

SEND/Inclusion Policy

Royton Hall Primary School



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Rationale

This policy is in line with the Special Educational Needs and Disability (SEND) Code of Practice 2015: 0-25 years (which takes account of The Special Educational Needs and Disability Regulations 2014 and Equality Act 2010). It is part of a whole school strategy to promote inclusion and effective learning for all pupils through the creation of a learning environment where barriers to learning are avoided.

School Aims and Objectives

We at Royton Hall School believe that each pupil has individual and unique needs. However, some pupils require more support than others to achieve their full potential. We acknowledge that a significant proportion of pupils will have special educational needs and/or disability (SEND) at some time in their school career. Many of these pupils may require help throughout their time in school, while others may need a little extra support for a short period to help them overcome more temporary needs. If these pupils are to achieve their full potential, we must recognise this and plan accordingly. Royton Hall Primary School aims to provide all pupils with strategies for dealing with their needs in a supportive environment, and to give them meaningful access to the National Curriculum. In particular, we aim to:

- enable every pupil to experience success
- promote individual confidence and a positive attitude
- ensure that all pupils, whatever their special educational needs, receive appropriate educational provision through a broad and balanced curriculum that is relevant and adapted, and that demonstrates coherence and progression in learning
- give pupils with SEND equal opportunities to take part in all aspects of the school's provision, as far as is appropriate
- ensure that children with SEND have opportunities to receive and make known information, to express an opinion, and have that opinion taken into account in any matters affecting them
- identify, assess, record and regularly review pupils' progress and needs
- involve parents/carers in planning and supporting at all stages of their children's development
- work collaboratively with parents, other professionals and support services
- ensure that the responsibility held by all staff and governors for SEND is implemented and maintained.

Relationship to other policies

This policy should be read in conjunction with the Accessibility Plan, the Medical Needs and Medicines Policy, the Behaviour Policy and the Equality Information and Objectives. Reference should also be made to the 'School Offer' SEND Information Report for parents and carers which also includes information regarding Oldham's local offer.

Attendance

The Senior Leadership Team monitor attendance and children with a high percentage of absence or lateness are targeted in conjunction with the school attendance officer.

Admission Arrangements

Royton Hall Primary School adheres to Oldham Local Authority admissions policy.

Identification and Assessment

Royton Hall Primary School is committed to early identification of SEND and adopts a graduated approach to meeting individual need in line with the Code of Practice (2015) and Oldham Local Authority Guidelines (2015).

A range of evidence is collected through half termly assessments and monitoring arrangements including unit meetings, pupil progress meetings and tracking data. Further information about individual needs is also obtained through pupil voice, regular parent/carer feedback and teacher comments. Where any of these sources suggest that the learner is not making expected progress, the class teacher will consult with parents/carers, pupils and the Inclusion Lead in order to decide whether additional to and/or different from provision is necessary. An overview of needs and how best to support these is considered as part of this discussion. Where appropriate, a termly plan, do, review cycle will take place in order to review progress and set new outcomes with targets to achieve these.

For those making progress in smaller steps, or at a slower pace than set out in the National Curriculum, we currently use P levels and Performance Indicators for Valued Assessment and Targeted Learning (PIVATS) to assess progress.

The identification and assessment of the special educational needs of children whose first language is not English requires particular care. Where there is uncertainty about a particular child, a teacher will look carefully at all aspects of the child's performance in different subjects to establish whether the problems are due to limitations in their command of English or arises from special educational needs.

Roles and responsibilities of Head Teacher, Inclusion Lead, other staff and governors

All teachers deliver High Quality Teaching (HQT) which aims to meet the needs of all learners. Provision for children with special educational needs and/or disability 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 special educational and/or disability needs and for following the school's procedures for identifying, assessing and making provision to meet 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 takes particular interest in this aspect of the school.

The **Head Teacher** has responsibility for:

- the management of all aspects of the school's work, including provision for pupils with SEND
- keeping the governing body informed about SEND issues
- working closely with the SEND personnel within the school
- ensuring that the implementation of this policy and the effects of inclusion policies on the school as a whole are monitored and reported to governors

The **governing body** will ensure that:

- SEND provision is an integral part of the school improvement/development plan
- the necessary provision is made for any pupil with SEND
- all staff are aware of the need to identify and provide for pupils with SEND
- pupils with SEND join in school activities alongside other pupils, as far as is reasonably practical and compatible with their needs and the efficient education of other pupils
- they report to parents on the implementation of the school's SEND policy
- they have regard to the requirements of the *SEND Code of Practice 2014* (and also the *Special Educational Needs (SEN) Code of Practice 2001* where a child has a SEN Statement under the Education Act 1996, rather than an Education, Health and Care (EHC) plan under the Children and Families Act 2014)
- parents are notified if the school decides to make special educational provision for their child
- they are fully informed about SEND issues, so that they can play a major part in school self-review
- they set up appropriate staffing and funding arrangements, and oversee the school's work for pupils with SEND
- the quality of SEND provision is regularly monitored

- they, and the school as a whole, are involved in the development and monitoring of this policy

The **Inclusion Lead** holds the National Award for SEN Coordination (NASENCo Award, post graduate certificate) and is responsible for:

- overseeing the day-to-day operation of this policy
- ensuring that an agreed, consistent approach is adopted
- liaising with and advising other staff
- helping staff to identify pupils with SEND
- ensuring detailed assessments and observations of pupils with specific learning problems are completed as necessary
- co-ordinating the provision for pupils with SEND
- supporting class teachers in devising strategies, setting targets appropriate to the needs of the pupils, and advising on appropriate resources and materials for use with pupils with SEND and on the effective use of materials and personnel in the classroom
- liaising closely with parents of pupils with SEND, so that they are aware of the strategies that are being used and are involved as partners in the process
- liaising with outside agencies, arranging meetings, and providing a link between these agencies, class teachers and parents
- maintaining the school's SEND register and records
- assisting in the monitoring and evaluation of progress of pupils with SEND through the use of school assessment information, e.g. class-based assessments/records, end of year summative assessments.
- contributing to the in-service training of staff
- attending Special Educational Needs Coordinator (SENCo) forum to liaise with other Inclusion Leads/SENcos and share effective practice
- managing learning support staff/teaching assistants
- ensuring that midday supervisors are given any necessary information relating to the supervision of pupils at lunchtime and supporting them in relation to behaviour management and other issues for particular pupils
- liaising with the SENcos in receiving schools/and or other primary schools to help provide a smooth transition from one school to the other

Class teachers are responsible for:

- including pupils with SEND in the classroom, and for providing an appropriately adapted curriculum through high quality teaching (see Appendix 1). They can draw on the Inclusion Lead for advice on assessment and strategies to support inclusion
- making themselves aware of this policy and procedures for identification monitoring and supporting pupils with SEND
- giving feedback to parents of pupils with SEND

Learning support staff/teaching assistants should:

- be fully aware of this policy and the procedures for identifying, assessing and making provision for pupils with SEND
- use the school's procedures for giving feedback to teachers about pupils' responses to tasks and strategies

Links with Educational Support Services

We aim to maintain useful contact with education support services. The following services may be involved (although this is not an exhaustive list):

- Educational Psychologist
- Quality and Effectiveness Support Team for Additional Needs – specialist teachers
- SEMHS – Social, Emotional & Mental Health Support (formerly JIGSAW)
- Individual therapists (eg Physiotherapy, Speech and Language Therapist, Occupational Therapist)
- Healthy Young Minds (formerly Child and Adolescent Mental Health Service - CAMHS)
- Link Teachers at high schools (eg Head of Year 7, SENCo)
- School Health Advisor
- Specialist Nurses
- Paediatric Consultants
- Early Help Service
- A school counselling service
- SENDIAS (SEND Information and Advice Service)

Arrangements for monitoring and evaluation

The success of the school's SEND policy and provision is evaluated through school self-evaluation and reporting activities such as:

- monitoring of pupil progress by the Inclusion Lead and SLT
- analysis of pupil tracking data and test results for individual pupils and for cohorts
- value-added data for pupils on the SEND register
- monitoring of procedures and practice by the SEND governor
- the school's annual SEND review, which evaluates the success of the policy and sets new targets for development
- the school improvement plan, which is used for planning and monitoring provision in the school
- visits from LA personnel and Ofsted inspection arrangements
- feedback from parents and staff, both formal and informal, following meetings to produce individual targets, revise provision and celebrate success.

- regular Inclusion meetings involving Head Teacher and Inclusion Lead evaluating progress and provision and setting future targets.

Confidentiality / Complaints

In the event of a formal complaint parents are advised to contact the Head Teacher or a governor if they prefer. Oldham SEND Information, Advice and Support Service (SENDIAS) is available to offer advice. Any complaints relating to the provision for pupils with SEND will be dealt with in line with the school complaints policy as outlined on the school website.

Resources

The resources for SEND are delegated by the local authority. SEND provision is funded mainly from the school's overall budget and is allocated largely on the basis of individual need. Support is graduated according to needs, priorities and availability of resources.

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Date presented to Governors: March 2022

Approved by: Signed. (Chair of Governors)

Date for full implementation:

Date for review:

In addition to review of this policy, every year the success of the Special Educational Needs Policy and procedures is evaluated and reported to parents in the Governor's Annual Report.

Appendices:

Appendix 1 - OLDHAM SEND Guidance - High Quality Teaching

Appendix 1 High Quality Teaching

...which in a classroom means the teacher will -	
A full-time placement appropriate to their educational setting	
A safe learning environment so that the health, safety and well-being of all pupils is paramount	<p>Provide a safe learning environment</p> <p>Make reasonable adjustments to resources used in lesson to support all</p>
Access to a broad and balanced curriculum, including the appropriate level of statutory curriculum (Foundation Stage, National Curriculum, accredited courses, Further Education and training) appropriate for the age and stage of development of each pupil	<p>Select the appropriate level of work for students;</p> <p>Ensure they teach as per Scheme of Work, especially in the case of accredited courses;</p> <p>Make accurate use of assessment which feeds into subject planning</p>
Good quality teaching, in a curriculum that all pupils can follow, which ensures progress and success, builds self-confidence and independence, and encourages good learning habits	<p>Plan and deliver well-structured lessons</p> <p>Demonstrate good subject knowledge</p> <p>Adapted to support, stretch and challenge, adapting teaching to the strengths and needs of the group/individuals</p> <p>Set, mark and analyse assessments to check progress</p> <p>In examination subjects, prepare students for exam</p> <p>Encourage self-esteem, resilience and independence through their interactions with students</p> <p>Teach good learning habits</p>
Ensures a positive transition into and out of the specific setting, eg Primary to Secondary	<p>Ensure that transition planning for the next stage is embedded within the curriculum and that young people have the opportunity to familiarise with the new setting and expectations prior to moving on.</p> <p>Ensure that staff at the new setting have the relevant level of information required to be able to support the young person to engage in learning and make a positive progression.</p>
Short term support (intervention) to ensure students make reasonable	<p>Set catch-up work</p> <p>Work with colleagues to confirm need for</p>

progress where they have fallen behind	and ensure key intervention
Opportunities for formal assessment to be able to accrue recognised qualifications	Prepare students appropriately for exams, including the relevant tier
A pastoral system to support pupils needs beyond the subject classroom, including a named form teacher and Head of cohort (Year/House)	As form tutors, make efforts to get to know both child and family to support the child's development Encourage students to participate in extra-curricular activities
Good adult models of language, learning and social behaviour	Be that model
An ethos supportive to all students regardless of their need or presentation, and which allows concerns to be voiced	Ensure their classroom is supportive to all, and will challenge unfair or inappropriate comments/behaviour
Opportunities for students to mix with peers	Use paired and group work
Strong and consistent reward systems	Apply the school's systems and sanctions consistently and fairly
Consistently stated and applied standards of behaviour and expectation	Use their own behaviour strategies to maintain good order and a good learning environment Manage behaviour effectively
An ethos where partnerships with parents/carers are encouraged and valued, and opportunities for good, effective home:school provision are fostered	Keep parents informed of progress and issues, and work with parents to encourage and resolve any issues
A range of extra-curricular activities, which can be accessed by all, and all students are encouraged to participate fully	Encourage students to participate
Access to specialist advice where needed, eg SENCo, QEST etc	Alert SENCO regarding concerns about a student in order to facilitate intervention by SEND team and/or specialists
Regular training for all staff in meeting their obligations to all students in school	Participate in training, and make themselves cogniscent with the needs of students in their care so that they can adapt appropriately, providing suitable materials for their learning

*Taken from OldhamLocal Authority SEND Guidelines January 2015

