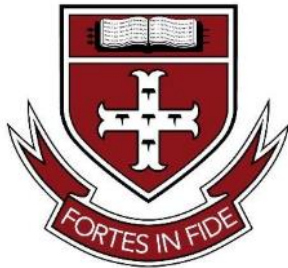




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## SEND POLICY 2025/2026

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**ST. BEDE'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL AND SIXTH FORM COLLEGE, LANCHESTER**



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## **Statement of intent**

St Bede's Catholic School & Sixth Form College values all students and celebrates diversity of experience, interest and achievement. All students need to experience praise, recognition and success, and students with SEND have equal entitlement to this. This policy outlines the framework for the school to meet its duty, obligation and principal equality values to provide a high-quality education to all of its students, including students with SEND, and to do everything it can to meet the needs of students with SEND.

Through successful implementation of this policy, the school aims to:

- Eliminate discrimination.
- Promote equal opportunities.
- Foster good relationships between students with SEND and students without SEND.

The school will work with the Local Authority within the following principles, which underpin this policy:

- The involvement of students and their parents in decision-making
- The identification of students' needs
- Collaboration between education, health and social care services to provide support
- High-quality provision to meet the needs of students with SEND
- Greater choice and control for students and their parents over their support
- Successful preparation for adulthood, including independent living and employment

## **1. Legal framework**

This policy has due regard to all relevant legislation including, but not limited to, the following:

- Children and Families Act 2014
- Health and Social Care Act 2012
- Equality Act 2010
- The Equality Act 2010 (Disability) Regulations 2010
- Education Act 1996 & 2002
- Mental Capacity Act 2005
- Children Act 1989
- The Special Educational Needs and Disability (Amendment) Regulations 2015
- The Special Educational Needs (Personal Budgets) Regulations 2014
- The Special Educational Needs and Disability (Detained Persons) Regulations 2015
- Local Government Act 1974
- Disabled Persons (Services, Consultation and Representation) Act 198
- Data Protection Act 2018
- The UK General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR)

This policy also has due regard to statutory and non-statutory guidance, including, but not limited to, the following:

- 'Special educational needs and disability code of practice: 0 to 25 years' DfE (2015) '
- 'Supporting students at school with medical conditions' DfE (2021)
- 'Keeping children safe in education 2021' DfE (2018)
- 'Working Together to Safeguard Children' DfE (2018)
- 'Mental health and wellbeing provision in schools' DfE (2021)
- 'School Admissions Code'

This policy operates in conjunction with the following school policies:

- Admissions Policy

- Equality Policy
- Data Protection Policy
- Supporting Students with Medical Conditions Policy
- Safeguarding Policy
- CEAIG Policy
- Behavioural Policy
- Complaints Policy
- Accessibility Plan

## **2. Identifying SEND**

The school has a clear approach to identifying and responding to SEND, and recognises that early identification and effective provision improves long-term outcomes for the students. Students are regularly assessed within their timetabled subjects, concerns regarding progress are raised through either their subject leaders or the pastoral team to SENDCo.

## **3. Definitions**

A pupil has SEN where their learning difficulty or disability calls for special educational provision, namely provision different from or additional to that normally available to pupils of the same age (SEND Code of Practice 2015:6.15). For this policy, a student is defined as having SEND if they have:

Significantly greater difficulty in learning than most others of the same age.

Disability or health condition that prevents or hinders them from making use of educational facilities used by peers of the same age.

Under the Equality Act 2010, a disability is a physical or mental impairment which has a long-term and substantial adverse effect on a person's ability to carry out normal day-to-day activities.

The school reviews how well equipped we are to provide support across the following areas:

- Communication and interaction
- Cognition and learning
- Social, emotional and mental health
- Sensory and physical needs

## **Communication and interaction**

Students with speech, language and communication needs (SLCN) have difficulty in communicating with others, often because they have difficulty saying what they want, they cannot understand what is being said to them, or they do not understand or use social rules of communication. Individuals who are neurodiverse may present with a range of difficulties when communicating or interacting with others.

The school recognises that:

- Some students can have difficulties with social interaction. Understanding individual neurodivergence is essential to provide appropriate support and reasonable adjustments.
- The profile for every student with SLCN is different and their needs may change over time. They may have difficulty with one, some, or all the different aspects of speech, language or social communication at different times of their lives.

The SENDCO will work with students, parents, and language and communication professionals where necessary to ensure students with SLCN reach their potential.

## **Cognition and learning**

Students with learning difficulties may require support. The school understands that learning difficulties cover a wide range of needs, such as severe learning difficulty (SLD) or profound and multiple learning disabilities (PMLD). Specific learning difficulties (SpLDs) may also affect one or more specific aspects of learning. This encompasses a range of conditions such as dyslexia, dyscalculia and Developmental Coordination Disorder.

The SENDCO will ensure that any provision offered will be suitable to the needs of the individual student.

## **Social, emotional and mental health (SEMH)**

Students may experience a wide range of social and emotional difficulties that manifest themselves in many ways, including becoming withdrawn or isolated, or displaying challenging, disruptive and disturbing behaviour. The school recognises that these behaviours may reflect underlying mental health episodes such as anxiety or depression.

The school will ensure that provisions and allowances are made to support students while experiencing emotionally difficulty.

## **Sensory or physical needs**

Impairments that prevent or hinder students from using the school facilities, such as visual impairment (VI), do not necessarily have SEND. The school will ensure:

- Some conditions can be age-related and can fluctuate over time therefore staff are trained annually and understand any technology used by individuals to access learning.
- A student with a disability is covered by the definition of SEND if they require special educational provision.

The school recognises, however, that students who have sensory or physical impairments may require specialist support or equipment to access their learning, regardless of whether or not their impairment falls under the SEND definition, and the SENDCO will ensure that their support needs are being met.

#### **4. Objectives**

The school will meet the core aims of this policy by achieving the following strategic and measurable objectives:

- To follow the graduated approach outlined in the DfE's 'Special educational needs and disability code of practice: 0 to 25 years'.
- To monitor the progress of all students to aid the earliest possible identification of SEND.

#### **5. Roles and responsibilities**

**The Local Governing Committee will be responsible for:**

- Communicating with students with SEND and their parents when reviewing policies that affect them.
- Ensuring that effective provision is in place for all students with SEND, whether or not they have an EHC plan.
- Securing the special educational provision called for by a student's SEND.
- Designating an appropriate member of staff to be the SENDCO and having responsibility for coordinating provision for students with SEND.
- Appointing a designated teacher for CLA, where appropriate.
- Ensuring that reasonable adjustments are made for students with disabilities to help alleviate any substantial disadvantage they experience because of their disability.
- Taking necessary steps to ensure that students with disabilities are not discriminated against, harassed or victimised, e.g. in line with the Equality Policy.
- Preparing the arrangements for the admission of students with SEND and the facilities provided to enable access to the school for students with disabilities.
- Regularly monitoring the school's policies and procedures, to review their impact on students with SEND, including on their mental health and wellbeing.
- Preparing the Accessibility Plan, showing how the school intends to progressively improve provision over time.
- Publishing annual information setting out the measures and facilities to assist access for students with disabilities on the school's website.
- Publishing annual information about the arrangements for the admission of students with SEND, the steps taken to prevent students being treated less favourably than others, the facilities provided to assist students with SEND, and the school's Accessibility Plan on the school's website.
- Developing complaints procedures which, along with details about appealing to the SEND tribunal, will be made known to parents and students.
- Providing suitable, full-time education from the sixth day of a fixed permanent expulsion of a student with SEND, in line with their EHC plan.

- Ensuring arrangements are in place to support students at school with medical conditions, in line with the school's Supporting Students with Medical Conditions Policy.
- Cooperating with the Local Authority in drawing up and reviewing the Local Offer.
- Ensuring that the Local Governing Committee oversees the school's arrangements for SEND.
- Preparing the SEND information report and publishing it on the website.
- Ensuring that the school's Safeguarding Policy addresses additional safeguarding challenges that children with SEND may face.

**The Headteacher will be responsible for:**

- Ensuring that those who are teaching or working with students with SEND are aware of their needs and have arrangements in place to meet them.
- Ensuring that teachers monitor and review students' progress during the academic year.
- Cooperating with the Local Authority during annual EHC plan reviews.
- Ensuring that the SENDCO has sufficient time and resources to carry out their functions.
- Providing the SENDCO with sufficient administrative support and time away from teaching to enable them to fulfil their responsibilities.
- Assisting the Local Governing Committee in appointing a designated teacher for CLA, who will work closely with the SENDCO to ensure that the needs of the students are fully understood by relevant school staff.
- Regularly and carefully reviewing the quality of teaching for students at risk of underachievement, as a core part of the school's performance management arrangements.
- Ensuring that teachers understand the strategies to identify and support vulnerable students.
- Ensuring teachers have an established understanding of different types of SEND.
- Ensuring that procedures and policies for the day-to-day running of the school do not directly or indirectly discriminate against students with SEND.
- Ensuring that students with SEND and their parents are actively supported in contributing to needs assessments and developing and reviewing EHC plans.
- Establishing and maintaining a culture of high expectations and including students with SEND in all opportunities available to other students.
- Ensuring that the approach to the curriculum includes how it is made accessible for students with SEND.
- Consulting health and social care professionals, students, and parents to ensure the needs of students with medical conditions are effectively supported.
- Keeping parents and relevant teachers up to date with any changes or concerns involving a student.
- Identifying any patterns in the identification of SEND within the school and comparing these with national data.

- Reporting to the Local Governing Committee on the impact of SEND policies and procedures, including on students' mental health and wellbeing.
- Ensuring that the SENDCO is provided with training, with an emphasis on mental health, on a regular basis.

**The SENDCO will be responsible for:**

- Ensuring the day-to-day operation and strategic implementation of the SEND Policy
- In collaboration with the Headteacher, identifying any patterns in the identification of SEND within the school and comparing these with national data. Collaborating with the Local Governing Committee and Executive Headteacher, to determine the strategic development of the SEND policy and provision in the school.
- Working with the relevant members of the Local Governing Committee and the Executive Headteacher to ensure that the school meets its responsibilities under the Equality Act 2010, regarding reasonable adjustments and access arrangements.
- Coordinating the specific provision made to support individual students with SEND, including those with EHC plans.
- Liaising with the relevant, designated teachers where CLA have SEND.
- Advising on a graduated approach to providing SEND support.
- Advising on the deployment of the school's delegated budget and other resources to meet students' needs effectively.
- Liaising with the parents of students with SEND.
- Liaising with early years providers, other schools, educational psychologists, health and social care professionals, and independent or voluntary bodies, as required.
- Being a key point of contact for external agencies, especially the LA and LA support services.
- Liaising with the potential future providers of education to ensure that students and their parents are informed about the options, and a smooth transition is planned.
- Drawing up a Support Plan and where necessary detailed recommendations for a student with SEND.
- Providing professional guidance to colleagues and working closely with staff members, parents and other agencies, including SEND charities.
- Being familiar with the provision in the Local Offer and being able to work with professionals who are providing a supporting role to the family.
- Ensuring, as far as possible, that students with SEND take part in activities run by the school, together with those who do not have SEND.
- Ensuring that the school keeps the records of all students with SEND up-to-date, in line with the school's Data Protection Policy.
- Maintaining the SEND register and reviewing on a regular basis.
- Participating in training and CPD opportunities
- Providing training to LSA's and relevant class teachers.
- Supporting teachers in the further assessment of a student's particular strengths and weaknesses and advising on effective implementation of support.

**The Designated Safeguarding Lead will be responsible for:**

- Liaising with the Headteacher to inform them of any issues, especially ongoing enquiries under section 47 of the Children Act 1989 and police investigations regarding students with SEND.
- Liaising with the relevant staff on matters of safety, safeguarding and welfare, including online and digital safety regarding students with SEND.
- Liaising with the SENDCO where appropriate regarding safeguarding concerns for a student with SEND.
- Promoting supportive engagement with parents and/or carers in safeguarding and promote the welfare of students with SEND, including where families may be facing challenging circumstances.
- Working with the Headteacher and relevant strategic leads, taking lead responsibility for promoting educational outcomes by knowing the welfare, safeguarding and child protection issues that students with SEND are experiencing or have experienced, and identifying the impact that these issues might be having on a student's attendance, engagement and achievements.
- Recognising the additional risks that students with SEND face online, e.g., from online bullying, grooming and radicalisation, and ensuring they have the capability to support students with SEND to stay safe online.

**Teachers will be responsible for:**

- Planning and reviewing support for students with SEND on a graduated basis, in collaboration with parents, the SENDCO and, where appropriate, the students themselves.
- Setting high expectations for every student and aiming to teach them the full curriculum, whatever their prior attainment.
- Planning lessons to address potential areas of difficulty to ensure that there are no barriers to every student achieving.
- Ensuring every student with SEND can access the full curriculum where appropriate.
- Being accountable for the progress and development of the students in their class.
- Being aware of the needs, outcomes sought, and support provided to any students with SEND they are working with.
- Understanding and implementing strategies to identify and support vulnerable students with the support of the SENDCO.
- Keeping the relevant figures of authority up to date with any changes in behaviour, academic developments and causes of concern.

## **6. Children with specific circumstances**

### **CLA**

Students at the school who are being accommodated, or who have been taken into care, by the Local Authority are legally defined as being 'looked after' by the Local Authority. The school recognises that students that have SEND are more likely to be 'looked after', and it is likely that a significant proportion of them will have an EHC plan.

The school has a designated member of staff for coordinating the support for CLA. Where that role is carried out by a person other than the SENDCO, designated teachers will work closely with the SENDCO to ensure that the implications of a child being both looked after and having SEND are fully understood by relevant school staff.

### **EAL**

The school will give particular care to the identification and assessment of the SEND of students whose first language is not English. The school will consider the student within the context of their home, culture and community. Where there is uncertainty about an individual student, the school will make full use of any local sources of advice relevant to the language group concerned, drawing on community liaison arrangements wherever they exist.

The school appreciates having EAL is not equated to having learning difficulties. At the same time, when students with EAL make slow progress, it will not be assumed that their language status is the only reason; they may have SEND. The school will look carefully at all aspects of a student's performance in different subjects to establish whether the problems they have in the classroom are due to limitations in their command of English or arise from SEND.

## **7. Admissions**

The school will ensure it meets its duties set under the DfE's 'School Admissions Code' by:

- Not refusing admission for a child thought to be potentially disruptive, or likely to exhibit challenging behaviour, on the grounds that the child is first to be assessed for SEND.
- Not refusing admission for a child that has named the school in their EHC plan.
- Considering applications from parents of children who have SEND but do not have an EHC plan.
- Not refusing admission for a child who has SEND but does not have an EHC plan because the school does not feel able to cater for those needs.
- Not refusing admission for a child who does not have an EHC plan.
- Not discriminating against or disadvantaging applicants with SEND.
- Ensuring policies relating to school uniform and trips do not discourage parents of students with SEND from applying for a place.

- Adopting fair practices and arrangements in accordance with the 'School Admissions Code' for the admission of children without an EHC plan.
- Ensuring the school's oversubscription arrangements will not disadvantage children with SEND.

Arrangements for the fair admissions of students with SEND are outlined in the Admissions Policy and will be published on the school website.

## **8. Involving students and parents in decision-making**

Parents of students with SEND will be encouraged to share their knowledge of their child; the Headteacher and SENDCO will aim to give them the confidence that their views and contributions are valued and will be acted upon.

Parents will always be formally notified when the school provides SEND support or when SEND support is no longer necessary.

Decisions on whether the school will commission added provisions will be discussed thoroughly with the Bishop Wilkinson Trust, Local Authority, parents and, when appropriate, the student involved.

Decisions about education will not unnecessarily disrupt a student's health treatment once it is underway.

The planning that the school implements will help parents and students with SEND express their needs, wishes and goals, and will:

- Focus on the student as an individual, not allowing their SEND to become a label.
- Be easy for students and their parents to understand by using clear, ordinary language and images, rather than professional jargon.
- Highlight the student's strengths and capabilities.
- Enable the student, and those who know them best, to say what they have done, what they are interested in and what outcomes they are seeking in the future.
- Tailor support to the needs of the individual.
- Organise assessments to minimise demands on parents.
- Bring together relevant professionals to discuss and agree together the overall approach.

## **9. Joint commissioning, planning and delivery**

The school is committed to ensuring that students with SEND can achieve their ambitions and the best possible educational outcomes, as well as other opportunities, such as securing employment and living as independently as possible.

The school will work closely with local education, health and social care services to ensure students get the right support at the right time. The school will assist the Local Authority in carrying out their statutory duties under the Children and Families Act 2014, by ensuring that services work together where this promotes children and young people's wellbeing or improves the quality of special educational provision (Section 25 of the Children and Families Act 2014).

The school will plan, deliver and monitor services against how well outcomes have been met, including, but not limited to:

- Improved educational progress and outcomes for students with SEND.
- Increasing the identification of students with SEND prior to school entry.

Where students with SEND also have a medical condition, their provision will be planned and delivered in coordination with their health plan. SEND support will be adapted and/or replaced depending on its effectiveness in achieving the agreed outcomes.

## **10. Funding**

The school will allocate the appropriate amount of core per-student funding and notional SEND budget outlined in the Local Offer for the SEND provision of its students. Personal budgets are allocated from the Local Authorities' high needs funding block; the school will continue to make SEND provision from its own budgets, even if a student has an EHC plan.

## **11. Local Offer**

The school's Local Governing Committee will collaborate with and support the Local Authority in developing and reviewing the Local Offer, where necessary and appropriate, to ensure that it is:

- **Collaborative:** Where appropriate, the school will work with Local Authorities, parents and students in developing and reviewing the Local Offer. The school will also cooperate with those providing services.
- **Accessible:** The school will collaborate with the Local Authority during development and review to ensure that the Local Authorities' Local Offer is easy to understand, factual and jargon-free; is structured in a way that relates to students' and parents' needs.
- **Comprehensive:** The school will help to ensure that parents and students understand what support can be expected to be available across education, health and social care from age 0 to 25 and how to access it. The school will assist the Local Authority in ensuring that the Local Offer includes eligibility criteria for services, where relevant, and makes it clear where to go for information, advice and support, as well as how to make complaints about provision or appeal against decisions.
- **Up to date:** The school will work with the Local Authority to review the Local Offer to ensure that, when parents and students access the Local Offer, the information is up to date.

The school will provide the Local Authority with information about their existing SEND provision and capabilities to support students with SEND to aid in the drafting of the Local Offer, where required.

## **12. Graduated approach**

Once a student with SEND has been identified, the school will employ a graduated approach to meet the student's needs by:

1. Establishing assessment of the student's needs.
2. Planning to include students and parents views, interventions and support to be put in place through an appropriate Support Plan. Expected impact on progress, personal development and behaviour will be monitored
3. Implementing specific interventions, with the support and specialist knowledge of the SENDCO.
4. Reviewing the effectiveness of the interventions and making any necessary revisions. Individual Education Plans will be reviewed three times each academic year, depending on need some reviews may be more frequent.

## **13. Assessment**

The school will follow the graduated approach when determining levels of support, and may, in consultation with the student's parents, request a statutory assessment of SEND where the student's needs having followed the Plan, Do, Review cycle cannot be met through the resources normally available within the school. Consideration of the level of SEND provision required or the request for a statutory assessment should start with the desired outcomes for the individual student and take into consideration the views of parents and student.

The school will meet its duty to respond to any request for information relating to a statutory assessment within six weeks of receipt. The school will gather advice from relevant professionals about the student concerned, including their education, health and care needs, desired outcomes and any special education, health and care provision that may be required to meet their identified needs and achieve desired outcomes. In tracking the learning and development of students with SEND, the school will:

- Base approaches on the best possible evidence and ensure that they are having the required impact on progress.
- Base decisions on the insights of the student and their parents.
- Discuss and set students challenging targets.
- Track students' progress towards these goals.
- Review additional or different provisions made for them throughout the academic year
- Promote positive personal and social development outcomes.

Detailed assessments will identify the full range of the individual's needs, not just the primary need. Where possible, students' needs will be defined under the 'Special educational needs and disability code of practice: 0 to 25 years' broad areas of need:

**Communication and interaction.**

**Cognition and learning.**

**Social, emotional and mental health.**

**Sensory and/or physical needs.**



Where a student continually makes little or no progress, or is working substantially below expected levels, the school will consult with parents before involving specialists.

## **14. Training**

Relevant staff members will keep up to date with any necessary training, which will be provided by the SENDCO, as well as external agencies, where appropriate. Training will cover both the mental and physical needs of students with SEND. Training offered to all staff will ensure equality, diversity, understanding and tolerance.

## **15. Promoting mental health and wellbeing**

The school will ensure that there is a focus on promoting students' resilience, confidence and ability to learn in subjects across the curriculum.

Positive classroom management will be implemented to promote positive behaviour, social development and high self-esteem.

When in-school intervention is not appropriate, referrals and commissioning may be utilised and the school will continue to support.

For students presenting with complex needs, additional in-school support will include:

- ◆ Supporting teachers, to help them understand behaviours.
- ◆ Additional educational support through interventions, individual to the students needs.
- ◆ One-to-one therapeutic work delivered by mental health specialists where available.
- ◆ An IHP, where appropriate, in accordance with our statutory duty of caring for students with medical needs.

The school will consider whether disruptive behaviour is a manifestation of SEMH needs. The school will focus on work that helps to build self-esteem and self-discipline with the aim of addressing disruptive behaviour.

## **16. EHC plans**

The school will fully cooperate with the Local Authority. The school will provide the Local Authority with any information or evidence needed. All relevant teachers will be involved in contributing information to this process.

Where the Local Authority provides a student with an EHC plan, the school will involve the parents and the student in discussions surrounding how the school can best implement the plan's provisions to help the student thrive in their education, and will discern the expected impact of the provision on the student's progress.

The school will meet its duty to provide views on a draft EHC plan within fifteen days. If the decision is taken not to issue an EHC plan, the school will consider and, where appropriate, implement the recommendations of feedback from the Local Authority regarding how the student's outcomes can be met through the school's existing provision.

If the Local Authority decides not to issue an EHC plan, the parents of the student, or the student themselves, will be informed within a maximum of sixteen weeks from the initial request of an EHC assessment. All reasonable provisions will be taken by the school to provide a high standard of education throughout the process.

Once an EHCP is finalised the school will review each student's EHC plan to ensure that it includes the statutory sections outlined in the 'Special educational needs and disability code of practice: 0 to 25 years'. Should needs significantly change, the SENDCo will request a re-assessment of an EHC plan at least six months after an initial assessment. The student will progress with the use of short-term targets that are specific, measurable, achievable, realistic and time-bound (SMART) outcomes.

The school will ensure that any EHC plan information is kept confidential and disclosed on a need-to-know basis. The SENDCo will take steps to ensure that students and parents are actively supported in developing and reviewing EHC plans. The school will ensure that parents are consistently kept involved throughout the implementation of an EHC plan.

## **17. Reviewing the EHC plan**

The school will:

- Cooperate with the relevant individuals to ensure an annual review meeting takes place, including convening the meeting on behalf of the Local Authority if requested.
- Ensure that the appropriate people are given reasonable notice of the date of the meeting.
- Contribute any relevant information and recommendations about the EHC plan to the Local Authority, keeping parents involved at all times.
- Alternative provision may be considered in exceptional cases through the Education Health Care Plan process.
- If a student is suspended, suitable full-time education from the sixth day of a fixed period suspension will be sought and full details of any SEND provision will be shared.

## **18. Safeguarding**

The school recognises that evidence shows children with SEND are at a greater risk of abuse and maltreatment and will ensure that staff are aware that students with SEND:

- Have the potential to be disproportionately impacted by behaviours such as bullying.
- May face additional risks online, e.g. from online bullying, grooming and radicalisation.
- Are at greater risk of abuse, including, but not limited to, child-on-child abuse, neglect and sexual violence or harassment.

The school recognises that there are additional barriers to recognising abuse and neglect in this group of students. These barriers include, though are not limited to,

- Assumptions that indicators of possible abuse such as behaviour, mood and injury relate to the student's condition without further exploration.
- These students being more prone to peer group isolation or bullying (including prejudice-based bullying) than other students.
- The potential for students with SEND or certain medical conditions being disproportionately impacted by behaviours such as bullying, without outwardly showing any signs.
- Communication barriers and difficulties in managing or reporting these challenges.

The Headteacher and Local Governing Committee will ensure that the school's Safeguarding Policy reflects the fact that these additional barriers can exist when identifying abuse. Care will be taken by

all staff, particularly those who work closely with students with SEND, to notice any changes behaviour or mood, or any injuries, and these indicators will be investigated by the Designated Safeguarding Lead in collaboration with the SENDCO.

## **19. Transferring between different phases of education**

EHC plans will be reviewed and amended in sufficient time prior to a student moving between key phases of education, to allow for planning for and, where necessary, commissioning of support and provision at the new phase.

## **20. SEND tribunal**

All disagreements about an EHC plan will be attempted to be resolved as quickly as possible, without the student's education suffering.

In all cases, the school's written Complaints Policy will be followed, allowing for a complaint to be considered informally at first.

Following a parent's serious complaint or disagreement about the SEND provisions being supplied to a student, the school will seek disagreement resolution advice, regardless of whether an EHC plan is in place. Where necessary, the Headteacher will make the relevant parties aware of the disagreement resolution service.

## **21. Supporting successful preparation for adulthood**

The school will ensure that students are supported to make a smooth transition e.g. moving on to higher education. The school will engage with FE providers, as necessary, to help plan for any transitions.

The school will transfer all relevant information about students to any educational setting that they are transferring to.

The school will take an active role in preparing students with SEND for their transition into adult life, preparing them to achieve their ambitions in terms of HE, FE or employment, supporting them to take responsibility for their health, where they will live, positive relationships around them, their finances, social integration and independence.

The school will ensure that it meets its duty to secure independent, impartial careers guidance. The school's CEIAG Policy will include details on how the school will work with students with SEND to ensure they are prepared for the workplace.

## **22. Data and record keeping**

The school's records will:

- ◆ Include details of SEND, outcomes, action, agreed support, teaching strategies and the involvement of specialists, as part of its standard management information system to monitor the progress, behaviour and development of all students.
- ◆ Maintain an accurate and up-to-date register of the provision made for students with SEND.

- ◆ Show all the provisions the school makes which is different or additional to that offered through the school curriculum on a provision map.

The school keeps data on the levels and types of need within the school and makes this available. The SEND information report will be prepared by the Local Governing Committee and will be published on the school website; it will include all the information outlined in paragraphs 6.79 and 6.83 of the 'Special educational needs and disabilities code of practice: 0 to 25 years'.

All information will be kept in accordance with the school's Records Management Policy and Data Protection Policy.

## **23. Confidentiality**

The school will not disclose any EHC plan without the consent of the student's parents, except for disclosure:

- ◆ To a SEND tribunal when parents appeal, and to the Secretary of State under the Education Act 1996.
- ◆ On the order of any court for any criminal proceedings.
- ◆ For the purposes of investigations of maladministration under the Local Government Act 1974.
- ◆ To enable any authority to perform duties arising from the Disabled Persons (Services, Consultation and Representation) Act 1986, or from the Children Act 1989 relating to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children.
- ◆ To Ofsted inspection teams as part of their inspections of schools and Local Authorities.
- ◆ To any person in connection with the student's application for students with disabilities allowance in advance of taking up a place in HE.
- ◆ To the Headteacher (or equivalent position) of the setting at which the student is intending to start their next phase of education.

The school will adhere to confidentiality protocols at all times.

## **24. Resolving disagreements**

The school is committed to resolving disagreements between students and the school. In carrying out of duties, the school:

- Supports early resolution of disagreements at the local level.
- Explains arrangements in our Complaints Policy, which is available for disagreements across special educational provision, and health and care provision in relation to EHC plans and tribunals.

The school's Complaints Policy will be published on the school website; additionally, the school will publish details regarding how complaints from parents of children with SEND will be handled.

## **25. Publishing information**

The school will publish information on the school website about the implementation of this policy. The Local Governing Committee will publish details of the SEND information report on the school website.

The information published will be updated annually and any changes to the information occurring during the year will be updated as soon as possible.

## 26. Key Staff

Role	Name
Head Teacher	Mrs C Hammill
SENDCO	Mrs N McCarthy
Assistant SENDCO	
SEND Support Manager	Mr P Osborne

## 27. Monitoring and review

The policy is reviewed on an annual basis by the Headteacher in conjunction with the Local Governing Committee; any changes made to this policy will be communicated to all members of staff, parents of students with SEND, and relevant stakeholders. All members of staff are required to familiarise themselves with this policy as part of their induction procedures.

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