



Leintwardine Endowed C of E Primary School
Special Educational Needs & Disabilities (SEND) and Inclusion

This Policy is naturally linked to our SEND offer which can be seen on our Website.

Introduction

This policy reflects our Christian foundation and our school ethos which are at the forefront of all that we do.

Our School Ethos:

Whilst truly embedding ourselves in the heart of the church and surrounding community, we provide outstanding learning opportunities for all our children and their families.

“Letting our Light Shine” Matthew 5:16

This ethos ensures that all children are valued as unique and special individuals, each able to contribute to and enrich each others' lives. This vital ethos permeates Leintwardine Endowed CE Primary School from policy to practice.

Our aspiration is for each child to be kind so that they :

*Achieve their potential
Become Independent
Connect with their Community,
Develop their Resilience*

SEND Co-ordinator: Mrs N Gorry
Designated Governor for SEND: Mr Paul Cooper-James
Designated teacher for Looked After Children: Mrs N Gorry
Designated teacher for children with EAL: Mrs N Gorry

Definitions

A pupil has SEN 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.

Roles and responsibilities

The SENCO

The SENCO is Nicola Gorry who can be contacted at the school office or via admin@leintwardine.hereford.sch.uk

They will:

Work with the SEN governor to determine the strategic development of the SEN policy and provision in the school

- Have day-to-day responsibility for the operation of this SEN policy and the co-ordination of specific provision made to support individual pupils with SEN, including those who have EHC plans
- Provide professional guidance to colleagues and work with staff, parents, and other agencies to ensure that pupils with SEN receive appropriate support and high-quality teaching
- Advise on the graduated approach to providing SEN 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 SEN up to date

The SEN governor

The SEN governor will:

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

The headteacher

The headteacher will:

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

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 SENCO to review each pupil's progress and development and decide on any changes to provision
- Ensuring they follow this SEN policy

SEN information report

The kinds of SEN that are provided for

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

Identifying pupils with SEN 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 to make progress 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 SEN.

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, or whether something different or additional is needed.

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 SEN support.

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 or subject teacher will work with the SENCO 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

- Other teachers' assessments, where relevant

- 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

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.

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.

Our approach to teaching pupils with SEN

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 SEN. This will be differentiated for individual pupils.

We will also provide interventions as needed for each child

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.

Additional support for learning

Teaching assistants will support pupils on a 1:1 or group basis when it meets a child's need.

Expertise and training of staff

Our SENCO has several years experience in this role.

She is allocated half a day a week to manage SEN provision.

We have a team of teaching assistants

Securing equipment and facilities

If a pupil requires extra equipment and facilities we will work with the LA/Diocese

Evaluating the effectiveness of SEN provision

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

- Reviewing pupils' individual progress towards their goals each term

- Reviewing the impact of interventions

- Using pupil questionnaires

- Monitoring by the SENCO

- Monitoring by the Head teacher

- Book trawls

- Holding annual reviews for pupils with statements of SEN or EHC plans

Enabling pupils with SEN to engage in activities available to those in the school who do not have SEN

All of our extra-curricular activities and school visits are available to all our pupils, including our before-and after-school clubs.

All pupils are encouraged to go on our residential trip(s)

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 SEN or disability.

Support for improving emotional and social development

We provide support for pupils to improve their emotional and social development in the following ways:

- Pupils with SEN are encouraged to be part of the school council

- Pupils with SEN are also encouraged to be part of clubs to promote teamwork/building friendships etc.

- We have a zero tolerance approach to bullying.

Working with other agencies

We seek support from external agencies e.g. speech and language in order to meet a child's needs

Complaints about SEN provision

Complaints about SEN 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

Contact details for raising concerns

Please see our complaints policy on the website. A copy is available from the office.

The local authority local offer

Our local authority's local offer is published www.herefordshire.gov.uk

Monitoring arrangements

This policy and information report will be reviewed by the head teacher and SENCO **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.

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