Staining CE Primary School



SEND Policy

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Policy for Special Educational Needs and Disability

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We at Staining Primary School are committed to making our best endeavours to meet the special educational needs of pupils and ensuring that they achieve the best possible educational and other outcomes. In line with our mission statement, "It is the aim of the school to develop the academic potential of each child: and to cater for the social, moral, physical and spiritual requirements of the individual in a happy and secure environment." Every teacher is a teacher of every child, including those with SEND.

This policy complies with the statutory requirement laid out in the SEND Code of Practice 0 - 25 (September 2014) 3.65 and has been written with reference to the following guidance and documents:

- Equality Act 2010: advice for schools DfE Feb 2013
- SEND Code of Practice 0 25 (September 2014)
- Schools SEN Information Report Regulations (2014)

This policy has been created by the school's SENCO, Stephen Twist, and is to be used with governors, staff and parents & carers of pupils with special educational needs and disability.

Aims

We value all the children in our school equally and we recognise the entitlement of each child to receive the best possible education. Within a caring and mutually supportive environment we aim to:

- Build upon the strengths and achievements of the child
- Create an environment in which all individuals are valued, have respect for one another and grow in self-esteem.
- Give equal access to all aspects of school life through academic, social and practical experiences. This will allow all children to experience success regardless of SEN, disability or any other factor that may affect their attainment. This is in so far as it is reasonably practical and compatible with the child receiving their special educational provision and the effective education of their fellow pupils.
- Ensure that effective channels of communication are sustained so that all persons including parents and carers are aware of the pupil's progress and Special Educational Provision (SEP) made for them.
- Assess children regularly so that those with SEN are identified as early as possible.
- Inable pupils with special educational needs to make the greatest progress possible.
- Work towards developing expertise in using inclusive teaching and learning strategies.

Objectives

In order to achieve our aims and to ensure that children with special educational needs achieve their full potential and make progress we will:

Please see Appendix A which contains the detailed action plan for 2020-2021

Broad Areas of Need

These four broad areas give an overview of the range of needs that may be planned for.

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

According to the SEND Code of Practice 2014, there are four broad categories of need. These include:

COMMUNICATION AND INTERACTION

- Children and young people with speech, language and communication needs (SLCN) have difficulty in communicating with others. This may be because they have difficulty saying what they want to, understanding what is being said to them or they do not understand or use social rules of communicating. The profile for every child with SLCN is different and their needs may change over time. They may have difficulty with one, some or all of the different aspects of speech, language or social communication at different times of their lives.
- Children and young people with ASD, including Asperger's Syndrome and Autism, arelikely to have particular difficulties with social interaction. They may also experience difficulties with language, communication and imagination; which can impact on how they relate to others.

• COGNITION AND LEARNING

Support for learning difficulties may be requires when children and young people learn at a slower pace than their peers, even with appropriate differentiation. Learning difficulties cover a wide range of needs, including moderate learning difficulties (MLD), severe learning difficulties (SLD), where children are likely to needs support in all areas of the curriculum and associated difficulties with mobility and communication, through to profound and multiple learning difficulties (PMLD), where children are likely to have severe and complex learning difficulties as well as a physical disability or sensory impairment. Specific learning difficulties (SpLD), affect one or more specific aspects of learning. This encompasses a range of conditions such as dyslexia, dyscalculia and dyspraxia.

• SOCIAL, EMOTIONAL AND MENTAL HEALTH DIFFICULTIES

- Children and young people may experience a wide range of social and emotional difficulties which manifest themselves in many ways. These may include becoming withdrawn or isolated as well as displaying challenging, disruptive or disturbing behaviour. These behaviours may reflect underlying mental health difficulties such as anxiety or depression, self-harming, substance misuse, eating disorders or physical symptom that are medically unexplained. Other children and young people may have disorders such as attention deficit disorder, attention deficit hyperactive disorder or attachment disorder.
- Schools and colleges should have clear processes to support children and young people, including how they will manage the effect of any disruptive behaviour so it does not adversely affect other pupils.

• SENSORY AND/OR PHYSICAL NEEDS

- Some children and young people require special educational provision because they have a disability which prevents or hinders them from making use of the educational facilities generally provided. These difficulties can be age related and may fluctuate over time. Many children and young people with vision impairments (VI), hearing impairment (HI) or a multi-sensory impairment (MSI) will require specialist support and/or equipment to access their learning, or habilitation support. Children and young people with an MSI must have a combination of vision and hearing difficulties.
- Some children and young people with a physical disability (PD) require additional ongoing support and equipment to access all the opportunities available to their peers.
- (Definitions taken form SEND Code of Practice , 2014)

The purpose of identification is to work out what action the school needs to take, not to fit a pupil into a category. We identify the needs of pupils by considering the needs of the whole child, which will include not just the special educational needs of the child or young person. There are occasions when progress and attainment are affected by factors other than special educational needs. For example:

- Having a disability
- Attendance and punctuality
- Health and welfare
- Using English as an Additional Language (EAL)
- Being in receipt of Pupil Premium Grant
- Being a Looked After Child

Where this is the case, appropriate provision will be made, but this does not automatically necessitate the child receiving Special Educational Provision (SEP).

A Graduated Approach to SEN Support

The school is committed to early identification in order to meet the needs of children with 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. Teachers' ongoing assessment will provide information about areas where a child is not progressing satisfactorily. These observations may be supported by formal assessments such as Baseline Assessment, SATs or the use of PIVATS. Teachers will then consult the SENCO to consider what else might be done – the child's learning characteristics; the learning environment, the task and the teaching style should always be considered. Progress for children will be achieved by focussing on classroom organisation, teaching materials, teaching style and differentiation. If subsequent intervention does not lead to adequate progress then the teacher will consult the SENCO to review the strategies that have been used. This review may lead to the conclusion that the pupil requires help that is additional to or different from that which is normally available. This would constitute Special Educational Provision (SEP) and the child would be registered as receiving SEN Support. We seek to identify pupils making less than expected progress given their age and individual circumstances. This can be characterised by progress which:

- 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
- fails to make progress with wider development or social and emotional needs
- fails to make progress in self-help, social and personal skills

The school will use the graduated approach as advised in the Code of Practice 0-25 Years – 'Assess, Plan, Do, Review'. This process is initiated, facilitated and overseen by the SENCO, whilst the class teacher is responsible for carrying out the process of assessing, planning, doing and reviewing. Where external agencies are involved, the SENCO will be responsible for liaising with those agencies. The SENCO will also provide advice and guidance throughout the process, and may carry out some additional assessment. The SENCO will update all records of provision and impact of that provision. The teacher will maintain the personalized plans and keep them updated.

ASSESS - The teacher and SENCO will consider all of the information gathered from within the school about the pupil's progress, alongside national data and expectations of progress. This will include formative assessment, using effective tools and early assessment materials. From this, we identify the child's current attainment, achievements and learning profile. This may involve taking advice from the SENCO, external specialists and may include the use of diagnostic and other assessments to determine the exact areas of need and strategies recommended. Where external specialists are involved directly with the pupil, parental consent will be sought first. Information may also be gathered using person-centred tools to discover what is important to the pupil and how best we can support them.

PLAN – Pupils and parents will be involved in the planning process as much as possible. Personcentred tools may be employed to facilitate this. This means that the pupil and their parents/ carers are supported in the planning process to arrive at goals and plans that make them key players in the learning process. This will be used to ascertain aspirations and outcomes for the child in the short and longer term. Parents and pupils will take away a copy of the plans for the term, which will include the expected outcomes, actions and strategies and provision to be used. A review date will also be set. **DO**- The strategies and interventions agreed in the plan will be implemented and progress monitored using the school's usual assessment systems, plus specific tracking of progress through any interventions. Progress may be measured through assessment scores and/or through qualitative observations.

REVIEW- The progress of the pupil will be reviewed at the end of the specified period of intervention. This review will form the basis of further assessment and planning. Meetings with pupils and parents happen at least termly.

The school's Local Offer can be found on the school website www.stainingschool.co.uk

This indicates the type of provision the school currently offers to pupils with SEN and disability. It is reviewed annually. The level and type of provision decided on for individual pupils is that which is required to meet the planned outcomes. The SENCO records the cost of provision made through provision mapping.

Statutory Assessment of SEN

If the school is unable to meet with all of the agreed provision from its existing resources, finance and staffing expertise; and the outcomes for the child are not improving despite SEN Support, then the school may request a statutory assessment from the Local Authority, which may lead to an Education, Health and Care Plan. The school will provide the evidence about the child's progress over time, documentation in relation to the child's SEN Support and any action taken to deal with their needs, including any resources or special arrangements in place.

This information may include:

- the child's individual plans (IPP)
- records of reviews with pupils and parents, and their outcomes
- Common Assessment Framework (if applicable)
- medical information where relevant
- National Curriculum attainment, and wider learning profile
- educational and other assessments, e.g. Educational Psychologist
- views of the parent and the child
- involvement of outside agencies

If the Local Authority (LA) agrees to a Statutory Assessment, it must assess the education, health and care needs of that child. The LA must request advice and information on the child and the provision that must be put in place to meet those needs from:

- parents/ carers and/ or child
- the school
- an educational psychologist
- health
- social care
- anyone else that parents/ carers request
- a specialist teacher for the visually impaired or hearing impaired, if appropriate.

From this information, it must then be decided whether or not to issue an Education, Health and Care Plan (EHCP). Further information can be found on the LA website

www.lancashire.gov.uk

Annual Review of the EHC Plan

All EHC Plans must be reviewed at least annually. The SENCO initiates the process of inviting relevant people to the meeting. This will include pupils, parents and others close to the child who pupils and parents would like to attend. Relevant professionals from within school and outside agencies will also be invited, as will a representative from the LA. The review will be person (child)-centred, looking at:

- progress on actions towards agreed outcomes
- what we appreciate and admire about the child
- what is important to the child now
- what is important to the child in the future
- how best to support the child
- questions to answer/ issues we are struggling with
- action plan

Any amendments to the EHC Plan will be recorded. The SENCO will record the outcomes of this meeting and the Head Teacher will ensure that it is sent to the LA.

Criteria for exiting Special Educational Provision

A child may no longer require SEP, where they

- make progress significantly quicker than that of their peers
- close the attainment gap between them and their peers
- make significant progress with wider development or social and emotional needs, such that they no longer require provision that is additional to or different from their peers
- make progress in self-help, social and personal skills, such that they no longer require provision that is additional to or different from their peers

This would be determined at the review stage.

Supporting pupils and families

Lancashire County Council's Local Authority's Local Offer can be found at <u>www.lancashire.gov.uk</u>

This policy forms part of the school's SEN Information Report. The SEN Information Report is updated yearly and can be found on the school website <u>www.stainingschool.co.uk</u> The school is committed to working closely with parents and a number of initiatives to develop closer working relationships have been developed in the last year. Parents meet regularly with school staff and concerns and successes are shared. Parents are made aware of the Information, Advice and Support Services (IASS), formerly Parent Partnership Service, and supported to engage with external agencies.

Parents will be involved at every stage of their child's progress, through liaison with the class teacher and later the SENCO. Parents are encouraged to be involved with target setting for personalised

plans. Some home activities may be provided. Parents and pupils are invited to target setting meetings and to review progress. Parents of children with Statements/ EHC Plans will also be invited to a yearly review, along with relevant support service personnel connected to the child, and the pupil themselves. The Governors' Annual Report informs all parents of changes to the SEN Policy and of the outcomes of targets set in the Policy and new targets set for the coming year.

Medical issues are first discussed with the parents/carer. If support is required the school nurse will be contacted. The child may then be referred for assessment through his/her GP.

The Educational Welfare Officer visits school regularly to offer advice. If a teacher is concerned about the welfare of a child they should consult the SENCO and/or Head teacher as Child Protection Co-ordinator.

Depending on the special educational needs of the children different agencies may be involved e.g. occupational therapist, speech and language therapist, physiotherapist, psychiatrist, the Traveller Service.

The School's Child Protection Co-ordinator is Jennifer Shoulders.

The position of the School's Child Protection Governor is Kelly Guy.

Admissions

Pupils with special educational needs will be admitted to Staining Primary School in line with the school's admissions policy. The school is aware of the statutory requirements of the Children and Families Act 2014 and will meet the Act's requirements. The school will use their induction meetings to work closely with parents to ascertain whether a child has been identified as having, or possibly having special educational needs. In the case of a pupil joining the school from another school, Staining Primary School will seek to ascertain from parents whether the child has special education needs and will access previous records as quickly as possible. If the school is alerted to the fact that a child may have a difficulty in learning they will make their best endeavours to collect all relevant information and plan a relevant differentiated curriculum. The Admissions policy is available on the school website.

When a pupil transfers to another school, transfer documents, including full records of their special educational needs, will be sent to the receiving school. On transfer to secondary school the Year 6 teacher and SENCO will meet with the SENCO of the receiving school to discuss SEN records and the needs of the individual pupils. An invitation will be issued for a representative of the receiving school to attend the transition review meeting held in Year 6.

Medical Needs

The school recognises that pupils at school with medical conditions should be properly supported so that 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 the school will comply with its duties under the Equality Act 2010.

Some may also have special educational needs (SEN) and may have a statement, or Education, Health and Care (EHC) plan which brings together health and social care needs, as well as their special educational provision and the SEND Code of Practice (2014) is followed. The school's policy on medical needs can be found on the school website at

www.stainingschool.co.uk

Monitoring and evaluation of the Policy

This policy will be reviewed annually and updated in the light of new developments. Progress will be monitored and evaluated via the action plan. Progress on the annual targets will be reported in the Annual Governors Report to Parents.

Training and resources

Governors will ensure that there is a suitably qualified SENCO who has the time necessary to undertake the role. Time is identified for staff to review pupil progress, discuss pupil curriculum needs and to transfer information between classes and phases. Teacher Assistant time is allocated to ensure pupils receive the individual support outlined in the individual plans and teachers are responsible for ensuring this takes place and is monitored.

The Governors ensure that time is allocated to allow for monitoring of provision and pupil progress.

Training for teachers and teacher assistants is provided both within school and through other professional development activities.

The school uses funding to provide external professional advice and support for individual pupils in line with their statements and in relation to needs.

The governors will ensure that they are kept fully abreast of their statutory responsibilities by attending training and receiving regular updates from the Head teacher or the SENCO.

The SENCO will keep abreast of current research and thinking on SEN matters.

The SENCO will be supported to enhance their knowledge, skills and abilities through courses or from the support of other professionals.

The SENCO will disseminate knowledge or skills gained through staff meetings, whole school INSET or consultation with individual members of staff.

External agencies may be invited to take part in INSET.

SEN training is included within INSET days and staff meetings to reflect the needs of the school and individual staff members.

Funding is deployed in the budget to meet the cost of all children.

Funding received for a statement/ Education Health Care Plan is allocated to ensure appropriate provision.

Roles and Responsibilities

The Governing Body

The SEN Governor, Kelly Guy, will support the Governors to fulfil their statutory obligations by ensuring:

- the Curriculum Committee receives a report at every curriculum meeting to update progress on SEN issues,
- the SEN policy is reviewed annually,
- the governors' annual report details the effectiveness of the SEN policy in the last year, any significant changes to the SEN policy, why they have been made and how they will affect SEN provision,
- the school prospectus explains how the school implements the special educational needs statutory requirements reflecting what the school has in place and actually provides for pupils with special educational needs.

The Headteacher

The Head teacher is the school's 'responsible person' and manages the school's special educational needs work. The Head teacher will keep the Governing Body informed about the special educational needs provision made by the school. The Head teacher will work closely with the SENCO, the Special Needs Governor and Staff to ensure the effective day to-day operation of the school's special educational needs policy. The Head teacher and the SENCO will identify areas for development in special educational needs and contribute to the school's improvement plan.

The Special Educational Needs Co-ordinator (SENCO)

The SENCO is responsible for:

- co-ordinating SEN provision for children.
- liaising with and advising teachers
- maintaining the school's SEN register and overseeing the records of all pupils with special educational needs
- liaising with parents of children with special educational needs
- liaising with external agencies including the educational psychology service and other support agencies, medical and social services and voluntary bodies
- consultation with the class teacher to ensure that IPPs are written and that reviews take place.

Role of Class Teacher and Support Staff

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. Both the teaching staff and the support assistants have an integrated role in curriculum planning and in supporting the child's learning. They are fully involved in the identification, curriculum differentiation and assessment of pupils with SEN. They work together with the SENCO to formulate and review IPPs and to maintain a class SEN file that is kept in the classroom for reference by staff including supply staff and students as appropriate.

Confidentiality- Storing and managing information

The confidential nature of SEND information is fully recognized at Staining Primary School. Hard copy files are stored in the Head Teacher's office, whilst electronic files are stored on a secure staff server.

Reviewing the policy

The policy will be reviewed as part of the school's evaluation cycle. The policy is due for review – September 2021.

Accessibility

The DDA, as amended by the SEN and Disability Act 2001, placed a duty on all schools and LAs to plan to increase over time the accessibility of schools for disabled pupils and to implement their plans. Staining CE Primary School publishes its accessibility plans within its Local Offer and its Inclusion policy. These can both be found on the website at <u>www.stainingschool.co.uk</u>

Complaints

The complaint procedure for special educational needs mirrors the school's other complaints procedures. Should a parent or carer have a concern about the special provision made for their child they should in the first instance discuss this with the class teacher. If the matter is not resolved satisfactorily parents have recourse to the following:

- discuss the problem with the SENCO
- discuss the problem with the Head teacher
- More serious on-going concerns should be presented in writing to the SEN Governor, who will inform the Chairman of the Governors

Parents are informed about Information Advice and Support Services (formerly Parent Partnership)

Bullying

Bullying is taken very seriously at Staining CE Primary School. To view the school's policy on antibullying, see the school's website at <u>www.stainingschool.co.uk</u>

Statistically, children with SEND are more likely than their peers to experience bullying. Consequently, staff and governors at Staining CE Primary School endeavour to generate a culture of support and care among pupils. SEND Action Plan 2020 - 21

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SIP Link:

Action	Steps to take	Who	Expected Impact	Leadership
ntroduction of KS1 shadow' to aid early dentification	Use appraisal system to identify.	SENDCO LW	Shared goals Early identification.	Timetable EP to work with staff.
Accurate Provision Map	 Use intervention log to map when interventions delivered SENDCO to use ILP to map out whole school interventions taking place 	SENDCO Team	Measure Impact of intervention	SENDCO to complete.
Restructure school imetable that has a greater mpact on the quality of SEND provision.	Create timetable Trial timetable in Y3/4	SLT	SEND pupils will receive intensive daily support that best meets their needs.	Design timetable and solve staffing issues and adopt a streamlined whole school approach.
FAs identified and selected o specialise in an area of SEND intervention.	Choose required roles Meet with TAs to discuss preferred specialism Deliver training. Outline expectations Agree timetable	SLT TAs	TAs will have clear expectations of their role in SEND interventions.	Identify Training.
Streamline ILP files.	 ILPs are simple to use. ILPs are a useful aide to staff. ILPs are understood by parents and pupils ILPs are accurate. ILP targets measureable. ILPs are evaluated. 		Staff are clear on expectations. ILPs are meaningful. ILPs are effectively used. Parents are consulted for all ILPs	New ILP Document.
Staff understand how to write an ILP.	 ILP Training given to staff. Maths, Reading and Writing targets discreetly taught and incorporated into class-based activities. Staff training on SMART target setting which reflects needs. How are these MEASUREABLE? 	SLT Teachers TAs	Staff confident in writing ILPs. Staff confident in applying ILP targets throughout the curriculum.	Deliver ILP Training with EP.
Maths intervention programme.	 Incorporate PIVATS, Number blocks and Power Maths resources to develop a structured Maths intervention programme. Trial intervention programme in Y3/4 	SLT SL TAs	Pupils receive targeted support in closing the gaps in learning. Progress can be effectively measured.	New Maths intervention programme
Writing Intervention programme.	 Colourful Semantics Training for TAs Colourful Semantics Training for T Create 'Writing Headlines' for all year groups. Pupils focus upon writing headline gaps. 	SLT SL T TAs	Colourful Semantics is embedded across school. Pupils can understand how a sentence is constructed.	Create Writing Headlines for all yea groups. Deliver SPAG Staff training. Deliver Colourful Semantics training
Reading Intervention programme.	Locate a range of reading comprehension, word recognition, spelling and fluency resources that can be accessed by SEND pupils. Timetable Guided Reading sessions on a whole school level. Precision Teach training.	SLT SL T	SEND pupils develop reading skills focussing on all areas. Staff understand how precision teaching of sight words can impact a pupil's ability to access texts.	Deliver Precision Teach training. Incorporate interventions into Whole School Reading Plan.
Develop a Group Learning Plan for Reading, Writing and Maths.	 GLP simple to use. GLP used as an assessment tool. GLP used in Reading, Writing and Maths targeted groups daily. GLP feeds back into ILPs. 	SLT T TAs	Staff confident to use GLP. GLP used to measure pupils attainment.	Create GLP. Link GLP to assessment system.
Identify SEND staff training requirements.	 Taking into account intervention timetable, pupil need and staff need, provide training in areas identified below. 	SLT T TAs	Pupils able to access tailored and personalised support. Staff expertise developed.	Identify Pupil and Staff Need for training.
S&L Training	Early Talk Boost external training (NHS Trust)	SLT T TAs	Improved awareness and understanding of S&L therapy. Ability for staff to deliver S&L	Schedule staff training.
			boosters.	