



BRADGATE
Education Partnership

Stronger Together

POLICY:



Special Educational Needs Policy

Newtown Linford Primary School

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Ambitious
Collaborative
Ethical



MISSION:

Through strong collaboration between our schools, Bradgate Education Partnership is committed to providing an ambitious and inclusive education for all.

We want our children and young people to realise their full potential academically, socially and personally. We celebrate the distinctive ethos of each individual school. We ensure that all who are part of our Trust have a deep sense of belonging and a supportive opportunity to grow.

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VALUES:



Ambitious

We aim high and are aspirational for all.



Collaborative

We work closely together to encourage, support, challenge and share.



Ethical

We treat everyone fairly, within a culture of kindness and respect.

VISION:



PUPILS

All our pupils are equipped with the knowledge, skills, values and attitudes to thrive in life and make a positive difference.



SCHOOLS

All our schools provide a safe and happy space where pupils study an ambitious curriculum which unlocks their personal potential so that they achieve exceptional outcomes.



WORKFORCE

All staff have positive impact in their roles whilst feeling supported and valued both personally and professionally.



COMMUNITY

All our schools embrace the local area they serve within a deeply embedded culture of community partnership.



WIDER WORLD

All our pupils and staff understand, respect and embrace the diversity of the wider world in which they live.



SUSTAINABILITY

Across our partnership, everything we do is aligned to meet the needs of the present without compromising a sustainable future.



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Linked Policies

- [SEN Information Report](#) (updated annually)
- [Equality Policy & Objectives](#)
- [Accessibility Plan](#)
- [Safeguarding Policy](#)
- [SEND Code of Practice \(2015\)](#)

1.0 Aims

1.1 All schools within Bradgate Education Partnership share common values and an ethos that every child matters. Our support for all pupils within our care extends to those pupils with additional needs that require assistance to help them fulfil their potential.

1.2 Our school shall ensure that:

- The special educational needs of pupils will be addressed and pupils will not be labelled or disadvantaged by any policy or procedure.
- It works in partnership with parents/carers and appropriate external agencies to support pupils with special educational needs and will use its best endeavours ensure that appropriate provision is secured for any pupil with special educational needs in order to achieve agreed outcomes;

- It has a qualified Special Educational Needs Co-ordinator (SENCO). The SENCO will maintain and regularly review the SEN register held in respect of an individual pupil and co-ordinate support. However, it will be the responsibility of all staff to support individual pupils, to implement strategies suggested by the SENCO and generally be responsible for ensuring that pupils receive provision appropriate to their needs and agreed outcomes; and
- Pupils with SEN engage in the activities of the school alongside pupils who do not have SEN

1.3 All support provided and decisions taken have regard to these general principles as well as the legal framework set out in the Children & Families Act 2014, the SEND Regulations 2014 and the SEND Code of Practice 2015.

2.0 Definitions

2.1 Under the Children & Families Act 2014, a child/young person will have SEN if they have a learning difficulty or disability which calls for special educational provision to be made for them.

2.2 A Child or Young Person will have a learning difficulty or disability if they have:

- A significantly greater difficulty in learning than the majority of others of the same age; or
- A disability that prevents or hinders them from making use of facilities that are generally provided for others of the same age in mainstream schools in England.

2.3 Special Educational Provision is education or training that is additional to, or different from, that made generally for other children/young people of the same age by mainstream schools

3.0 Roles & Responsibilities

3.1 The implementation of this policy will be monitored by the Local Advisory Board, the Directors of Education and Trust Board and remain under constant review by the school SENCO and Headteacher.

- Our school will appoint a Local Advisory Board member for SEND, who will support and scrutinise the implementation of this policy.
- A member of the Board of Trustees will be appointed to monitor the quality and effectiveness of SEN provision across the Trust and work with designated senior leaders to develop the SEN policy and provision.

- The Headteacher has overall responsibility for the provision and progress of learners with SEND.
- The SENCO will co-ordinate the school's approach to SEND provision and will undertake those duties set out in chapter 6 of the SEND Code of Practice 2015.
- All teachers are responsible for the progress and development of every pupil in their class and will work with the SENCO and support staff to ensure the "assess, plan, do, review" cycle is appropriately implemented to support any pupil with SEND.

3.2 Our school will work in partnership with pupils, teachers, parents/carers and, where appropriate, other external agencies to ensure that individual learning needs are addressed within the context of the school curriculum.

3.3 Parents/carers of SEN pupils will be able to discuss the needs of their child with their child's teacher, the SENCO and/or the Senior Leadership Team.

4.0 Identification & Assessment of SEN

4.1 For some pupils, SEN can be identified at an early age. However, for other children and young people difficulties may become evident only as they develop. Identifying pupils with SEN is part of our routine process of monitoring the progress of pupils in the school. At Newtown Linford, we follow the graduated approach of assess, plan, do review. Class teachers will assess each pupil's current skills and levels of attainment on entry, building on information from previous teachers and/or settings. Class teachers then make regular assessments of progress for all pupils and identifying in particular where pupils are making less than expected progress given their age and individual circumstances. The data from these assessments will then support teachers with their lesson planning and adaptations that need to be made. Pupils complete this learning and the teacher will assess the outcomes. The cycle then continues. Pupils are also monitored through pupil progress meetings with the head teacher, class teacher and SENCO where appropriate.

A pupil's progress that is causing concern may be characterised by the following:

- Progress that is significantly slower than that of their peers starting from the same baseline
- Fails to respond to Quality First Teaching and adaptive teaching including small group work. Quality First Teaching is a style of teaching that focuses on high quality and inclusive teaching for every pupil in a classroom. Quality First Teaching relies on a variety of learning strategies in order to be effective and adapting teaching to suit the needs of all the pupils in the class.
- Is unable to make progress without more long term (over a year) specialised support in a small group or 1:1 situations.
- Does not match or better the pupil's previous rate of progress.
- Does not close the attainment gap (with it possibly widening) between the pupil and their peers.
- Progress can include areas other than attainment – for instance where a pupil needs to make additional progress with wider development or social needs.

Although the school can identify special educational needs, and make provision to meet those needs, we do not offer diagnoses. It may sometimes be necessary for school to work alongside other education and/or healthcare professionals for a diagnosis to be agreed. Not all pupils who have received a diagnosis of, for example ASD or dyslexia, automatically qualify for special educational needs support as they may not have a significantly greater difficulty in learning, which requires special provision which without they wouldn't make progress. It depends on the individual pupil, not the disability or disorder.

- 4.2 Ongoing identification is also completed alongside the school reporting process as data is collected and analysed in all subject areas by class teachers and subject leaders. If a pupil has not made expected progress then interventions will be put in place. If a member of staff identifies a pupil whose special educational needs are not met by quality first teaching, then the class teacher will work with the pupil setting clear targets and providing greater adaptations. If the situation improves then no further action is needed. If there is no improvement, the SENCO will be informed.
- 4.3 At this point, evidence from the teacher will be gathered. The class teacher will inform the parents about the issue and there will be consultation and discussion around the proposed additional support for the pupil. Where appropriate and with parental consent, staff will complete an initial concern form that is given to the SENCO. The SENCO will use this information to consider whether it is appropriate to further monitor the pupil and/or to be placed on the SEN record. This record outlines a list of pupils within the school that have an SEN. Parents will always be asked for consent before being added onto the SEN record. Parents, and the pupil where appropriate, will be involved in sharing information and agreeing outcomes. An Adaptive Teaching Plan will be drawn up by the class teacher and shared and monitored by the SENCO. This plan will have targets that are specific to the pupil and their educational needs. Copies are shared with all staff concerned with the pupil's progress.
- 4.4 If a parent/carer has a concern about their child regarding SEN, they should first contact the class teacher who will then inform the SENCO. The SENCO will undertake investigations and, where appropriate, complete relevant assessments (with input from the applicable teachers/staff) to see if they are achieving expected levels of progress. If the pupil is not making appropriate levels of progress, then internal support will be implemented in accordance with paragraphs above.
- 4.5 In all cases, where internal support is not effective in supporting the pupil, relevant specialist referrals will be completed with the parents' knowledge and information and strategies for support shared with all staff.
- 4.6 Whenever special educational provision is being made, parents and pupils will be involved in developing and reviewing support plans/strategies.
- 4.7 All staff teaching pupils on the SEN register will be made aware of the individual needs. The SENCO will help teachers when required to develop techniques to support adaptations and ensure that appropriate resources are available.
- 4.8 Where pupils are moving school, information about previous special educational needs will usually accompany pupils upon entry to the school and this will be used by the SENCO to make sure appropriate provision is continued.

4.9 This information is collated from the transfer of school files from the previous school or early years setting and during transition meetings which are held with all the feeder schools or early years settings, in the summer term, before students start at the academy. If necessary, enhanced transition will be offered to support pupils with SEND.

5.0 Reviewing

5.1 All pupils regardless of needs are set targets. Data collated during the school reporting process is analysed and strategies are put in place to support that that are not achieving as expected. All SEN interventions delivered outside the classroom have Specific, Measurable, Achievable Targets (SMART) set to ensure that progress is made. These are recorded using Adaptive Teaching Plans and are monitored and reviewed against a time frame, agreed within the plan. If expected progress is not made, then the SENCO may refer to a specialist service.

5.2 If a pupil has an Educational Health Care Plan an annual review is held in accordance with legal requirements.

5.3 If, as a result of appropriate progress, a pupil may be removed from the SEN register. The pupil will continue to be monitored by the SENCO and teachers.