

SHIREMOOR PRIMARY SCHOOL SPECIAL EDUCATIONAL NEEDS AND DISABILITY POLICY





Compliance

This policy complies with the statutory requirement laid out in the SEND Code of Practice 0- 25 (2015) and has been written with reference to the following guidance and documents:

- Equality Act 2010: Advice for schools DFE (Feb 2013)
- Working Together to Safeguard Children (2016)
- The Special Educational Needs and Disability regulations (2014)
- Children and Families Act- Section 69 (2014)
- SEND Code of Practice 0-25 (January 2015)
- Schools SEN Information Report Regulations (2014)
- Statutory Guidance on Supporting pupils at school with medical conditions (April 2014)
- The National Curriculum in England Key Stage 1 and 2 Framework document (September 2013)
- Teachers Standards • Safeguarding Policy 2016
- Accessibility Policy 2016
- Inclusion Policy

Shiremoor Primary School's Special Educational Needs and Disability (SEND) Policy was developed in consultation with staff, governors and parents. It reflects the Special Educational Needs and Disability Code of Practice, 0-25 years guidance (2015).

SEN and Disability Policy (SEND)

Shiremoor Primary School believe that each pupil has individual and unique needs. However, some pupils require more support than others to make good progress. We aim to provide a safe, supportive environment to provide all children with strategies for dealing with their needs and give them meaningful access to learning and the National Curriculum. By providing the children with early intervention, allowing them to remove barriers to learning, raising expectations, preventative work and integrated services for children, we will provide real and lasting benefits to children with SEN. The school recognises that children with special educational needs may need support in one or more of the following categories:

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

Objectives:

- To ensure equality of provision for pupils with special educational needs (SEN) and disability
- To provide full access for all pupils to a broad and balanced curriculum.
- To take into account legislation related to SEN and Disabilities , including part 3 of the Children and Families Act 2014, The SEN Code of Practice 2014
- To ensure that the needs of pupils with SEN are identified, assessed, planned for and regularly reviewed to improve outcomes
- To enable pupils with SEN to achieve their potential
- To ensure parents / carers are fully engaged in decision making



- To take into account the views, wishes and feelings of pupils
- To provide advice and support for all staff working with pupils with SEN
- To provide detailed information about the arrangements for identifying, assessing and making provision for pupils with SEN

Roles and Responsibilities

Provision for a child with special educational needs is a matter for the school as a whole. It is each teacher's responsibility to provide for pupils with SEND in his/her class, and to be aware that these needs may be present in different learning situations. All staff are responsible for helping to meet an individual's needs and for following the school's plan and procedures for identifying, assessing and making provision and reviewing those needs.

The governing body in co-operation with the Head teacher, has a legal responsibility for determining the policy and provision for pupils with SEND. It maintains a general overview and has appointed a representative governor (the SEND governor), who take particular interest in this aspect of school.

The Special Educational Needs Coordinator (SENCO):

- Overseeing the day-to-day operation of the policy.
- Coordinating provision for pupils with SEN.
- Liaising with the Designated Teacher where a looked after pupil has SEN.
- Advising on the graduated approach to providing SEN support.
- Advising on the deployment of the school's delegated budget and other resources to meet pupils' needs effectively.
- Liaising with parents of pupils with SEN.
- Liaising with early year's providers, other schools, educational psychologists, health and social care professionals, and independent or voluntary bodies.
- Being a key point of contact with external agencies, especially the local authority and its support services.
- Liaising with potential next providers of education to ensure a pupil and their parents are informed about options and a smooth transition is planned.
- Keep the governing body informed about SEND issues
- Working with the head teacher and school governors to ensure that the school meets its responsibilities under the Equality Act (2010) with regard to reasonable adjustments and access arrangements.
- Ensuring that the school keeps the records of all pupils with SEN up to date.

Allocation of Resources

The head teacher and SENCO are responsible for the operational management of the budget for SEN provision. The school will use a range of additional funding including the notional SEN budget and, where applicable, pupil premium to provide high quality appropriate support for pupils with SEN. Class teachers constitute the main resource for SEN supporting children through differentiation. This funding is predominantly used to provide additional auxiliary time for children with SEN as well as to buy material resources and equipment.

Access to the Curriculum



Our broad and balanced curriculum is differentiated to enable all children to access the learning. Teachers have high expectations for all pupils. In planning and teaching teachers provide suitable learning objectives, meet the pupils' diverse learning needs and remove any barriers to learning. Teachers are responsible and accountable for the progress and development of all the pupils. However, in order to maximize learning, some pupils are withdrawn, individually and in small groups, to take part in targeted, time limited interventions planned to meet particular needs. Pupils with SEN are actively encouraged and supported to join in and benefit from additional activities and clubs as well as any wider community activities.

Identification, Assessment, Planning and Review Arrangements:

Shiremoor follows the graduated approach of assess, plan, do and review as outlined in the Code of Practice (2014). This approach is embedded in whole school practice for all pupils and every teacher is responsible for 'adapting teaching to respond to the strengths and needs of all pupils'. (Teachers' Standards 2012) School assessment data, teacher judgments and, where appropriate, assessments from outside agencies are used to identify pupils who require additional and different provision.

SEN support - four part cycle:

The identification of SEN is built into the overall approach to monitoring the progress and development of all pupils in school. Termly pupil progress meetings support the early identification of pupils who may have SEN. Where concerns are identified an initial concerns checklist is completed and discussed with the SENCO.

Assess: The class or subject teacher, working with the SENCO, will carry out a clear analysis of a pupil's needs. This assessment will be reviewed regularly. Where appropriate, professionals will help to inform the assessment. Parents will be asked to contribute to the assessment.

Plan: Parents will be formally notified through termly parents meetings, progress reports and target setting. Adjustments, interventions, support and review date will be agreed with staff, parents and pupil.

Do: The class or subject teacher will remain responsible for working with the pupil on a daily basis and retain responsibility for their progress and outcomes. The class or subject teacher will plan and assess the impact of support and interventions with any teaching assistants or specialist staff involved.

Review: The effectiveness of the support and interventions and their impact on the pupil's progress will be termly. Reviews will be held with parents at least three times per year. The class teacher or subject teacher, working with the SENCO, will revise the support in light of the pupil's progress. If a pupil does not make expected progress over a sustained period of time school will consider involving specialists. School liaises with the following services - Educational Psychology Service, School Health, School Improvement Service (SIS) SEN support, SEN Teaching and Support Service (SENTASS) and, when appropriate, Social Services and Looked After Children Team.

Education, Health and Care Plans:

Where, despite having taken relevant and purposeful action to identify, assess and meet the SEN of a pupil, the pupil has not made expected progress, then school or parents will consider requesting an Education, Health and Care assessment. School will provide the local authority with evidence of the action taken as part of SEN support.



Monitoring and Evaluating the Success of Provision:

A variety of methods are used to monitor and evaluate the provision and achievements for the pupils with SEN:

- Regular observation of teaching by the senior management team
- Analysis of assessment data, with high expectations for the progress expected between key stages for all pupils, • Assessment records that illustrate progress over time – e.g. reading ages
- Pre and post assessments for those pupils who are withdrawn for targeted interventions
- Success rates in respect of individual targets
- Monitoring by the governor with responsibility for SEN
- The views of parents/carers and pupils.
- Regular meetings between SENCO, SENTA and head teacher / SENCO,
- Visits from LA personnel, and Ofsted inspection arrangements to externally validate provision and outcomes for pupils with SEN

Arrangements for Complaints

Should Pupils or parent/carers be unhappy with any respect of the provision they should discuss the problem with the class teacher in the first instance, then if required the SENCO or the Head teacher. If the complaint is unresolved, then the person making the complaint is advised of their rights under Section 23 of the Education reform Act to make a complaint. The Governing Body will consider the complaint, after which, if necessary the LA will become involved.

Parents can contact SENDIASS, a Service for impartial information, advice and support in relation to their child's special educational need and / or disability on tel. 0191 6434160 or sendiass@northtynesdie.gov.uk