



SEND Policy

Core Values

Readiness

Resilience

Respect

School Values

Independence

Ambition

Compassion

Co-operation

Initiative

Enjoyment

Responsibility

Confidence

Celebration

Kindness

Honesty

Individuality

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Introduction

Kender Primary School has a duty to ensure that special educational provision is made for children with special educational needs and/or disabilities, and that all staff are aware of the importance of identifying and providing for children with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND).

The Code of Practice (2015) provides statutory guidance in duties, policies and procedures relating to Part 3 of the Children and Families Act 2014 and associated regulations and applies to England. It relates to children and young people with special educational needs (SEN) and disabled children and young people.

A 'young person' in this context is a person over compulsory school age and under 25. Compulsory school age ends on the last Friday of June in the academic year in which they become 16. Although, similar principles will apply to children below compulsory school age and attending at Kender Primary School.

This policy supports the 2015 Code of Practice and the school's aims and ethos. Thus, it supports all children's needs, encouraging them to do their best; to want to learn and enjoy all school activities; to be confident enough to make choices; and to be proud of what they do in a school context where children feel safe and special.

This policy works in conjunction with the following documents:

- School information report
- Local Authority Offer
- Accessibility Plan
- Admission Policy (including admission for disabled children)

Principles

This policy supports the principles put in place with the introduction of the SEND 2014 Code of Practice. We subscribe to Section 19 of the Children and Families Act 2014. This act makes it clear that in order to fulfil our duty at Kender we must carry out our functions under the Act in relation to disabled children and young people and those with special educational needs (SEN), having regard to the following principles;

- a. The views, wishes and feelings of the child or young person, and the child's parents;
- b. The importance of the child or young person, and the child's parents, participating as fully as possible in decisions, and being provided with the information and support necessary to enable participation in those decisions;
- c. The need to support the child or young person, and the child's parents, in order to facilitate the development of the child or young person and to help them achieve the best possible educational and other outcomes, preparing them effectively for adulthood;
- d. To support the participation of children, their parents and young people in decision-making;
- e. To support the early identification of children and young people's needs and early intervention to support them;
- f. To support the greater choice and control for young people and parents over their support;
- g. To support the collaboration between education, health and social care services to provide support; and
- h. To support the high quality provision to meet the needs of children and young people with SEND.

Definition of SEND (Special Educational Need and/or Disability)

A child or young person has SEND if they have a difference, difficulty or disability which calls for special educational provision to be made for him or her.

A child of compulsory school age or a young person has a difference, difficulty, or disability if he or she:

'Has a significantly greater difficulty in learning than the majority of others of the same age, or has a disability which prevents or hinders him or her from making use of facilities of a kind generally provided for others of the same age in mainstream schools or mainstream post-16 institutions' (2015 Code of Practice)

The difficulties may fall into one or more than one of the following categories:

- Communication and Interaction
- Cognition and Learning
- Social, Emotional and Mental Health difficulties
- Sensory and Physical Needs

Children must not be regarded as having a learning difficulty solely because the language or form of language of their home is different from the language in which they will be taught.

Kender works within the principle that child's behaviour may be a response to one or more of the four areas of SEND.

Responsibilities for provision

Headteacher – Keith Barr

The Headteacher has responsibility for the high quality provision for all children across the school. The Headteacher will liaise with the SENDCo, Class Teacher and the SEND Governor to ensure consistency of provision for all children.

SENDCo – Hannah Gilday

The Special Educational Needs Coordinator has overall responsibility for coordinating SEND provision throughout the school whilst also working with outside agencies to use their specialist support. The SENDCo ensures that the involvement of parents is paramount and that the evidence based interventions put in place impact on the progress of all children.

Class Teachers

Class teachers take responsibility for ensuring the delivery of agreed provision on a day-to-day basis and work closely with the SENDCo and LSAs (learning Support Assistants) to ensure delivery of a curriculum that support the needs of every child. All provision is led by the quality first teaching principles.

School Governor responsible for SEND

The school has an appointed Governor who has responsibility for monitoring the provision of SEND and ensuring that the school meets the requirements in the 2014 code of practice.

Support Plan for the Identification of SEND

At Kender we subscribe to a graduated approach to support the needs of all children. Where a child is identified as having SEND, the school will take a graduated approach to take action to remove barriers to learning and put effective special educational provision in place.

This SEND support will take the form of a four-part cycle.

Assess – Plan – Do – Review (Appendix A)

In using this cycle earlier decisions and actions can be revisited, refined and revised with a growing understanding of the child's needs and of what supports the child in making good progress and securing good outcomes.

Access to the curriculum

Arrangements are made for providing access to a balanced and broadly based curriculum for children with SEND. The curriculum is planned to meet the known individual needs of all children and is further modified on a short-term planning basis to meet specific individuals' SEND. Differentiation (personalised) approaches are normally provided as part of the teaching process of all learning activities within the primary curriculum framework. This helps the school meet the learning needs of all children including those with SEND. Additional support is available to enable access by children with SEND to the curriculum.

Inclusion

Children with SEND are full members of the school community and the provision made for them is inclusive so that they will have full access to the environment, resources, staff and activities. The Class Teacher has the responsibility to ensure and is accountable for the progress and development for all the children or young people in their class. This includes children who receive additional and or specialist support.

Monitoring and evaluation

Planning, and child's work is reviewed regularly by the SENDCo, Senior Leadership Team and Subject Leaders.

Pupil progress meetings are held once a term. At this meeting all children, their progress and achievement, are discussed. A plan for provision, which includes interventions, is put in place and this is reviewed in the next pupil progress meeting.

The Headteacher makes regular reports on child's achievements to the Governors. Personal learning plans (SEND support plans) are written, reviewed and updated once a term by the SENDCo and Class teacher. During this process of review, the Class Teacher alongside the SENDCo will look at the impact of provision and progress for the child. Where possible, the child's and Parent/Carer's views are shared on this plan, which ensures that the views of the child are included with regard to the provision in place.

Parents and school relationship

Kender Primary School is committed to ensuring an open communication relationship with our parents. This will include informing parents as soon as a concern around the child's access to learning arises. In the first instance the class teacher and parent will discuss any concerns regarding a child. This discussion will involve the class-based provision and what further support the child may need.

Where additional and specialist support is required the SENDCo will meet with parents to discuss the options available and explain the function of the specific agency that will give support. Review meetings will be held to discuss progress. Any concerns about SEND provision should be addressed to the SENDCo who will discuss the matter with parent/carers. If the concerns is in the nature of a complaint and is not resolved by discussion with the SENDCo, then the complaint should pass to the first level of the general complaints procedure, which can be accessed in the School Office.

Staff training

All staff current and new receives relevant training to support SEND. This will take place over the school year and will involve and include the following:

- Staff Training led in school
- Training and support from agencies including Speech and Language, Educational Psychology, Mental Health Support Team (MHST), Drumbeat Outreach, Outreach Inclusion.
- Offsite specialist training (for example, ELSA training or Makaton).

Outside agencies

The school has links with education, health and social services agencies within Lewisham and Southwark including:

- Lewisham SEND Administration and Advisory Service
- STEPS: Educational Psychology Services and Specialist Teacher's Team
- Occupational and Physiotherapy Service
- Speech and Language Therapy
- Community Paediatrician
- Family Thrive and Children's Social Care
- Drumbeat Outreach
- Children and Adolescent Mental Health Service
- Mental Health Support Team (Lewisham MHST)
- Outreach Inclusion

Role of parent/carers

The school aims to encourage the participation of parent/carers by empowering them to play an active and informed role in their child's education. At teacher/parent consultation parents are given the opportunity to discuss their child's provision and educational needs and achievements

Transition

A Transition Plan is set up for children with SEND who are transferring from an Early Years Setting to Kender Primary School and/or are moving to another setting including Secondary School. At Kender we ensure that the class teacher or SENDCo meet with the parents of the child prior to the transition date. Where possible we arrange for the child to make a visit to the new setting with a Key Worker or SENDCo on a number of occasions prior to entry. Where possible teaching staff from Kender Primary School will visit the setting to discuss successful strategies employed by the former setting. Transition plans are also put in place for children moving from class to class or new year group.

Appendix A

At Kender we believe that good teaching is the first stage of support for ALL children.

THE GRADUATED APPROACH

ASSESS

In identifying a child as needing SEND support the class, working with the SENDCo, will carry out a clear analysis of the child's needs. This will draw on the teacher's assessment and experience of the child, their previous progress and attainment, as well as information from the school's core approach to pupil progress, attainment, and behaviour.

PLAN

Where it is decided to provide a child with SEND support, the class teacher will formally notify the parents. However, any prior concerns will have been raised with the parent during meetings with the teacher so that they are involved in forming the assessment of needs.

DO

The class teacher remains responsible for working with the child on a daily basis. Where the interventions involve group or one-to-one teaching away from the main class, they will still retain responsibility for the child. They should work closely with any teaching assistants or specialist staff involved, to plan and assess the impact of support and interventions and how they can be linked to classroom teaching.

REVIEW

The effectiveness of the support and interventions and their impact on the child's progress should be reviewed. This will be completed daily by the class teacher and more formally in the pupil progress meetings held once a term with the Headteacher and the SENDCo.