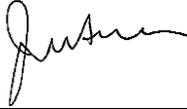




## HEADLANDS PRIMARY SCHOOL

### INCLUSION (SEND)

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# **INCLUSION (SEND) POLICY**

## **HISTORY OF CHANGES**

This policy was reviewed in January 2018 by Karen Smith

This policy was reviewed in January 2019 by Karen Smith

This policy was reviewed in February 2020 by Heidi Redman

This policy was reviewed in May 2021 by Heidi Redman

This policy was reviewed in December 2022 by Heidi Redman – minor changes made

This policy was reviewed in December 2023 by Heidi Redman

Changes made:

High needs funding now known as Targeted SEND funding, Robins provision has been added, Rainbows staff update, LAC coordinator changed to Sophie Moore, Miss Harvey now Mrs Harvey, Weblinks towards end of document checked and replaced with new links where needed.

## INCLUSION POLICY FOR HEADLANDS PRIMARY SCHOOL

### Legislative Compliance

This policy complies with the guidance given in **Statutory Instrument: Special Educational Needs (Information) Regulations (Clause 65)**. It has been written as guidance for staff, parents or carers and children with reference to the following guidance and documents.

SEN Code of Practice (which takes account of the SEN provisions of the SEN and Disability Act 2001) September 2014

Ofsted Section 5 Inspection Framework April 2014

Ofsted SEN Review 2010 “A Statement is not enough”

Equality Act 2010

Children and Families Act 2014

### Inclusion Statement

- We endeavour to achieve maximum inclusion of all children (including vulnerable learners) whilst meeting their individual needs.
- Teachers provide differentiated learning opportunities for all the children within the school and provide materials appropriate to children’s interests and abilities. This ensures that all children have a full access to the school curriculum.
- Special Educational Need might be an explanation for delayed or slower progress but is not an excuse, and we make every effort to narrow the gap in attainment between vulnerable groups of learners and others.
- English as an Additional Language (EAL) is not considered a Special Education Need. Scaffolded work and individual learning opportunities are provided for children who are learning EAL as part of our provision for vulnerable learners.
- We focus on individual progress as the main indicator of success.
- We strive to make a clear distinction between “underachievement” – often caused by a poor early experience of learning - and special educational needs.
  - Some pupils in our school may be underachieving but will not necessarily have a special educational need. It is our responsibility to spot this quickly and ensure that appropriate interventions are put in place to help these pupils catch up.
  - Other pupils will genuinely have special educational needs and this **may** lead to lower-attainment (though not necessarily to under-achievement). It is our responsibility to ensure that pupils with special educational needs have the maximum opportunity to attain and make progress in line with their peers. Accurate assessment of need and carefully planned programmes, which address the root causes of any learning difficulty, are essential ingredients of success for these pupils. These will be provided, initially, through additional support funded from the devolved school’s budget.

## **Aims and Objectives of this Policy**

The aims of our inclusion policy and practice in this school are:

- To provide curriculum access for all
- To secure high levels of achievement for all
- To meet individual needs through a wide range of provision
- To attain high levels of satisfaction and participation from pupils, parent and carers
- To carefully map provision for all vulnerable learners to ensure that staffing deployment, resource allocation and choice of intervention is leading to good learning outcomes.
- To ensure a high level of staff expertise to meet pupil need, through well targeted continuing professional development.
- To work in cooperative and productive partnership with the Local Authority and other outside agencies, to ensure there is a multi-professional approach to meeting the needs of all vulnerable learners.
- To “promote children’s self-esteem and emotional well-being and help them to form and maintain worthwhile relationships based on respect for themselves and others”. (National Curriculum, 2014).

The head teacher and the governing body have delegated the responsibility for the ongoing implementation of this Inclusion Policy to the Inclusion Lead. At Headlands Primary School the Inclusion Lead works closely with the SENCO.

The SENCO is responsible for reporting regularly to the Inclusion Lead, Head teacher and the governor with responsibility for SEN on the ongoing effectiveness of this inclusion policy.

The English as an Additional Language (EAL) Co-ordinator (Heidi Redman) has strategic responsibility for the inclusion of children who have EAL and the achievement of vulnerable ethnic minority groups.

The Designated Teacher for Looked after Children (Sophie Moore) has strategic responsibility for the inclusion of children who are adopted or in local authority care.

**All staff in school have a responsibility for maximising achievement and opportunity of vulnerable learners** – specifically, all teachers are teachers of pupils with special educational needs and EAL. Staff are aware of their responsibilities towards all vulnerable learners and a positive and sensitive attitude is shown towards all pupils at all times.

**The name and contact details of the SEN co-ordinator.**

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**The name and contact details of the EAL**

**Co-ordinator.**

***Mrs Heidi Redman– EAL Co-ordinator Tel – 01604 407098***

**The name and contact details of the Designated Teacher for Looked After Children**

***Mrs Sophie Moore Tel – 01604 407098***

**SEN INFORMATION REPORT**

- **The kinds of Special Educational Needs which are provided for in our school:**

At Headlands we have a 50 place SEN Unit which caters for children with an EHC Plan who have communication and interaction difficulties, including Autism.

Admission criteria is different to mainstream and needs to be applied for through the EHCP team

We have 2 additional provisions in mainstream school

Our Rainbows provision is a KS2 cognition and learning provision, catering for 8 children Y4 and above, all with EHCPs or targeted send funding. We focus on their cognition needs, and work is tailored to their individual levels. We use Assessment for All to track progress. The class is taught by a qualified teacher.

**Robins is a small provision set up to meet the needs currently of our 'direct to take' children. This provision has 4 children with EHCPs and ASD and are awaiting a place at Specialist provision ( through the tribunal / appeal process)**

As an inclusive school we do not seek to closely define the special educational needs for which we will make provision. Historically we have had success in providing for a wide range of different needs, when budget, resources and availability of expertise has allowed. This has included pupils with:

- Autistic Spectrum Disorders – the School has a 50 place SEN Unit
- Hearing Impairments
- Visual impairments
- Speech, Language and Communication Difficulties
- Social, emotional and mental health emotional difficulties
- Cognition and learning needs

In admitting pupils with special educational needs we would expect to have informative discussions with both the pupil's family and the local authority to ascertain the suitability of our provision. We understand that it is initially our responsibility to make provision for a pupil with special educational needs through the school's devolved SEN budget. Thereafter we are aware of the process of applying for Targeted SEND Funding if the pupil's and the school's needs make that a necessity. As a mainstream school, it would clearly be difficult for us to make provision for pupils whose needs and/or demands are significant, severe or profound – to the extent that it could be argued that they would be most appropriately placed in a special school. However, we do not rule this out and

would make a careful assessment of the needs of each pupil in constructive conversation with other agencies.

#### **SEN INFORMATION REPORT**

- **Our school's policies for identifying children and young people with SEN and assessing their needs**
- **Our school's arrangements for assessing and reviewing children and young people's progress towards outcomes.**
- **Our approach to teaching children and young people with SEN**
- **How adaptations are made to the curriculum and learning environment of children and young people with SEN**
- **How our school evaluates the effectiveness of its provision for children and young people with SEN.**

In agreeing our staged arrangements, the school has taken into account the following statements and definitions:

*“Defining achievement in terms of the number of targets on an individual education plan achieved across a given time rarely ensured rigorous evaluation of provision or pupils’ progress. What made the difference to higher outcomes was effective target-setting within the curriculum or personalised programme as part of a whole-school policy on assessment.”*

**‘Inclusion: does it matter where pupils are taught?’ (Ofsted, 2006a)**

*“High quality teaching that is differentiated and personalised will meet the individual needs of the majority of children and young people. Some children and young people need educational provision that is additional to or different from this. This is special educational provision under Section 21 of the Children and Families Act 2014. ”*

**SEN Code of Practice (2014: Para 1.24)**

*This is not necessarily “more literacy” or “more maths” but would be interventions which address the underlying learning needs of the pupil in order to improve his or her access to the curriculum.”*

**“Achievement for All” (National Strategies: 2009)**

*Across all the education providers visited, the keys to good outcomes were good teaching and learning, close tracking, rigorous monitoring of progress with intervention quickly put in place, and a thorough evaluation of the impact of additional provision.*

**Ofsted SEN Review 2010**

*“Ensuring that schools are clear about their provision that is normally available for all children, including targeted help routinely provided for those falling behind and the additional provision they make for those with SEN, should simplify the process of planning the right help at school level” (p68)*

**SEN Code of Practice 2014**

**STAGE 1 Well-differentiated, quality first teaching, including, where appropriate, the use of small group interventions. All vulnerable learners to be included on a whole-school provision map.**

- All learners will have access to quality first teaching.
- Some vulnerable learners will have access to carefully adapted and scaffolded activities or approaches directly related to the school curriculum which are part of our good practice in making teaching and learning accessible to pupils learning at different rates. These will probably be pupils who are underachieving and have been identified by the school as needing to make accelerated progress but will not necessarily be pupils with special educational needs. This is considered to be an adaptation of the usual school curriculum – not a special intervention for pupils with SEN.
- All vulnerable learners will be identified through pupil progress meetings and other professional discussions and details will be recorded in working documents, which outlines and monitors additional intervention they are receiving. This enables the school to:
  - Plan strategically to meet pupils' identified needs and track their provision.
  - Audit how well provision matches need
  - Recognise gaps in provision
  - Demonstrate to all staff how support is deployed
  - Focus attention on whole-school issues of learning and teaching as well as individual needs, providing an important tool for self evaluation.
  - We have wider leadership meetings half termly to talk about children needing support and Miss Harvey takes action from these discussions

**Initial Identification and Assessment**

Children's needs should be identified and met as early as possible through:

- the analysis of data including Statutory baselines for EYFS (Early Years Foundation Stage), entry profiles, Foundation Stage Profile scores and the end of Reception year, Neli assessments (speech and Language assessment, reading ages, other whole-school pupil progress data
- classroom-based assessment and monitoring arrangements. (Cycle of planning, action and review.)
- following up parental concerns
- tracking individual children's progress over time,
- liaison with feeder nurseries on transfer
- information from previous schools
- information from other services eg Educational Psychologist, Specialist Support Services, Speech and Language Team
- maintaining records for all vulnerable learners but which clearly identifies pupils receiving additional SEN Support from the school's devolved budget or in receipt of Targeted SEND funding. These records are updated termly through meetings between the teachers and SENCO.
- Undertaking, when necessary, a more in-depth individual assessment - this may include a range of commercially available assessments, carefully chosen to deliver appropriate, useful information on a pupil's needs. It may include a bilingual assessment where English is not the first language.

- Involving an external agency where it is suspected that a special educational need is significant.

### Curriculum Access and Provision for vulnerable learners

Where children are underachieving and/or identified as having special educational needs, the school provides for these additional needs in a variety of ways and might use a combination of these approaches to address targets identified for individual pupils.

- teachers adapt work as part of quality first teaching
- individual class support / individual withdrawal
- bilingual support/access to materials in translation
- further adaptation of resources,
- IEP reviews
- 1:1 sessions eg precision teaching for spelling and speech and language programmes

### Monitoring and Evaluation

The monitoring and evaluation of the effectiveness of our provision for vulnerable learners is carried out in the following ways:

- classroom observation by the SENCO, Inclusion Lead and senior leaders.
- ongoing assessment of progress made by intervention groups – eg phonics
- work sampling on a termly basis.
- talks with children to focus on their learning inclusion in whole school processes
- pupil progress meetings with feedback to SENCO
- informal feedback from all staff.
- pupil progress tracking using assessment data (whole-school processes)
- monitoring IEPs and IEP targets, evaluating the impact of IEPs on pupils' progress.
- attendance records and liaison with Charlie Morgan, Educational Inclusion Partnership Team – Family Support worker and Attendance Officer.
- regular meetings about pupils' progress between the SENCO/ Inclusion Lead
- head teacher's report to parents and governors

### **Additional SEN Support**

- Pupils will be offered additional SEN support when it is clear that their needs require intervention which is “additional to” or “different from” the well-differentiated curriculum offer for all pupils in the school i.e. they have a special educational need as defined by the SEN Code of Practice 2014.
- It may be decided that a very small number (but not all) of the pupils on the SEN list will require additional Targeted SEND funding, for which an application needs to be made to the Local Authority, to ensure their underlying special educational need is being addressed. This may particularly be the case where outside agencies have been involved in assessing the pupil or contributing to their provision. Where the school can evidence that more than £6,000 above the Average Weighted Pupil Unit has, or will need to be, spent on a pupil within any one financial year, in order to meet his or her special educational needs, an application will be made to the Local Authority, with particular regard to the success criteria and SEND Ranges document published as part of the Local Offer.

- Where a pupil has a significant, severe and sustained need, it may be necessary to enter a multi-disciplinary assessment process with health and social care in order to consider the need for an Education Health and Care Plan.
- Children with EHCPs have an Outcome tracker to monitor progress (not an IEP)

Our approach to IEPs, which we recognise are no longer prescribed in the SEN Code of Practice 2014, is as follows:

Our IEPs are on Edukey.

Parents have a log in to access the website and can see the IEPs online and can communicate with staff via the Edukey portal. Parents are notified when a plan is reviewed and updated,

- Our IEPs are a planning, teaching and reviewing tool which enables us to focus on particular areas of development for pupils with special educational needs. They are seen as working document which can be constantly refined and amended.
- Our IEPs will only record that which is *additional to* or *different from* the differentiated curriculum plan which is in place as part of provision for all children. Targets will address the underlying reasons why a pupil is having difficulty with learning – they will not simply be “more literacy” or “more maths”.
- Our IEPs will be accessible to all those involved in their implementation – pupils should have an understanding and “ownership of the targets”.
- Our IEPs will be based on informed assessment and will include the input of outside agencies,
- Our IEPs have been devised so that they are manageable and easily monitored and therefore will be monitored and evaluated regularly.
- Our IEPs will have a maximum of four short / medium term SMART targets set for or by the pupil.
- Our IEPs will specify how often the target(s) will be covered
- Our IEPs will state what the learner is going to learn – not what the teacher is going to teach and will be clear about what the pupil should be able to do at the end of the given period.
- Targets for an IEP will be arrived at through:
  - Discussion between teacher and SENCO
  - Discussion, wherever possible, with parents/carers and pupil
  - Discussion with other professionals
- Our IEPs will be reviewed at least termly by class teachers in consultation with the SENCO as necessary.

### **Education Health and Care Plans**

- Pupils with an Education Health and Care Plan will have access to all arrangements for pupils on the SEN list (above) and, in addition to this, will have an Annual Review of their plan.
- Our school will comply with all local arrangements and procedures when applying for
  - High Needs Block Funding
  - An Education Health and Care Plan
 and will ensure that all pre-requisites for application have been met through ambitious and pro-active additional SEN Support using our devolved budget at an earlier stage.
- Our review procedures fully comply with those recommended in Section 6.15 of the Special Educational Needs Code of Practice and with local NCC policy and guidance - particularly with regard to the timescales set out within the process.

## **Roles and Responsibilities**

### **Head Teacher**

- the head teacher is responsible for monitoring and evaluating the progress of all pupils and for making strategic decisions which will maximise their opportunity to learn
- the head teacher and the governing body will delegate the day-to-day implementation of this policy to the Special Educational Needs Coordinator (SENCO)
- the head teacher will be informed of the progress of all vulnerable learners and any issues with regard to the school's provision in this regard through:
  - analysis of the whole-school pupil progress tracking system
  - maintenance and analysis of a working records for vulnerable learners
  - pupil progress meetings with individual teachers
  - regular meetings with the SENCO/EAL Co-ordinator/Pupil Premium Co-ordinator
  - discussions and consultations with pupils and parents through regular teaching and learning conferences throughout the year

### **Special Educational Needs Coordinator**

In line with the recommendations in the SEN Code of Practice 2014, the SENCO will oversee the day- to-day operation of this policy in the following ways:

- maintenance and analysis of whole-school records for vulnerable learners
- identifying on this SEN list a staged list of pupils with special educational needs – those in receipt of additional SEN support from the schools devolved budget, those in receipt of High Needs funding and those with Education Health and Care plans
- co-ordinating provision for children with special educational needs
- liaising with and advising teachers
- managing other classroom staff involved in supporting vulnerable learners
- overseeing the records on all children with Special Educational Needs
- contributing to the in-service training of staff
- implementing a programme of Annual Review for all pupils with an EHCP. Complying with requests from an Education Health and Care Plan Coordinator to participate in a review
- carrying out referral procedures to the Local Authority to request High Needs funding and/or an Education Health and Care Plan when it is suspected, on strong evidence arising from previous intervention (additional SEN support from devolved budget), that a pupil may have a special educational need which will require significant support
- overseeing the smooth running of transition arrangements and transfer of information for Year 6 pupils for those children identified as vulnerable and needing additional transition arrangements. evaluating regularly the impact and effectiveness of all additional interventions for all vulnerable learners (including those with special educational needs)
- organise **at least** termly meetings with each teacher to review and revise learning objectives for all vulnerable learners in their class.
- liaising and consulting sensitively with parents and families of pupils on the SEN list, keeping them informed of progress and listening to their views of progress, in conjunction with class teachers and, where appropriate, other key staff.
- attending NPAT Inclusion network meetings and training as appropriate.

- liaising with the school's Inclusion Governor, keeping him/her informed of current issues regarding provision for vulnerable learners, including those with Special Educational Needs (nationally, locally and within school)
- liaising closely with a range of outside agencies to support vulnerable learners.

### **English as an Additional Language (EAL) Coordinator**

The EAL co-ordinator will oversee the day-to-day operation of this policy in the following ways:

- maintenance of a list of pupils with ethnic minority heritage and EAL, ensuring they are identified on the school's records
- in collaboration with the SENCO, maintenance and analysis of whole-school records for vulnerable learners from ethnic/linguistic minority backgrounds
- advising on and co-ordinating provision for children with additional needs relating to ethnic or linguistic background
- working collaboratively with teachers to plan for and teach children with EAL as part of mainstream teaching practice
- managing other classroom staff involved in supporting ethnic/linguistic minorities
- overseeing the initial and on-going assessment records on all children with EAL
- liaising with parents of ethnic and linguistic minority children, in conjunction with class teachers, keeping them informed of progress and listening to their views of progress.
- meeting **at least** termly with each teacher to review the linguistic progress of children learning EAL and establish next steps in learning
- in collaboration with the SENCO, evaluating regularly the impact and effectiveness of all additional interventions for children from cultural and linguistic minority backgrounds.
- in collaboration with the SENCO, overseeing the smooth running of transition arrangements and transfer of information for Year 6 pupils with EAL.
- contributing to the in-service training of staff
- supporting the design and delivery of a culturally inclusive curriculum which reflects the ethnic, cultural and linguistic diversity of the school
- advising on and sourcing bilingual and culturally reflective materials to support children's learning across the curriculum
- advising on and sourcing interpreters and materials in translation to ensure that bilingual parents have equality of access to essential information
- attending training as appropriate.
- liaising with the school's Inclusion Governor, keeping her informed of current issues regarding provision for ethnic/linguistic minorities. Liaising closely with a range of outside agencies to ethnic & linguistic minority learners

## **Class teacher**

- liaising with the Inclusion Lead/SENCO/EAL co-ordinator to agree:
  - which pupils in the class are vulnerable learners
  - which pupils are not achieving their full potential and need to have their learning monitored
  - which pupils (also on the provision map) require additional support because of a special educational need and need to go on the school's SEN list. Some of these pupils may require advice/support from an outside professional and, therefore, an Individual Education Plan to address a special educational need (this would include pupils with EHC Plans)
- securing good provision and good outcomes for all groups of vulnerable learners by:
  - providing differentiated teaching and learning opportunities, including adapted and scaffolded work for EAL pupils which reduces linguistic difficulty whilst maintaining cognitive challenge
  - ensuring there is adequate opportunity for pupils with special educational needs to working on agreed targets which are genuinely "additional to" or "different from" those normally provided as part of the differentiated curriculum offer and strategies". (SEN Code of Practice 2014)
  - ensuring effective deployment of resources – including teaching assistant support - to maximise outcomes for all groups of vulnerable learners.

## **Assessing and Reviewing pupils' progress and the effectiveness of our educational provision for pupils with Special Educational Needs**

- Depending upon the stage of support as outlined above, the progress of our pupils will be assessed and reviewed through
  - The school's generic processes for tracking the progress of all pupils
  - Termly evaluation of the effectiveness of interventions on the provision map (in relation to the progress of each pupil)
  - At least termly evaluation of whether pupils in receipt of Targeted SEND Funding and/ with Education Health and Care Plans are meeting their individual targets which have been written to address their underlying special educational need.
  - Annual review of Education Health and Care Plans are prescribed in the SEND Code of Practice (September 2014)

We are using the [SEND Ranges](#) document in school which was launched in November 2022 to all West Northamptonshire schools.

### **SEN INFORMATION REPORT**

- **How children and young people with SEN are enabled to engage in activities available with children and young people in the school who do not have SEN**

- As an inclusive school, we do everything we can to ensure that pupils of all abilities and needs are fully included in the life of the school.
- Where appropriate and legitimate, we endeavour to provide different ways for all learners to access the same learning experience, rather than withdrawing pupils and providing an entirely different activity.

- Our deployment of additional staffing and resources funded from our devolved additional needs budget through the Local Offer, ensure that all curriculum experiences are available to all pupils in the school (e.g. educational visits, extra-curricular activities), particularly where a voluntary financial contribution from parents is required for the activity to run. This is in compliance with the Equality Act 2010.
- All lesson planning seeks to address the learning needs of all pupils in the class. Teachers receive regular training and support to ensure they are skilled in adapting the curriculum for vulnerable learners. When subject coordinators monitor planning, work and progress data and when they or senior leaders carry out observations of teaching and learning in classrooms, particular attention is given to whether the ongoing learning offer is inclusive.
- Pupils are encouraged to analyse how they themselves learn and there is an ongoing dialogue about this in classrooms. Pupils are given the opportunity and support to develop self-help strategies to ensure their full access to the curriculum.

#### **SEN INFORMATION REPORT**

- **Support for improving emotional and social development, including extra pastoral arrangements for listening to the views of children and young people with SEN and measures to prevent bullying**

**The name and contact details of the Family Support Worker.**

**Mrs Louise Fadal**

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The Inclusion Lead and SENCO works closely with teachers, parents and carers, and other agencies to ensure that every child receives the support necessary for them to achieve to the best of their potential. The school also has a Family Support Worker, Mrs Louise Fadal. She works closely with parents and provides pastoral care for individual children and small groups according to their needs. Mrs Fadal also attends Team around the family meetings (TAF) and is the lead professional for some Early Help Assessments (EHA).

The school has a strong pastoral team which is led by the Inclusion Lead. The pastoral team includes a full time Family Support worker, a full time Learning Mentor who is also a trained emotional literacy support assistant (ELSA), a part time nurture practitioner. The school has a “chill out” room which is used at break times and lunchtimes to support those children with social and/or emotional difficulties and is used in the afternoons to run nurture groups.

## **SEN INFORMATION REPORT**

- **Information about the expertise and training of staff in relation to children and young people with special educational needs and about how specialist expertise will be secured.**

- In accordance with Section 6 of the SEN Code of Practice 2014, if appointed after September 2008, our Special Educational Needs Coordinator will be a qualified teacher working at our school and will have statutory accreditation. If a new SENCO is appointed, he/she will gain statutory accreditation within three years of appointment.
- The Inclusion Lead, SENCO, EAL Coordinator and Designated Teacher for LAC will attend local network meetings
- All staff will be trained in how to best support all vulnerable learners in order to maximise their achievement as part of the school development plan and annual schedule of continuous professional development. Specific training needs will be identified and met through the appraisal/performance management process and through whole school aims.
- Specialist advice and expertise in relation to assessment and support of individual pupils will be commissioned by the school from the open market, accessing, as far as possible, services available as part of the Local Offer. Service level agreements and quality assurance criteria will be put in place at the point of commissioning and the head teacher and senior leaders will be responsible for reporting to governors on the efficacy of these arrangements (including value for money). Our school will, wherever possible, join with other schools in joint commissioning and quality assurance arrangements especially through the collaboration of NPAT schools.
- All staffing appointments to support vulnerable learners will be carried out in accordance with equal opportunities legislation, employment law, safer recruiting policy and best practice. All vacancies will be competitively advertised to ensure our school employs staff of the highest calibre.

## **SEN INFORMATION REPORT**

- **Information about how equipment and facilities to support children and young people with special educational needs will be secured.**

- When specialist equipment or a high level of staffing support is required to support a pupil with special educational needs, our school will fund this as additional SEN support up to £6,000 per annum for each individual pupil. Thereafter, if the cost is higher and the provision of these facilities is likely to be prolonged, the school will apply to the Local Authority for High Needs Block Funding.

## **SEN INFORMATION REPORT**

- **Arrangements for consulting parents of children with special educational needs and involving them in their child's education**
- **Arrangements for consulting young people with SEN and involving them in their education**

### **Partnership with Parents/Carers**

The school aims to work in partnership with parents and carers. We do so by:

- working effectively with all other agencies supporting children and their parents
- giving parents and carers opportunities to play an active and valued role in their child's education
- making parents and carers feel welcome
- encouraging parents and carers to inform school of any difficulties they perceive their child may be having or other needs the child may have which need addressing
- instilling confidence that the school will listen and act appropriately
- focusing on the child's strengths as well as areas of additional need
- allowing parents and carers opportunities to discuss ways in which they and the school can help their child
- agreeing targets for all pupils, in particular, those not making expected progress and, for some pupils identified as having special educational needs, involving parents in the drawing-up and monitoring progress against these targets
- keeping parents and carers informed and giving support during assessment and any related decision-making process
- making parents and carers aware of the Parent Partnership services available as part of the Local Offer.
- providing all information in an accessible way, including, where necessary, translated information for parents with English as an Additional Language.

### **Involvement of Pupils**

We recognise that all pupils have the right to be involved in making decisions and exercising choice. In lessons, all pupils are involved in monitoring and reviewing their progress through the use of learning zones, peer marking and responding to feedback in their books. We endeavour to fully involve all pupils by encouraging them to:

- state their views about their education and learning
- identify their own needs and learn about learning
- self-review their progress through regular marking review sessions
- monitor their success at achieving the targets on their Individual Education Plan.

## **SEN INFORMATION REPORT**

- **How our school involves other bodies, including health and social care bodies, local authority support services and voluntary sector organisations in meeting children and young people's special educational needs and supporting their families**

- Our school will identify sources of support as they develop and evolve as the Local Offer is defined through Education, Health and Social Care (including the establishment of joint commissioning arrangements).
- We seek to respond quickly to emerging need and work closely with other agencies including :
  - Mosaic Educational Psychology Service
  - CAMHS
  - Information, support and advice service for SEND (IASS)
  - Specialist Support Service including Portage Team
  - Sensory Impairment team
  - Local NHS services – Speech and Language, Occupational Therapy, Physiotherapy, Paediatricians.
  - Educational Inclusion and Partnership (EIP) Team
  - Multi-agency safeguarding hub
  - Education and Health Care Plan Team
  - Jogo Behaviour Support
  - Target Autism
  - Speech and Language Traded Service – Caris Smith works with us in school one day a week supporting children with identified speech and language needs.
- In accordance with the SEND Code of practice 2014 we invite all relevant agencies to annual review meetings, transition meetings and specific provision planning meetings involving pupils with special educational needs in our school. For pupils with Education, Health and Care Plans, we comply fully with requests from independent facilitators to provide information and cooperate fully with other agencies.
- Often at the request of families, we liaise with voluntary bodies in order to be as familiar as possible with best practice when the special educational needs of a pupil are very specific (e.g. autism, visual impairment etc).
- We have a clear point of contact within the school who will coordinate the support from outside agencies for each pupil. Within mainstream this is the SENCo Mrs Heidi Redman and the Woodlands Unit is Mrs Sophie Moore. The Unit Provision caters for children with severe and significant learning and communication difficulties including Autism.

## **SEN INFORMATION REPORT**

- **Arrangements for supporting children and young people in moving between phases of education and preparing for adulthood (effective transition)**
- We will ensure smooth transition into our school from the previous phase of education and from our school into the next phase of education.
- We will ensure early and timely planning for transfer to a pupil's next phase of and will offer transition meetings to all pupils in receipt of Additional SEN support and all those with Education Health and Care Plans.
- A transition timeline will be discussed and agreed as the transition evolves, with specific responsibilities for staff and parents agreed and identified.
- Support for the pupil in coming to terms with moving on will be carefully planned and will include extra transition visits where needed and appropriate. Pupils will be included in all "class transition days" to the next phase but will also be offered additional transition visits according to their needs.
- Pupils and parents will be encouraged to consider all options for the next phase of education and the school will involve outside agencies, as appropriate, to ensure information is comprehensive but easily accessible and understandable. Accompanied visits to other providers may be arranged as appropriate.
- Parents will be given a reliable named contact at the next phase provider with whom the SENCo will liaise.

### **Admission Arrangements**

No child will be refused admission to school on the basis of his or her special educational need, ethnicity or language need. In line with the Equalities Act 2010, we will not discriminate against disabled children and we will take all reasonable steps to provide effective educational provision (*see Admission policy for the school, as agreed with the Local Authority*)

## **SEN INFORMATION REPORT**

- **Arrangements made by the governing body or the proprietor relating to the treatment of complaints from parents of pupils with special educational needs concerning the provision made at the school.**

## **Complaints**

If there are any complaints relating to the provision for children with SEN or EAL these will be dealt with in the first instance by the class teacher and SENCO/EAL Co-ordinator, then, if unresolved, by head teacher. The governor with specific responsibility for SEN/inclusion may be involved if necessary. In the case of an unresolved complaint the issue should be taken through the general Governors complaints procedure (see separate Complaints Policy)

### **SEN INFORMATION REPORT**

- **The contact details of support services for the parents of pupils with special educational needs, including those for arrangements made in accordance with clause 32.**

***(Please refer to our school's Safeguarding Policy for details of how we access the EHA team and Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub)***

## **Links with Other Services**

IASS – Independent Advisory Support Service  
Information, Support and Advice Service for SEND - IASS: Contact Number: 01604 636111

<https://www.iassnorthants.co.uk/Pages/home.aspx>

Effective working links will also be maintained with:

Mosaic Educational Psychology Service:  
<https://www.mosaicpsychology.co.uk/>

Educational Inclusion and Partnerships (EIP)  
<https://www.northamptonshire.gov.uk/councilservices/children-families-education/service-finder/advice-and-support/471-educational-inclusion-partnership-team-eip>

Virtual School for Looked After Children: Contact number: 0300 126 1000  
<https://www.northamptonshire.gov.uk/councilservices/children-families-education/schools-and-education/virtual-school/Pages/default.aspx>

(See Local Offer website link below for contact details in relation to High Needs Funding Applications and Education Health and Care Plans)

### **SEN INFORMATION REPORT**

- **Information on where the local authority's local offer is published.**

[Local Offer | West Northamptonshire Council \(westnorthants.gov.uk\)](https://www.westnorthants.gov.uk/)

## **Inclusion of pupils with English as an additional language**

### Definition

A pupil who has English as an Additional Language is a pupil whose first language is not English, and who uses that language on a regular basis inside or outside of school. EAL pupils are not considered to have a Special Educational Need but are seen to benefit from the ability to live and learn in more than one language.

### Ethos

We strive to recognise, welcome and celebrate linguistic and cultural diversity and have a high expectation of all pupils regardless of ethnic, cultural or linguistic heritage. We aim to include all pupils and parents in our school by respecting that diversity and reflecting it in our school environment, curriculum, learning resources and partnership with parents. We welcome the enrichment that linguistic and cultural diversity brings to our school community.

The routine and prolonged withdrawal from mainstream of children with EAL is not recognised as good practice and does not promote rapid language acquisition. Language acquisition is best promoted through a range of good, inclusive strategies, interventions and differentiation of the usual school curriculum.

### Admissions

No pupil will be refused admission on the basis of ethnicity or EAL. Pupils who have EAL will be admitted under the same criteria as any other pupil applying for a school place. Where parents do not speak English, we endeavour to provide oral and written information and help in their first language which will facilitate the admission process and provide key information about our school. On admission, the school will endeavour to ensure that the pupil will have access to a welcome and induction programme which recognises their linguistic needs and provides a safe and secure start to their learning.

### Provision

Pupils with EAL will have full access to mainstream provision regardless of their proficiency in English. Where necessary, additional support will be given to improve acquisition of English: this will be provided through quality first teaching and, where appropriate, small group teaching.

The following provision can be expected:

- initial assessment of EAL using QCA 'A Language in Common' to record stage of language acquisition.
- A further mother tongue assessment may be applicable where SEN is known or where further information needs to be gathered in the pupil's first language
- Work in class will be differentiated and scaffolded for the pupils to lessen linguistic difficulties without significantly reducing academic challenge. Differentiated homework will be provided to enable the pupil to improve their knowledge and use of English and to participate in homework activities on an equal basis with their peers.
- Additional support for pupils may be given through: first language resources & translation facilities; teaching support on a 1:1 or small group basis, peer group support; pre-teaching of key concepts and vocabulary.

- Where necessary, catch-up work will be provided for pupils arriving from overseas who have experienced a different curriculum or who may have gaps in their schooling. Where pupils are ahead of their peer group in terms of learning, differentiation will be made in order to access learning at an appropriate level.
- Progress of EAL pupils will be monitored against both 'A Language in Common') and against National Curriculum indicators. Where accelerated progress in English is needed for reasons of EAL, targets will be set and provision made on agreement between the class teacher and the EAL Co-ordinator or SENCO. Provision will be recorded and monitored for effectiveness using school records , in line with standard practice for all vulnerable learners in the school. The pupil will not be placed on the SEN register for reasons of EAL.

### Parental support

We recognise that some parents who are learning English may find it difficult to communicate with the school and approach the school regarding any concerns they may have on their child's progress. We endeavour to fully include EAL parents in the life of the school by, wherever possible, providing interpreting facilities at parents' evenings and other school meetings and by providing key school information in translated format.

## **Inclusion of pupils who are Looked After in Local Authority Care**

Our school recognises that:

- Children who are looked after in local authority care have the same rights as all children but may have additional needs due to attachment issues, early neglect, separation and loss, trauma and many placement moves. These barriers to learning can affect their educational outcomes and their personal, social and emotional development.
- There are commonly understood reasons (Social Exclusion Unit Report :2003] why children who are looked after in local authority care often fail to make expected progress at school :
  - Placement instability
  - Unsatisfactory educational experiences of many carers
  - Too much time out of school
  - Insufficient help if they fall behind
  - Unmet needs - emotional, mental, physical
- There is a statutory requirement for all schools to have a designated teacher (DT) for looked after children. At Headlands this is Mrs Karen Smith. The responsibilities of our designated teacher include:
  - monitoring the progress of children who are 'looked after' to ensure that they have the best life chances possible and access to the full range of opportunities in school
  - ensuring that children who are 'looked after' have access to the appropriate network of support
  - checking that the statutory Personal Education Plan (PEP) has been arranged and that it is regularly reviewed, at least every six months

- ensuring that information concerning the education of children who are 'looked after' is transferred between agencies and individuals
- preparing a report on the child's educational progress to contribute towards the statutory review. (These are usually held at six monthly intervals or more frequently if there is a concern)
- discussing feedback from the statutory review (chaired by the Independent Reviewing Officer) with social workers and, where necessary, the carers and a member of the Virtual School team.
- liaising with the child's social worker to ensure that there is effective communication at all times
- celebrating the child's successes and acknowledge the progress they are making.

Our school will work closely with the county's The Virtual School (VS) for Children which promotes the educational needs of Looked After Children and monitors admissions, PEP completion, attendance & exclusions.