educational provision to be made or if he or she finds it much harder to learn than children of the same age.

A learning difficulty means that the child either:

- a) has significantly greater difficulty in learning than the majority of children of the same age
- b) has a disability, which either prevents or hinders the child from making use of the educational facilities which are provided for children of the same age in a mainstream school

Special educational provision means educational provision, which is additional to, or different from, the provision made generally for children of the same age in a mainstream school. (xiii, xiv CoP 2014)

Evidence suggests that approximately 75% of disabled children also have a special educational need and these pupils are also protected by the Equalities Act 2010.

Mainstream educational settings must use their best endeavours to secure the special educational provision called for by the child's or young person's needs.

Procedures

The Headteacher has the overall responsibility for the provision and progress of learners with SEND. Responsibility for coordination of Inclusion and SEN provision is as follows:

The **Governing Body** and the **Head Teacher** have overall responsibility for the federation's Special Educational Needs Policy.

The federation SEN coordinator is **Mrs Helen Dudman**

Governor responsible for SEN is **Mrs Rachel Savage**.

The day to day implementation of this policy falls to all the staff in school.

Whole school approaches:

All staff contribute to the completion of whole school provision maps and ensure that strategies are implemented to ensure quality first teaching for all

- Regular communication takes place between class/ subject teachers, TAs, SENCo, parents and pupils to ensure good progress
- All staff have appropriate access to up to date information about pupils with additional needs
- Pupils are supported alongside their peers whenever possible
- All pupils are encouraged to join in extra-curricular activities
- All students have individualised targets
- Provision maps are on display so that staff, pupils and parents know what reasonable adjustments are available
- The training budget for staff is transparent
- Provision for pupils with SEND is reflected throughout school self-evaluation
- The complaints procedure is transparent and easily available to parents
- Good access arrangements are made so that all pupils can demonstrate their full potential in tests and exams

- The federation uses the local authority's local offer to inform the school offer. This is published on the school website as part of the governors' SEN information report*.

Individualised approaches:

- Additional interventions will be implemented as necessary and these interventions will be monitored and evaluated
- Additional help will be sought appropriately from EPs, EMS, ESWS, etc.
- Some pupils will have individualised provision maps, behaviour plans, risk assessments or health care plans, some pupils may be allocated a key worker
- Person-centred reviews will be held regularly with families, considering acceptable meeting times. The parents and pupil will be respectfully listened to and their views will inform personalised learning pathways.
- TAs will be trained so that they can encourage and support pupils, regardless of communication needs, to make their views known.
- Transition arrangements will be personalised to support additional need
- The SENCo will be appropriately qualified and have the skills required to meet statutory duties.
- Designated finances will be used appropriately to meet needs without reducing independence.
- Staff training will reflect the needs of the current school community
- Parents will be given clear routes to access support, and be encouraged to bring a supporter to meetings if desired
- The schools will follow the latest statutory guidance, currently the CoP 2014

Monitoring and evaluating performance

Monitoring and evaluating the progress of pupils with SEN is an integral part of our whole federation system to monitor and evaluate achievement, teaching, behaviour, and leadership and management. However, to ensure good life outcomes for this vulnerable group, additional, focused monitoring takes place. This includes:

- Monitoring and evaluating of interventions, including their value for money
- Forensic analysis of data examining the progress of different vulnerable groups
- Learning walks and pupil interviews to evaluate the effectiveness of the strategies listed on provision maps
- Annual financial returns
- Completion of statutory functions by the SENCo related to referral for statement/ education health care plans, termly meetings and annual reviews.
- Use of the NYCC Inclusion Quality Mark (IQM)
- Work scrutiny with selected pupil groups
- Focused monitoring by the SENCo, LA adviser, SEN governor
- Detailed discussions with families and pupils
- Progress through a variety of transitions
- Attendance and exclusions analysis
- Feedback from support agencies and Ofsted
- Local authority analysis of information and data about the school

The governing body evaluate the work of the school by:

- Appointing an SEN governor who is a champion for pupils with SEND
- Monitoring data with respect to vulnerable groups
- Challenging the leadership through informed questioning
- Undertaking learning walks in school with a focus on SEND
- Meeting with parents and pupils
- Ensuring there is appropriate continuing professional development taking place for all staff with regard to SEND
- Holding the schools to account for its use of SEN funding

*The SEN information report

6.79 The governing bodies of maintained schools and maintained nursery schools and the proprietors of academy schools **must** publish information on their websites about the implementation of the governing body's or the proprietor's policy for pupils with SEN. The information published should be updated annually and any changes to the information occurring during the year should be updated as soon as possible. The information required is set out in the Special Educational Needs and Disability Regulations 2014 and **must** include information about: the kinds of SEN that are provided for, policies for identifying children and young people with SEN and assessing their needs, including the name and contact details of the SENCO (mainstream schools), arrangements for consulting parents of children with SEN and involving them in their child's education, arrangements for consulting young people with SEN and involving them in their education, arrangements for assessing and reviewing children and young people's progress towards outcomes. This should include the opportunities available to work with parents and young people as part of this assessment and review, arrangements for supporting children and young people in moving between phases of education and in preparing for adulthood. As young people prepare for adulthood outcomes should reflect their ambitions, which could include higher education, employment, independent living and participation in society, the approach to teaching children and young people with SEN, how adaptations are made to the curriculum and the learning environment of children and young people with SEN, the expertise and training of staff to support children and young people with SEN, including how specialist expertise will be secured, evaluating the effectiveness of the provision made for children and young people with SEN, how children and young people with SEN are enabled to engage in activities available with children and young people in the school who do not have SEN, support for improving emotional and social development. This should include extra pastoral support arrangements for listening to the views of children and young people with SEN and measures to prevent bullying, how the school involves other bodies, including health and social care bodies, local authority support services and voluntary sector organisations, in meeting children and young people's SEN and supporting their families, arrangements for handling complaints from parents of children with SEN about the provision made at the school.