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## Special Educational Needs and Disability Policy

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## Winster and Monyash C of E Primary School SEN Policy

This policy is written in line with the requirements of:-

- Part 3 of the Children and Families Act 2014
- SEN Code of Practice September 2014
- The Equality Act 2010
- The Special Educational Needs and Disability Regulations 2014
- The Special Educational Needs (Personal Budgets and direct payments regulations) Clause 49; 2014
- The SEN Information report regulations 2014
- Teachers standards 2012

This policy should be read in conjunction with the following school policies and documents:-

Anti-Bullying Policy, Accessibility Plan, Supporting Pupils with Medical Conditions Policy, Safeguarding policy, Medicines policy, Local Offer for SEN, Support for children on SEN register, Equality Statement.

Definition of Special Educational Needs (SEN) as taken from section 20 of the Children and Families Act 2014.

*A child or young person has special educational needs if he or she has a learning difficulty or disability which calls for special educational provision to be made for him or her. A child of compulsory school age or a young person has a learning difficulty or disability if they;*

*(a) have a significantly greater difficulty in learning than the majority of others of the same age,*

*or*

*(b) have 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 or mainstream post-16 institutions.*

*A child under compulsory school age has special educational needs if they fall within the definition at (a) or (b) above or would do so if no special educational provision were made.*

*Children must not be regarded as having a learning difficulty solely because the language or form of language of their home is different from the language in which they will be taught.*

## **SECTION A – SPECIAL EDUCATIONAL NEEDS PROVISION AT MONYASH AND WINSTER**

We have high expectations for all our learners and we aim to provide every child with equal opportunities to access a broad and balanced education. This includes the Foundation Stage and National Curriculum in line with the Special Needs Code of Practice.

### **1. Objectives:**

- To welcome pupils with SEN and meet their needs in a positive manner so they achieve their best.
- To identify and assess children with SEN as early as possible by gathering information from parents and other agencies.
- To provide an inclusive education for all pupils with SEN and use our best endeavours to remove barriers to learning by providing high quality teaching differentiated for individual pupils.
- To identify and address pupils' needs through the graduated approach and the four part process of assess, plan, do, and review; ensuring that there is careful monitoring and assessment of pupils throughout their time at the school.
- To work with parents to gain a better understanding of their child and involve them in all stages of their child's education.
- That where possible pupils participate and are involved in the process of information gathering and reviewing progress.
- To ensure funding is allocated to provide high quality provision for those with identified SEN.
- To make reasonable adjustments for disabled children to help alleviate any substantial disadvantage they experience because of their disability as set out in the equality act 2010.
- To ensure that support agencies are used effectively.
- To encourage confidence and raise self-esteem by providing a caring and well organised environment so children with SEN can achieve their best.
- To ensure that SEN is reflected in school policies, schemes of work, planning, monitoring and record keeping.
- To develop existing skills of all staff in the identification, assessment of and provision for pupils with SEN and to provide training and support as appropriate.

### **2. How we aim to meet these objectives: -**

- Ongoing celebration of diversity and valuing all achievements whether they are social, emotional, cognitive or physical.

- Ensuring clubs, trips and activities offered to children at Winster and Monyash C of E Primary Schools are available to children with special educational needs. For some pupils 'reasonable adjustments' may need to be made. This is always done in partnership with families and carers.
- Early identification of pupils who need extra help through: ongoing teacher observation and assessment, outcomes from baseline assessments, progress in relation to the Early Years Foundation Stage Profile, National Literacy and Numeracy descriptors, performance against 'P' level descriptions and National Curriculum levels and standardised screening and assessment, discussions with parents and information gathered from outside agencies.
- We work to ensure that our approach to teaching and learning is of high quality and personalised to meet the individual needs of our children. This is managed through teacher appraisals against the teaching standards, lesson observations and whole school monitoring.
- Ensuring that all staff receive training on the expectations of the most recent Code of Practice and are able to recognise emerging needs and implement a graduated approach to SEN.
- We follow the advice in The National Curriculum Framework on how to adapt the curriculum and the learning environment for pupils with special educational needs. We also incorporate the advice provided as a result of assessments, both internal and external, and the strategies described in statements of special educational needs / Education, Health and Care Plans.
- Termly planning and reviewing of Individual Education Plans for all pupils with SEN, involving both parents and pupils as much as possible
- Ensuring that advice from outside agencies is sought and incorporated into IEPs.
- To focus on outcomes not difficulties. Positive reinforcement to encourage pupil's achievements and frequent celebrations of success giving equal status to physical, cognitive, social and emotional achievements enabling all children to feel valued for their efforts.
- Monitoring the provision and progress of pupils with existing SEN statements and Education Health Care Plans (EHCP).
- Ensuring that SEN is featured in the School Development Plan, reflecting the training needs of all staff.
- Ensuring that we have high expectations of pupils, set suitable and challenging targets with termly monitoring meetings including, SENCO, Class teacher.
- Listen to and value parents' concerns about their child's development; engaging in positive discussions to ensure the best outcomes for the child.
- Supporting social, emotional and mental health through the provision of nurture groups and social skill groups.

## **SECTION B: ARRANGEMENTS FOR FULL ACCESS TO A BROAD AND BALANCED CURRICULUM**

The National Curriculum Inclusion Statement states that *'teachers should set high expectations for every pupil, whatever their prior attainment. Teachers should use appropriate assessment to set targets which are deliberately ambitious. Potential areas of difficulty should be identified and addressed at the outset. Lessons should be planned to address potential areas of difficulty and to remove barriers to pupil achievement. In many cases, such planning will mean that pupils with SEN and disabilities will be able to study the full national curriculum'*. (Code of Practice 2014)

All children are entitled to full and equitable access to the National Curriculum and high quality teaching.

Winster and Monyash C of E Primary Schools set out to ensure that:

All efforts are made to overcome individual pupils' barriers to learning

- All classrooms have well planned activities with clear learning intentions, differentiated to enable all pupils to make progress
- Classroom resources are organised in such a way as to enable pupils to develop independence in selecting appropriate materials for a task
- A range of teaching styles are used including auditory, visual and kinaesthetic
- The successes and achievements of all pupils are celebrated through the school's reward system
- All pupils are encouraged and enabled to have full participation in the life of the school and to know their contributions are valued
- A range of different organisational settings are planned to provide class, group, paired and individual work.

When pupils are withdrawn to work in small groups or individually, every effort is made to ensure that they do not miss out on the broad and balanced curriculum to which they are entitled.

## **SECTION C:– IDENTIFICATION, ASSESSMENT AND RESPONSE**

### **1. Identifying needs at Winster and Monyash C of E Primary Schools.**

Please look at Derbyshire County Council Local offer on the web site for more detailed information.

Children will have needs and requirements that may fall into at least one of the four areas defined by the SEN Code of Practice September 2014.

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

Many children will have inter-related needs; these broad categories give an overview of the range of needs we plan for at Winster C of E Primary School but we consider the needs of the whole child which will include not just the special needs.

The SEN Code of Practice (2014) describes adequate progress as:

- Is similar to that of children of the same age who had the same starting point
- Matches or improves on the pupil's previous rate of progress
- Which allows the attainment gap to close between the pupil and children of the same age.

#### 1. Assessing needs

**If a child does not make adequate progress compared to peers, their starting point or previous attainment this would raise concerns that they had learning difficulties.**

Winster and Monyash C of E Primary Schools aim to identify if a child is not making adequate progress as early as possible, using a process of summative and formative assessments. The assessment process includes the child's learning characteristics, the learning environment, the tasks set and the teaching style. We may look at a child's emotional needs, social skills and behaviour in different situations. There are whole class formal assessments every term and individual assessments if requested by the class teacher.

Each term following formal assessments, tracking progress meetings are held to review the progress of every child in the school. Data is analysed and tracking meetings are held that include each class teacher and the Headteacher. Parents are consulted to gain their insight into their child's progress. If after consultation with parents it is decided that a child has underlying needs then he/she will be put on the SEN register and an Individual Education Plan written to identify how the needs are to be addressed and outcomes identified.

## 2. Graduated Response

***High quality teaching, differentiated for individual pupils, is the first step in responding to pupils who have or may have SEN.***

Teachers are responsible and accountable for the progress and development of the pupils in their class, including where pupils access support from teaching assistants or specialist staff. (Code of Practice 2014.)

The graduated response is a four part cycle of assessment, planning, doing and reviewing which is recorded on the child's Individual Education Plan and provision map. This process will happen termly in line with the assessment and monitoring policy.

### **Assess**

The teacher identifies pupils with learning needs in the class; this involves clearly analysing the pupil's needs using the class teacher's assessment and experience of working with the pupil, details of previous progress and attainment, comparisons with peers and national data, as well as the views and experience of parents. The pupil's views and where relevant, advice from external support services will also be considered. Any parental concerns will be recorded and compared with the school's information and assessment data on how the pupil is progressing.

### **Plan**

Planning will involve consultation between the teacher, SENCO and parents to agree longer term learning objectives and hoped for outcomes. Adjustments, interventions and support that are required will be recorded on the child's Individual Education Plan (IEP) with a clear date for review. Parental involvement may be sought, where appropriate, to reinforce or contribute to progress at home. All those working with the pupil, including support staff will be informed of their individual needs, the support that is being provided, any particular teaching strategies/approaches that are being employed and the outcomes that are being sought. To track child's long term progress and level intervention he/she will be included on the SEN register by then SENCO.

### **Do**

The class teacher remains responsible for working with the child on a day-to-day basis. They will retain responsibility even where the interventions may involve group or one-to-one teaching away from the main class teacher. They will work closely with teaching assistants and /or relevant specialist staff to plan and assess the impact of support and interventions and links with classroom teaching. The pupils response to the support can help identify their particular need. The impact on progress, development and or behaviour that is expected will be recorded by class teacher and other staff and summarised on the IEP in preparation for the termly progress review.

## **Review**

Reviews will be undertaken in line with agreed dates. The review process will evaluate the impact and quality of the support and interventions. It will also take account of the views of the pupil and their parents. If necessary outside assessments may be considered at the progress review with parents to inform a future cycle of response. Advice can be sought from outside specialists at any point; to advise on early identification of SEN, where little or no progress is made over a sustained period, where the child is working at levels substantially below those of their peers. Advice is incorporated into the child's individual planning and targets.

**The majority of children and young people with SEN will have their needs met within the school – effectively at 'school level'.**

This cycle of assess/plan/do/review will continue if the child is deemed by all to be making progress with this additional and different intervention and their needs can be met within the school's SEN budget. We will continue to identify the child as having special educational needs.

If the child is able to maintain good progress **without** the additional and different resources he or she will not be identified with special educational needs and be removed from the SEN register.

However the special educational provision required to meet some children's needs cannot reasonably be provided from within the normal resources at Winster C of E or Monyash Primary Schools. Where this is the case, we will gather all the information in the format required by the LA to request an assessment of education, health and care needs.

### **3. Referral for an Education, Health and Care Plan**

If a child has significant long term difficulties he/she may undergo a Statutory Assessment process by the Local Authority which is usually requested by the school but can be requested by a parent. This would be discussed at a review meeting with parents and possible outside professionals. A request for an assessment must be supported by evidence of long term and sustained need for support which cannot reasonably be met by the school SEN budget.

## **SECTION D; MANAGING PUPILS ON THE SEN REGISTER.**

## **1. Named Staff.**

Sharon Slack Headteacher, is the designated named person for SEN.

Richard Lee SEND Governor.

## **2. Arrangements and responsibilities for coordinating and monitoring the graduated response.**

### **General Monitoring**

The SENCO updates information about pupils on SEN register each term through monitoring the IEP paperwork. Class Teachers meet with the SENCO to discuss pupils on the Register.

#### **2a. The Class Teacher.**

The Class Teacher is responsible and accountable for progress and development of all pupils in their class:

- The teaching and monitoring of all their pupils and identifying and reporting any concerns about SEN to the SENCO
- Planning and delivering differentiated interventions for all pupils with identified SEN. These should be additional to or different from those provided as part of the school's usual differentiated curriculum.
- Reviewing the effectiveness of the intervention in securing progress to inform the next steps in a graduated approach for support.
- To inform parents of concerns and the interventions that are proposed and involving them in any reviews of their child's progress.
- Termly monitoring of progress and target setting to track progress towards planned outcomes through the use of formative and summative assessment.
- Completing SEN documentation in accordance and liaising with the SENCO, parents and pupils
- Collaborating with the SENCO to match classroom provision to the specific needs of the pupil
- As part of the graduated approach to collaborated with outside specialists and work with the advice of the specialists to plan outcomes and provision.
- Planning with learning support assistants, teaching assistants to ensure quality provision for pupils with SEN focussed on outcomes.
- Regularly reviewing the support provided by staff and the impact on the progress of SEN pupils.

**The SENCO and Class teachers are responsible for the timetabling and directed work load of the additional staff.**

#### **2b. Teaching Assistants (TA)**

They are responsible for the following:-

- Collecting evidence of progress through observations both formal and informal.
- Alerting the class teacher to concerns which have been observed through close working with the pupils.
- Tracking progress towards outcomes set by a class teacher for specific SEN pupils.
- Providing effective feedback to the teacher on interventions.
- Collaborating with the SENCO to match classroom provision to the specific needs of the pupil.
- Contributing to progress reviews or annual reviews.

### **2c. The SENCO / Headteacher**

In line with the recommendations in the SEN Code of Practice 2014, the SENCO/Headteacher will oversee the day- to-day operation of this policy in the following ways:

- Maintenance and analysis of whole-school SEN register.
- Identify through provision mapping 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.
- Co-ordinating provision for children with special educational needs
- Liaising with and advising teachers to identify pupil's needs; arranging any in-school specific assessments or monitoring to help identify the barrier to learning.
- Managing and supporting other classroom staff working with vulnerable learners
- Overseeing the records on all children with Special Educational Needs
- Liaising with and advising all staff on the graduated approach.
- Liaising with parents of children with SEN, in conjunction with class teachers, keeping them informed of progress and listening to their views of progress.
- Overseeing and supporting staff in identifying key needs and outcomes to be recorded on IEPs.
- Termly review of progress against expected outcomes as identified on IEPs by the class teacher; ensuring learning objectives are revised and reviewed.
- Contributing to the in-service training of staff
- Implementing a programme of Annual Review for all pupils with a statement of special educational need or Education Health Care Plan.
- To implement a programme of six monthly reviews for Early Year pupils with statements or Education Health Care Plans.

- Carrying out referral procedures to the Derbyshire Local Authority to request High Needs funding 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 long term support.
- Overseeing the smooth running of transition arrangements and transfer of information for Year 6 pupils identified as SEN or vulnerable learners.
- Working with Early Years staff and Nursery Providers teaching staff to ensure successful transition into school/nursery or from other EYs settings for children with identified SEN or disability.
- Ensuring interventions for SEN pupils are effective and evidence based.
- Evaluating regularly the impact and effectiveness of additional interventions for SEN pupils.
- Arranging specific SEN resources.
- Key point of contact with external agencies especially the LA.
- Liaising closely with a range of outside agencies to support SEN/vulnerable learners in consultation with parents.
- Attending LEA SENCO network meetings and training as appropriate.
- Liaising with the school's SEN Governor and keeping them informed of current issues regarding provision for vulnerable learners, including those with Special Educational Needs (nationally, locally and within school).
- Liaising with School Health to ensure care plans have been completed and information is shared on a need to know basis.
- Ensuring SEN information is shared with staff and SEN is included in the school development.
- Reviewing the SEN policy annually and ensuring up to date information is on the website.
- Timetabling and directing the work of support staff working in their phase.
- Identifying vulnerable learners in their phase who are not on SEN register to ensure they are making adequate progress.
- Monitoring the outcomes of additional support for vulnerable learners.
- Work with the class teachers to ensure provision maps are kept up to date.
- Attending termly monitoring and tracking meetings.
- Attending Annual Reviews
- Supporting teachers in their phase with parent meetings when requested.
- Ensuring that any special arrangements are in place for SEN pupils when taking formal end of KS1 and KS2 tests.
- The day to day management of the SEN Policy and the Disability Equality Duty Scheme and Accessibility Plan
- Allocating and monitoring appropriate resources for SEN from the delegated budget and statement funding

- Ensuring the effective use of the COP (Code of Practice) especially through professional development and appropriate time allocations.
- Ensuring that staff are delivering high quality teaching differentiated for individual pupils through the teacher appraisal process using the teaching standards.
- Monitoring teachers' planning and pupil achievement each term and ensuring action points are followed through.
- Reporting to Governors on COP procedures and SEN resourcing and Disability Equality Duty Scheme.

#### **2d. The Governing Body is responsible for:**

- Ensuring that the best possible provision is made for all pupils with SEN
- Monitoring the quality of SEN Provision
- Ensuring information about the implementation of the policy for SEN is published on the school website and this is updated annually.
- Ensuring the integration of pupils with SEN in the school community
- Ensuring that the budget for SEN is allocated appropriately
- Electing a designated SEN Governor to liaise with the SENCO
- Defending the school should a complaint be brought to the SEN and Disabilities Tribunal.

### **3. ADMISSION ARRANGEMENTS**

Pupils identified with low level SEN have the same rights of admission as all other prospective pupils.

The school follows Derbyshire County Council's Admissions Policy.

Pupils with Statements or Education Health Care Plans are admitted following LEA policy and ensuring that the school can meet their needs under the new Code of Practice.

### **4. Transitions**

Early Years staff make contact with other Early Year providers in the term before the child enters nursery or reception. Parent meetings are arranged for exchange of information. Additional meetings are arranged for children with identified SEN.

Close links exist with the secondary schools to which pupils transfer in September each year.

Meetings are held between SENCOs of all Secondary schools pupils are pupils who are transferring to Winster C of E Primary School, at which, SEN documents are discussed and exchanged.

Additional visits are made for pupils with Statements/ EHC Plans.

Staff from the feeder secondary schools are invited to attend the annual review and any other relevant meetings held in the Summer term.

## **5. ADDITIONALLY RESOURCED PROVISION.**

The arrangements in this policy apply to the pupils and staff working with the Behaviour Support Service and Integrated Pathways Team.

The children are integrated into the main school through being permanently linked to a mainstream class as well. Integration Pathways pupils have personalised programmes of learning and timetables dictated by ongoing internal and external assessment of their specific needs.

## **SECTION D: SUPPORTING PUPILS AND FAMILIES.**

### **1. Contacts and meetings**

Parents and carers are always welcome to the schools. At Winster and Monyash C of E Primary Schools, working as a partnership is recognised as an essential element in the successful education of all pupils, in particular for those pupils with special needs; therefore we maintain an open door policy.

There are regular, planned meetings with parents in the Autumn, Spring and Summer term to set up and review progress documented on IEPs. Pupils and parents are both involved in the target setting and review process. When setting outcomes and progress areas where parents/carers can support this process will be identified on the IEP.

Day to day contact with parents is by informal discussions. Parents may phone or call to make an appointment to see staff whenever necessary. Written reports are issued at the end of each academic year in July.

For children with Statements or Education Health Care Plans, the annual review is held around the date of issue and a representative from the LEA SEN Team is invited to attend. For Early Years children with a Statement or Education Health Care Plan these are set up more regularly as appropriate. Parents/guardians and pupils contribute to all reviews as well as staff from any outside agencies who are involved with the pupil. If parents or staff have additional information or concerns an interim review can be arranged at any time throughout the academic year.

For all parents and carers Derbyshire County Council Parents Partnership Scheme operates very successfully, enabling parents to help the school in a variety of ways using their particular skills and talents. Parents also help on outings and with a wide range of social and fund raising activities.

### **2. Support and advice.**

The Headteacher is available to help parents with any questions or worries about their child or the school. The school recommends and introduces parents to the service of the LEA Parent Partnership Officer who supports parents with SEN issues and is independent of the school and the LEA.

### **3. Parent and pupil views.**

One of the key principles of the 2014 Code of Practice is that it puts children, young people and their families at the heart of the legislation. At Winster and Monyash C of E Primary Schools parents' opinions and aspirations for their children will be taken seriously. In the four part cycle of assess- plan – do - review parents will have an opportunity to be part of the planning process for both short and long term outcomes. Pupils in Phase 3 have an opportunity to be part of their own target setting process where they have a 1:1 meeting with their class teacher. For formal annual/ interim reviews pupils contribute their voice in a style and format most suited to their age and aptitude. When applying for an EHC plan, part of the formal application is for families to outline their short and long term aspirations for their child. The SENCO will discuss this process with them before an application is completed and support can be arranged if required.

### **4. Dealing with Complaints around SEN.**

Parent/carer complaints are dealt with at the school in the following ways:

- Discussed informally with the Class Teacher
- Referred to the SENCO/Headteacher.
- In writing to the Governing Body, following which a written reply will be given
- The parents may contact the LEA who will then contact the school
- The parents may go to SEN/Disability Tribunal.

## **SECTION E: SUPPORTING PUPILS WITH MEDICAL CONDITIONS OR A DISABILITY.**

Winster and Monyash C of E Primary Schools recognise that children with medical conditions should be properly supported so they have full access to education, including school trips and physical education. Some children with medical conditions may be disabled and where this is the case Winster and Monyash C of E primary Schools will comply with its duties under the Equality Act 2010. Some children may also have SEN and may have a statement or Education Health Care Plan which brings together health and social care needs, as well as their special education needs provision; WCPS follows the 2014 SEN Code of Practice for these children.

### **1. Facilities at Winster and Monyash C of E Primary Schools for children with medical conditions, disability and SEN.**

Winster and Monyash C of E Primary Schools have a disabled toilet.

Additional equipment recommended by outside agencies such as Occupational Therapists are bought out of the SEN budget for individual children as required.

## **SECTION F: TRAINING AND RESOURCES**

### **1. Funding**

Funding for SEN is received from the following sources:

- SEN Formula Funding
- Education Health Plan money according to Derbyshire County Council's allocation policy
- Monies allocated to through Pupil Premium (if eligible)
- Additional money allocated from the school budget

Spending and provision for pupils with Statements/ EHC plans are monitored annually by the LEA. Funding is used to provide: SENCO management time, SEN Teachers, Teaching Assistants who support SEN pupils in class and in small groups, Teaching Assistants for pupils with Statements/ EHC plans and training from agencies both within and outside of Derbyshire County Council for all staff and additional staff to support children during lunchtimes when necessary. Appropriate books, computer programmes and recommended equipment are purchased for all SEN pupils across the school.

Specialist services, such as Educational Psychologists and Behaviour Support, are purchased as needed and a programme for staff training is in place.

### **2. In-service Training for staff in relation to SEN.**

Training needs for the staff for SEN are identified via appraisal reviews and the School Development Plan. In order to maintain and develop the quality of teaching and provision to respond to the strengths and needs of all pupils, all staff are encouraged to undertake training and development. The school uses LEA Agencies and the central INSET programmes to support Governors, teachers, teaching assistants, and the SENCO to fulfil their roles and responsibilities.

### **3. Links with Support Services for SEN and disabilities.**

Parental consent is always sought before the school requests involvement of any outside agency. Winster and Monyash C of E Primary Schools buy in specified hours from outside agencies, each year according to need as identified on our SEND Register.

Early Years Inclusion Service is available on request.

Additional services are bought in as agreed at IEP progress meetings as part of the graduated approach. The school also works closely with the Multi Agency Team, NHS

Occupational Therapy Service, Derbyshire the Educational Welfare Officer, the Family support service, Early Years support advisors, Social Services, Young Carers service,

**4. Evaluation of SEND in Winster and Monyash C of E Primary Schools by the Governing Body.**

The Headteacher/SENCO keeps the Governing Body informed about all SEND matters – such as, the number of pupils on the SEND Register, the number of EHC plans and provision for those pupils, provision across the school, resources, funding, employment and use of Teaching Assistants, progress made by pupils with SEND and parts of the SIP related to SEND. Governors have been involved in training for SEND and there is a named Governor responsible for SEND. The SENCO and SEND Governor have regular meetings.