

Horton Lodge Community Special School

'Working Together – Achieving Potential'



SEND Policy

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1. Context

Horton Lodge School is a special school for pupils aged 2- 11 years with Physical Disabilities and associated learning, sensory and medical needs. It is located in Staffordshire Local Authority and works closely with neighbouring authorities. All pupils either have, or are in an assessment process for, an Education and Health Care Plan (EHCP).

2. Aims

Our SEND policy aims to:

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

We aim to:

- Provide a safe and accessible environment for our pupils;
- Promote a positive attitude and enable every pupil to experience success;
- Provide access for all to the curriculum;
- Reduce barriers to progress by embedding the principles in the National Curriculum Inclusion Statement <https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/national-curriculum>.
- Secure special educational provision for pupils for whom this is required, that is “additional to and different from” that provided within the differentiated curriculum – responding to the four areas of need;
 1. Communication and interaction
 2. Cognition and learning
 3. Social, emotional and mental health difficulties
 4. Sensory and / or physical needs
- Request, monitor and respond to parent/carers’ and pupils’ views in order to evidence high levels of satisfaction and partnership.
- Ensure high levels of staff expertise to meet pupil need, through quality, targeted continuing professional development.
- Work in partnership with the Local Authority and other outside agencies to ensure that there is a multi-professional approach to meeting the needs of all vulnerable learners.

3. Legislation and guidance

This policy is based on the statutory Special Educational Needs and Disability (SEND) Code of Practice and the following legislation:

- Part 3 of the Children and Families Act 2014, which sets out schools’ responsibilities for pupils with SEN and disabilities
- The Special Educational Needs and Disability Regulations 2014, which set out schools’ responsibilities for education, health and care (EHC) plans and SEN co-ordinators (SENCOs)

4. Definitions

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

Discrimination – discrimination occurs if a disabled person – by reason of their disability – is treated less favourably than a person for whom that reason does not or would not apply, and that treatment is not justified.

Disabled – a person who has a physical or mental impairment, which has a substantial and long-term adverse effect on his ability to carry out normal day-to-day activities.

Special Education Needs – a person who has a learning difficulty, which calls for special educational provision to be made for them.

The SEND Code of Practice says that a child has a learning difficulty if he or she:

- Has a significantly greater difficulty in learning than the majority of young people of the same age.
- Has a disability which either prevents or hinders the child from making use of educational facilities of a kind provided for young people of the same age in schools within the area.

5. Roles and Responsibilities

5.1 The SEND governor

The governing board has overall responsibility for monitoring this policy and holding the Headteacher to account for its implementation.

The governor who oversees SEND is **Alison Lee**

The SEND governor will:

- Help to raise awareness of SEN and disability 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 SEND policy and provision in the school.

This list is not intended to be exhaustive.

5.2 The Headteacher

The Headteacher will:

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

This list is not intended to be exhaustive.

5.3 SENCO (Assistant Headteacher)

The SENCO will:

- Work with the Headteacher, teachers and SEND governor to determine the strategic development of the SEND policy and provision in the school;
- Have day-to-day responsibility for the operation of this SEND policy and the co-ordination of specific provision made to support individual pupils with SEND, including those who have EHC plans;
- Provide professional guidance to colleagues and work with staff, parents, and other agencies to ensure that pupils with SEND receive appropriate support and high quality teaching;
- Advise on the graduated approach to providing 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;
- 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.

This list is not intended to be exhaustive.

5.4 Teachers and teams

All class teachers are responsible for planning detailed programmes to meet the needs of the pupils in their class and ensuring that any pertinent information is communicated to everyone in the school and other appropriate professionals.

Class teams refer concerns and/or additional needs to the Headteacher who discusses needs with staff, involving families and support agencies as appropriate, and reviews the child's individual education plan.

6. SEND support at Horton Lodge

At Horton Lodge we take assessed needs on the pupil's Education and Health Care Plan and plan how we will meet the identified outcomes. We look at these in the context of Horton Lodge taking into account age, stage and resources, and adopt a graduated approach with four stages of action: assess, plan, do and review. Horton Lodge works with specialists who can support in the identification of effective strategies, equipment, programmes or other interventions. Parents are always consulted before involving other professionals.

We recognise that there is a continuum of SEND and at times we are required to respond to another area of SEND that is not covered in the EHCP. In this instance we use the graduated response approach as detailed in the SEND Code of Practice.

Our curriculum provides access to a broad, balanced curriculum for all our pupils that takes account the National Curriculum and the Foundation Curriculum and Nationally Accredited courses.

Through the Conductive Education ethos we develop our pupils' full potential and move them towards the greatest level of independence and live fulfilling lives.

7. Staff training

Staff are recruited and trained to take a lead in ensuring that pupils have access to specialist provision to meet the children's individual needs. We maintain a balanced variety of expertise within the school. Training includes: Conductive Education, Specialist teaching approaches such as Literacy for all, Communication training including MAKATON and PODD, Rebound Therapy, Hearing Impairment /Visual Impairment and Multi Sensory Impairment, Autism Awareness and Positive Behaviour Approaches.

8. Monitoring arrangements

This policy will be reviewed every year by the SENCO. At every review, the policy will be shared with the governing board.

9. Links with other policies and documents

This SEND Policy is linked to our:

- SEND Report
- Accessibility plan
- Teaching and Learning Policy
- Behaviour
- Equality information and objectives
- Supporting pupils with medical conditions
- Local Offer

