

# SEND policy and information report

## TADCASTER PRIMARY ACADEMY



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At Tadcaster Primary Academy our children are at the centre of everything we do, our staff know and value each child and we are proud of the safe, family environment that our school provides. We support a positive, can-do attitude so that **all** our children become confident learners

## 1. Aims

Our SEND policy and information report aims to:

- Set out how our school will support and make provision for pupils with special educational needs (SEND)
- Explain the roles and responsibilities of everyone involved in providing for pupils with SEND

## 2. Legislation and guidance

This policy and information report is based on the statutory [Special Educational Needs and Disability \(SEND\) Code of Practice](#) and the following legislation:

- [Part 3 of the Children and Families Act 2014](#), which sets out schools' responsibilities for pupils with SEND and disabilities
- [The Special Educational Needs and Disability Regulations 2014](#), which set out schools' responsibilities for education, health and care (EHC) plans, SEND co-ordinators (SENDCOs) and the SEND information report

## 3. Definitions

A pupil has SEND if they have a learning difficulty or disability which calls for special educational provision to be made for them.

They 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 which prevents or hinders them from making use of facilities of a kind generally provided for others of the same age in mainstream schools

Special educational provision is educational or training provision that is additional to, or different from, that made generally for other children or young people of the same age by mainstream schools.

## 4. Roles and responsibilities

SENDCO	Mr Lee White
Headteacher	Miss Caroline Towler
Pastoral lead	Miss Jeannie Bell
SEND Link Governor	Mr Derek DeVere

### 4.1 The SENDCO

The SENDCO is LEE WHITE who can be contacted on [admin.tad@ebor.academy](mailto:admin.tad@ebor.academy)

They will:

- Work with the headteacher and SEND governor to determine the strategic development of the SEND policy and provision in the school
- Have day-to-day responsibility for the operation of this SEND policy and the coordination of specific provision made to support individual pupils with SEND, including those who have EHC plans

- Provide professional guidance to colleagues and work with staff, parents, and other agencies to ensure that pupils with SEND receive appropriate support and high quality teaching
- Advise on the graduated approach to providing SEND support
- Advise on the deployment of the school's delegated budget and other resources to meet pupils' needs effectively
- Be the point of contact for external agencies, especially the local authority and its support services
- Liaise with potential next providers of education to ensure pupils and their parents are informed about options and a smooth transition is planned
- Work with the headteacher and governing board to ensure that the school meets its responsibilities under the Equality Act 2010 with regard to reasonable adjustments and access arrangements
- Ensure the school keeps the records of all pupils with SEND up to date

## **4.2 The SEND governor**

The SEND governor will:

- Help to raise awareness of SEND issues at governing board meetings
- Monitor the quality and effectiveness of SEND and disability provision within the school and update the governing board on this
- Work with the headteacher and SENDCO to determine the strategic development of the SEND policy and provision in the school

## **4.3 The headteacher**

The headteacher will:

- Work with the SENDCO and SEND governor to determine the strategic development of the SEND policy and provision in the school
- Have overall responsibility for the provision and progress of learners with SEND and/or a disability

## **4.4 Class teachers**

Each class teacher is responsible for:

- The progress and development of every pupil in their class
- Working closely with any teaching assistants or specialist staff to plan and assess the impact of support and interventions and how they can be linked to classroom teaching
- Working with the SENDCO to review each pupil's progress and development and decide on any changes to provision
- Ensuring they follow this SEND policy

# **5. SEND information report**

## **5.1 The kinds of SEND that are provided for**

Our school currently provides additional and/or different provision for a range of needs, including:

- Communication and interaction, for example, autistic spectrum disorder, Asperger's Syndrome, speech and language difficulties
- Cognition and learning, for example, dyslexia, dyspraxia, Moderate Learning Difficulty (MLD)
- Social, emotional and mental health difficulties, for example, attention deficit hyperactivity disorder (ADHD),

- Sensory and/or physical and /or medical needs, for example, visual impairments, hearing impairments, processing difficulties, epilepsy

## 5.2 Identifying pupils with SEND and assessing their needs

We will assess each pupil's current skills and levels of attainment on entry, which will build on previous settings and Key Stages, where appropriate. Class teachers will make regular assessments of progress for all pupils and identify those whose progress:

- Is significantly slower than that of their peers starting from the same baseline
- Fails to match or better the child's previous rate of progress
- Fails to close the attainment gap between the child and their peers
- Widens the attainment gap

This may include progress in areas other than attainment, for example, social needs.

Slow progress and low attainment will not automatically mean a pupil is recorded as having SEND.

When deciding whether special educational provision is required, we will start with the desired outcomes, including the expected progress and attainment, and the views and the wishes of the pupil and their parents. We will use this to determine the support that is needed and whether we can provide it by adapting our core offer, and/or whether something different or additional is needed. The first response is always Quality First Teaching which should be flexible and adaptive to support the needs of most learners.

## 5.3 Consulting and involving pupils and parents

We will have an early discussion with the pupil and their parents when identifying whether they need special educational provision. These conversations will make sure that:

- Everyone develops a good understanding of the pupil's areas of strength and difficulty
- We take into account the parents' concerns
- Everyone understands the agreed outcomes sought for the child
- Everyone is clear on what the next steps are

Notes of these early discussions will be added to the pupil's record and given to their parents.

We will formally notify parents when it is decided that a pupil will receive SEND support.

## 5.4 Assessing and reviewing pupils' progress towards outcomes

We will follow the graduated approach and the four-part cycle of **assess, plan, do, review**.

The class teacher will work with the SENDCO to carry out a clear analysis of the pupil's needs. This will draw on:

- The teacher's assessment and experience of the pupil
- Their previous progress and attainment and behaviour
- The individual's development in comparison to their peers and national data
- The views and experience of parents
- The pupil's own views
- Advice from external support services, if relevant
- Specific assessment tools like dyslexia screeners and YARC reading tests

The assessment will be reviewed regularly.

All teachers and support staff who work with the pupil will be made aware of their needs, the outcomes sought, the support provided, and any teaching strategies or approaches that are required. We will regularly review the effectiveness of the support and interventions and their impact on the pupil's progress.

### **5.5 Supporting pupils moving between phases and preparing for adulthood**

We will share information with the school or other setting the pupil is moving to. We will agree with parents and pupils which information will be shared as part of this. Transition days, where appropriate, will be organised with the new school/provider.

### **5.6 Our approach to teaching pupils with SEND**

Teachers are responsible and accountable for the progress and development of all the pupils in their class.

High quality teaching is our first step in responding to pupils who have SEND. This will be differentiated for individual pupils.

We will also provide interventions both school generated and recognised packages, these include:

- Precision phonics/ Keep up phonics intervention
- Pre teach phonics
- IDL for Literacy
- small group key skills
- 1:1 extra reading
- Reading comprehension intervention
- Number stacks
- Pre-teach

### **5.7 Adaptations to the curriculum and learning environment**

We make the following adaptations to ensure all pupils' needs are met:

- Differentiating our curriculum to ensure all pupils are able to access it, for example, by grouping, 1:1 work, teaching style, content of the lesson, etc.
- Adapting our resources and staffing
- Using recommended aids, such as laptops, coloured overlays, visual timetables, larger font, etc.
- Differentiating our teaching, for example, giving longer processing times, pre-teaching of key vocabulary, reading instructions aloud, etc.

### **5.8 Additional support for learning**

Teaching assistants will support pupils on a 1:1 basis when the content of the delivery is specific to the needs of that child.

Teaching assistants will support pupils in small groups when the group has similar needs.

We work with the following agencies to provide support for pupils with SEND:

- Autism Support
- Speech. language and communication Outreach.
- Speech and Language therapists
- Occupational Therapists
- Early Years support Teachers
- Educational Psychology service.

## **5.9 Expertise and training of staff**

As part of the Ebor Academy Trust, we are committed to providing high quality training and support to all our staff. We have an experienced academy specialist for SEND who has dedicated time to work with our schools and our workforce. Our staff access in house specialist training as well as a wide range of external courses from other professionals and agencies.

Example of recent or planned staff training would include:

- Compass Buzz-mental health awareness training
- De-escalation and physical restraint
- Dyslexia awareness and the environment.
- Language developmental disorder
- Four areas of SEND needs and strategies to support
- Keeping intervention records and provision mapping.
- Developmental Language Disorder
- The Inclusive classroom
- Trauma Informed School

## **5.10 Securing equipment and facilities**

When children's needs require additional equipment or services the school works with Ebor and specialists to source these.

## **5.11 Evaluating the effectiveness of SEND provision**

We evaluate the effectiveness of provision for pupils with SEND by:

- Reviewing pupils' individual progress towards their goals each term
- Reviewing the impact of interventions after 6 weeks
- Using pupil questionnaires
- Monitoring by the SENDCO
- Holding annual reviews for pupils with EHC plans
- auditing the classroom environment and availability of resources
- Book scrutinies and learning walks

## **5.12 Enabling pupils with SEND to engage in activities available to those in the school who do not have SEND**

All of our extra-curricular activities and school visits are available to all our pupils

All pupils are encouraged to go on our residential trip to Kingswood.

All pupils are encouraged to take part in sports day/school plays/special workshops, etc.

No pupil is ever excluded from taking part in these activities because of their SEND or disability.

Our schools Accessibility Plan can be found on our website.

### **5.13 Support for improving emotional and social development**

At Tadcaster Primary Academy, we believe that happy children learn better and we understand the importance of a holistic approach to teaching and learning. As well as a very clear and consistent behaviour policy and set of expectations, we have a member of staff who works as part of the Ebor pastoral team to deliver quality 1:1 or small group work, supporting social, emotional and mental well-being of our children. Our Pastoral Lead has received training from the Retreat Clinic where they were presented with the opportunity to develop their therapeutic communication skills with children and young people and develop their knowledge of working with trauma in the classroom. This has been shared with the wider staff team. We also have a dedicated space called the Hub, where children can receive support and families can meet with the staff in a calm environment.

We have a zero tolerance approach to bullying.

### **5.14 Working with other agencies**

Within school we can seek support from:

- The SEND Selby Hub which provides outreach support through teams of specialist teachers, teaching assistants etc...

They are based in Sandpiper House - Selby

Hub Manager – Kerry Chapman

Inclusion Locality Manager (Selby C&L) – Clare Leonard

#### **SEN team**

SEN Casework Manager – Emma Davison

SEN Casework Officers – Dawn Broadhead,

#### **C&I team**

SLCN Specialist – Alison Smith

Speech and Language Therapist

SLT Assistants – Jayne Ball

C&I Specialist Teacher – Nicci Watson

C&I Specialist Practitioners – Katie Collins

#### **SEMH team**

SEMH Specialist – Mary Mercer

SEMH Specialist Practitioner – Amelia Formstone

#### **C&L team**

Specialist Teacher Early Development – Rachel Cole

Portage – Kate Boocock, Sally Carse, Jackie Leeming

Specialist Teacher Learning Difficulties – Sue Coward

C&L Specialist Practitioner – Emma Gilmer

#### **Occupational Therapist (Home Independence)**

Michelle Recchia

Educational Psychology

Area Senior EP – vacant

Senior Practitioner EP – vacant

Assistant EP – vacant

Contact for all is:

NYSENDhubs@northyorks.gov.uk

We also work closely with CAMHS and a variety of medical practitioners like physiotherapists and paediatricians.

### **5.15 Complaints about SEND provision**

Complaints about SEND provision in our school should be made to the class teacher in the first instance. They will then be referred to the school's complaints policy.

The parents of pupils with disabilities have the right to make disability discrimination claims to the first-tier SEND tribunal if they believe that our school has discriminated against their children. They can make a claim about alleged discrimination regarding:

- Exclusions
- Provision of education and associated services
- Making reasonable adjustments, including the provision of auxiliary aids and services

### **5.16 Contact details of support services for parents of pupils with SEND**

SENDDIASS will offer information and support to families for pupils with SEND up to the ages of 25 years whether they have an EHC plan or not. For further information contact **01609 536923**

### **5.17 Contact details for raising concerns**

Please contact the Headteacher in the first instance on 01937 833795

### **5.18 The local authority local offer**

Our local authority's local offer is published here: <https://www.northyorks.gov.uk/SENDd-local-offer>

## **6. Monitoring arrangements**

This policy and information report will be reviewed by the SENDCO and the SEND Governor **every year**. It will also be updated if any changes to the information are made during the year.

It will be approved by the governing board.

## **7. Links with other policies and documents**

This policy links to our policies on:

- Accessibility plan
- Behaviour



- Equality information and objectives
- Supporting pupils with medical conditions
- Remote learning policy