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ASPIRATION, RESILIENCE, OPPORTUNITY, EXCELLENCE

Special Educational Needs Policy

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Acronyms used in this policy:

EHCP	Education, Health and Care Plan
INSET	In Service Education and Training
LA	Local Authority
SALT	Speech and Language Therapist
SENDCo	Special Educational Needs and Disabilities Co-ordinator
SEND	Special Educational Needs and Disabilities
SIMS	Schools Information Management System

Definitions and Considerations

In line with the Special Educational Needs and Disability Code of Practice: 0 to 25 years (April 2020), Special Educational Needs refers to a child or young person with difficulties which range from mild degrees of learning difficulties to profound and multiple disabilities. Learning difficulties may be caused by hearing or visual impairment, physical disability or emotional and behavioural difficulties.

The school Trustees accepts the following definition of SEND (based on section xiii of the Code of Practice):

A child or young person has SEND if they have a learning 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 learning difficulty or disability if he or she:

- a) has a significantly greater difficulty in learning than most others of the same age,
- b) 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.

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.

Special Educational Provision:

For children aged two or more, special educational provision is educational or training provision that is additional to or different from that made generally for other children or young people of the same age by mainstream schools, maintained nursery schools, mainstream post-16 institutions or by relevant early years providers.

Definitions of the Disability Discrimination Act

Many children and young people who have SEND may have a disability under the Equality Act 2010 – that is ‘...a physical or mental impairment which has a long-term and substantial adverse effect on their ability to carry out normal day-to-day activities’. This definition provides a relatively low threshold and includes more children than many realise: ‘long-term’ is defined as ‘a year or more’ and ‘substantial’ is defined as ‘more than minor or trivial’. This definition includes sensory impairments such as those affecting sight or hearing, and long-term health conditions such as asthma, diabetes, epilepsy, and cancer. Children and young people with such conditions do not necessarily have SEND, but there is a significant overlap between disabled children and young people and those with SEND. Where a disabled child or young person requires special educational provision, they will also be covered by the SEND definition.

School Vision

At Woodlands School, every pupil will have the opportunity to achieve academic excellence. Our school will ensure high aspirations for all in a stimulating and safe environment. We will foster a ‘can

do' and resilient approach to every challenge whilst developing an empathy and understanding for those we serve in our local community.

Principles

As part of this vision, underlying principles of this Special Educational Needs (SEND) Policy are:

- To set high expectations for children with SEND;
- To promote the inclusion of children with SEND within mainstream education;
- To support parents/carers of children with SEND;
- To take account of children's views in the SEND process;
- To operate within the statutory framework;
- To develop the knowledge and skills of all staff working with SEND children.

Aims

The Woodlands School Mission Statement highlights the worth of each individual and the importance of partnership with parents/carers, in fulfilling our principles. This policy explains how we aim to do that for pupils with special educational needs thus developing skills and raising achievement for all.

Those with special educational needs as described by the SEND code of practice are supported by our Aspirations Faculty. Aspirations being one of Woodlands Schools four key pillars. Aspiration, Resilience, Opportunity and Excellence.

Roles and Responsibilities

The provision for pupils with SEND requires the support of the whole school community; however, some members of the school community hold additional responsibility in the management and application of these provisions in the school.

The Head teacher is the member of staff with overall responsibility for the SEND provision offered by the Aspirations Faculty in the school. The Head teacher ensures that the statutory obligations are met in full, and the policy is implemented, he keeps the Trustees updated about SEND issues. The Head teacher can delegate some or all the responsibilities for the management of SEND to the SENDCo. The SENDCo is also an Associate member of the Senior Leadership Team who champions inclusion issues, including SEND.

The Role of the SENDCo

The SENDCo is the member of staff responsible for the day-to-day provision provided in the school. The SENDCo works full time and is available to parents/carers through individual appointments and at parents' evenings. The SENDCo's responsibilities are:

- To ensure that Woodland's pupils with additional needs get the support they are entitled to.
- To keep a SEND Register;
- To maintain the School Offer;
- To ensure that the school meets the requirements of the Essex Inclusion Statement;
- To ensure all staff are aware of the school's SEND policy and that their classroom management and teaching arrangements show evidence of being guided by the policy;
- To ensure all staff are aware of the needs of pupils identified as SEND, through the availability of Pupil Passports to all staff;
- To ensure that Pupil Passports are live, up-to-date documents which are regularly reviewed, so they accurately share the views of the young people with SEND on their needs;

- To ensure the progress of One Plan outcomes for all pupils identified as High Needs on the SEND register;
- To ensure there are termly reviews of One Planning outcomes, which involve the young person and their parents/carers;
- To advise teachers on adaptive teaching approaches and materials;
- To manage the provision for pupils on the SEND Register;
- To organise any further assessment of pupils on the SEND Register;
- To line manage the Aspirations Faculty.
- To ensure that Annual Reviews are conducted in line with County Guidelines and statutory requirements;
- To ensure that the school's SEND procedures fulfil the statutory requirements in the Special Educational Needs and Disability Code of Practice: 0 to 25 years (April 2020) and other relevant legislation;
- To liaise with staff, parents/carers of SEND pupils and outside agencies as appropriate;
- To attend consultation with parents/carers, teachers and all other relevant personnel when appropriate;
- To collate data and produce reports which enable analysis of:
 - Pupil progress,
 - The success of interventions,
 - The SEND cohort,
 - Current policy and practice;
- To use the analysis of the above to complete a departmental faculty plan;
- To manage allocated resources, so the targets on the faculty development plan can be achieved;
- To provide the Trustees with the information they need to:
 - Carry out their monitoring and evaluation role,
 - Report to parents/carers about the success of the SEND policy via the Annual Report to parents.

The Assistant SENDCo is responsible for:

- Overseeing the day-to-day operation of the school's SEND Policy,
- Managing the team of Co-Educators daily,
- The department intervention programme,
- The transition of SEND pupils,
- Coordination of SEND Referrals, including the organisation of departmental assessments,
 - Conducting Annual Reviews and One Plan meetings,
 - Organisation of exam access arrangements.

Teaching Staff are responsible for:

'All teachers are teachers of special needs' and responsible for meeting the needs of all their pupils.

- Teachers are responsible for meeting the needs of all their pupils, including those with SEND.
- Teachers must be aware of pupils with SEND in their classes and be accountable for their progress.
- Teachers should be fully aware of school procedures for SEND and deploy co-educators effectively.

- Teachers must maintain pupil's self-esteem and safety, be aware of individual needs outlined in SEND paperwork, and make reasonable adjustments in the classroom.
- Teachers should monitor progress and make written referrals or exam access arrangements when necessary and in a timely fashion.

The Trustees are responsible for:

- ensuring that statutory obligations are met in full, and that staff are aware of their obligations;
- reporting to parents/carers on the provision and implementation of the policy;
- ensuring there is adequate funding and support;
- ensuring that SEND issues are central to planning and development of the school.

The SEND Link Trustee is responsible for monitoring the effectiveness of the SEND Policy and reporting to the Governing Body on the issue of SEND. They are also responsible for commenting on the success of the policy over the previous year in the Annual Report to parents.

Aspirations Faculty – SEND

The Aspirations Faculty Administrators act as the first point of contact for parents/carers and outside agencies that have enquiries concerning our Aspirations Faculty. The Aspirations office is staffed from 8.40am until 3pm every day.

The Co-Educator team are structured into 2 tiers. All Co-Educators are responsible for supporting the learning of all pupils with SEND and all pupils in the lessons to which they are allocated. When in class they are under the direction of the class teacher and will provide support in a variety of different ways (outline in the deployment policy), however the main principle of our support structure is hover support as this encourages pupils to build independence and resilience.

There are 6 SEND Lead Co-Educator positions, Assessment Lead, Social Emotional and Mental Health Lead, Cognition and Learning Intervention Lead, Physical Disability Lead, Attendance and Wellbeing lead and Speech and Language Lead. These leads put in place the required provisions and interventions to support pupils with SEND.

Co-Educators provide in class support as outlined in the deployment policy. In addition, all Co-Educators, provide academic support on an individual basis to pupils with EHCPs. They deliver interventions as directed by the Strategic Intervention Lead.

Enhanced Provision – Speech, Language and Communication Needs

The SENDCo oversees the work of the Enhanced Provision for pupils with Speech and Language Needs. The SENDCo is the line manager of the Teacher-in-Charge of the Enhanced Provision, who is responsible for the pupils placed by the Local Authority into the school's Enhanced Provision, and the Speech and Language Therapist (SALT). The SENDCo works closely with the Enhanced Provision Team (Teacher-in-Charge, senior) to ensure the pupils in the Enhanced Provision are well supported and are making progress both academically and with their speech and language targets.

The Teacher-in-Charge works closely with Co-Educators and Teachers to ensure the speech and language needs of the pupils in the Enhanced Provision are met across the curriculum. The Speech and Language Therapist provides focussed, specialised therapy on an individual and small group basis. The SALT works closely with the senior Co-Educator for Speech and Language to ensure that all pupils with a speech and language need can transfer skills taught by the SALT can be transferred across the curriculum.

Specialist Expertise

- The SENDCo is currently undertaking the National Award for SEND Coordination
- The SALT has Diploma in Speech and Language Therapy, HCPC registration and they are a member of the Royal College of Speech and Language Therapists. In addition, they hold a Level 5 Certificate in Teaching Learners with Specific Learning Difficulties and a UCL Certificate in Diagnostic Assessment and Management of Literacy Difficulties.
- The senior Co-Educator for Speech and Language has a Level 3 qualification in Supporting Speech and Language, as does one of the Class-based Co-Educators.
- One of the Class-based Co-Educators has a Level 2 qualification in Supporting Speech and Language.
- Six of the Co-Educators are qualified as Oral Language Modifiers.
- The Co-Educators have access to a range of onsite training and may attend specialist courses where appropriate to the needs of the pupils on roll.

Admission Arrangements

The Trustees has agreed with the Local Authority admissions criteria which do not discriminate against pupils with SEN or disabilities, and its admissions policy has due regard for the guidance in the Special Educational Needs and Disability Code of Practice: 0 to 25 years (April 2020) and the Disability Discrimination Act (1995).

Access

The school is fully accessible in terms of the Disability Discrimination Act (DDA) for many needs. The school has a lift to all floors, wide doorways, disabled toilets, and a hygiene room. Special arrangements are made for pupils with physical difficulties to move around the school safely either when the corridors are quiet or with assistance from a peer or Co-Educator. In the event of admission of a pupil with a disability, arrangements may need to be made based on their individual needs. Pupils with physical difficulties who wish to attend the school are strongly encouraged to visit with their parents/carers so that a fully informed choice can be made before applying.

Resources

The SEND Information Report, available on the school's website, outlines the provisions available at Woodlands School to meet the needs of pupils with SEND. The SEND Information Report provides information to the parents of pupils currently on roll with SEND and parents looking for secondary education for their child with SEND, who want to know what is available at our school.

There are a range of teaching resources available in school and these are in the Aspirations Classroom. There is also a range of materials found in the Speech and Language Room.

Staffing for the support of pupils with SEND is revised annually and reflects the actual and predicted needs of pupils registered at Woodlands School. This includes the LA recommended percentage of the whole school budget, plus any additional funding generated by pupils whose EHCP warrants additional support. The SENDCo coordinates the allocation of support for individual pupils and groups of pupils.

Involving Pupils

The positive involvement of pupils is crucial both for their self-esteem and the successful achievement of self-initiated and agreed learning outcomes. At Woodlands School we strongly believe in supporting all pupils with SEND to become independent learners and to this end pupils are

always fully involved in decisions regarding learning outcomes, provision and intervention in which they are to be involved. They will contribute to their targets in their One Plans.

Pupils with EHCPs are central to the Annual Review process and they are encouraged to share their views both through the completion of the pupil's views section of the Annual Review paperwork and through attendance at the meeting. Care is taken to ensure the pupil is fully aware of the process and the fact that they are the 'most important' person in the meeting; their views are listened to, and their input is reflected in the paperwork. In this way they feel more involved in their own learning through target setting, planning, monitoring and evaluation.

Identification, Assessment and Review

The SEND Information Report outlines in detail the ways in which the school identifies each type of SEND. The process of identification and assessment of pupil's needs involves:

- Primary school records, National Curriculum records and verbal information gathered during the transition process;
- Use of the Essex Provision Guidance to establish the level of need;
- Advice from outside agencies;
- Meetings with parents;
- In house testing, including reading and spelling assessments;
- Information from school staff;
- Implementing the model for identification, assessment and provision of special educational needs as outlined in the Special Educational Needs and Disability Code of Practice: 0 to 25 years (April 2020).

Once a pupil is identified as having SEND, they are allocated the status of SEND Support and are placed on the SEND Register. Pupils identified as SEND Support are identified in SIMS through the allocation of the code K. They are allocated a category of need which reflects their main SEND. The needs of a SEND Support pupil are shared with staff through a Pupil Passport. A Pupil Passport is written by the pupil, with the support of a member of the Aspirations Faculty and/or their parents. A Pupil Passport provides teachers and other professionals with their view of their individual needs and shares information on their priorities for improvement. Pupil Passports are 'live' documents and as such should be continually updated as the pupil's needs change. To achieve this, every member of staff has the responsibility to ensure that changes needed to Pupil Passports are passed to the Aspirations Faculty for action whenever necessary. Pupil Passports will be discussed with parents a minimum of once a year at One Plan Evenings but will be reviewed termly with pupils.

All pupils placed on the SEND Register have a One Plan that is reviewed termly. One Plans are the outcome of a One Plan meeting which takes place between the pupil, their parents and either a member of the Aspirations Faculty or a senior member of staff. One Planning events are held termly and all parents and pupils are invited to attend. One Plans set robust targets for achievement for pupils with SEND, drawing on the pupils' aspirations, their current achievements, outcomes of SEND assessments and their current behaviour and attendance data. One Plans will outline the provisions which must be put in place to ensure the pupil can progress towards their aspirations, these include a combination of extra-curricular activities and withdrawal interventions and class-based interventions.

Ensuring that the needs of pupils with SEND are met is the responsibility of every member of staff. Teachers are responsible for ensuring that provision is made within their lessons which enable pupils with SEND to be successful and achieve. To this end teachers are guided by the content of Pupil

Passports and One Plans which are shared using the school's IT systems. Provision should include class-based intervention programmes, managed, where necessary, with the involvement of Co-Educators allocated to the class. Where this intervention is not having the desired impact, it is the teacher's responsibility to make the SENDCo aware that a pupil with SEND is failing to progress despite class-based intervention. Once a concern has been raised it will be investigated and recorded via an Aspirations referral. In addition to this school data on pupil progress is reviewed termly by the SENDCo and pupil progress is tracked. Underperformance that lasts more than one term will be investigated.

Once it is identified that a SEND Support pupil is not progressing despite intervention the pupil will be escalated to having High Needs. For all pupils with High Needs more robust One Planning will take place, involving a senior member of our Aspirations Faculty staff, the pupil, parents and other involved parties from both within school and outside agencies. Multiple sources of information are referenced during the One Plan meeting to ensure all concerns are discussed; these include:

- Comments from class teachers and Co-Educators,
- School based assessment and progress data,
- Attendance records,
- Results of assessments completed since the last review,
- Reports from outside agencies,
- Behaviour records.

High Needs One Plans will be closely monitored. After 2 terms of High Needs One Planning, it may be necessary for the school to seek further specialist input, such as from the Educational Psychologist or Inclusion Partner.

In exceptional circumstances, after significant intervention from the school and significant involvement of a range of professionals from outside agencies, it may be necessary for the school to apply to the Local Authority for an Education, Health and Care Needs Assessment of a pupil's needs. In these cases, the SENDCo will work closely with parents/carers and the pupil to ensure that the process is fully understood.

Once an Education, Health and Care Needs Assessment is agreed by the Local Authority an Education, Health and Care Plan will be drawn up for the pupil. An EHCP contains outcomes for the pupil and a package of resources to ensure that the pupil makes educational progress. All pupils with EHCPs must undergo a thorough Annual Review of their progress, which is sent to the Local Authority for monitoring. Parents/carers, the pupil, teachers, Co-Educators and relevant professionals from outside agencies are all invited to contribute to the Annual Review. This is in addition to termly One Plans carried out as detailed above.

In addition to these reviews the SENDCo and Assistant SENDCo are happy to meet with parents/carers by appointment to discuss progress and any concerns. Information may have to be gathered from colleagues in advance of these meetings to ensure an accurate review of progress can occur.

Dissemination

The SEND Register is a live document where the status of pupils is continually under review, therefore staff are encouraged to regularly review the Register and note any changes. The SEND Register is available to staff through the school's IT Network (SIMS). Pupil Passports, One Plans and Annual Reviews are available to staff through the IT Network, where they are organised by year group, and through the school's Provision Map system, where they are attached to each pupil's

profile as a linked document. Each pupil on the SEND Register has a paper record of relevant information which can be viewed by staff; these are in the Aspirations Faculty Office.

Urgent or important new information regarding a pupil may be circulated by:

- An announcement at the Wednesday morning staff briefing,
- An email from the Aspirations Faculty to relevant staff,
- An entry into the notes section on a pupil's profile on the SIMS system,
- Telephone calls to relevant staff.

Exam Dispensations

As part of our support for pupils with SEND, teachers are periodically asked to identify those pupils who may need access arrangements to be able to manage examinations. These include:

- Scribe
- Reader
- Word processor (laptop)
- Extra time
- Prompt
- Supervised Rest Breaks
- Separate Invigilation
- Oral Language Modifier
- Enlargement of examination papers
- Coloured paper
- Overlays

These pupils will have a range of skills assessed by an assessor with specialist qualifications and, if they fall within the criteria as outlined by the Joint Council for Qualifications (JCQ), at the end of Year 9, applications will be completed by the SENDCo and submitted to the exam boards for approval by the school's Examinations Officer. Exam access arrangements rules and regulations are set by JCQ and not by the school.

Broad and Balanced Curriculum

Central to Woodlands School's ethos of education is the fact that all pupils are entitled to have access to a broad and balanced curriculum and that this right should include those with SEND.

All teachers at Woodlands School are responsible for pupils with SEND in their classrooms. All teachers are responsible for differentiating their lessons to ensure all learners can achieve and make progress. Teachers' planning takes into consideration the information shared in Pupil Passports, One Plans and Annual Reviews, as it is expected that most outcomes can be met through high quality teaching and support within the classroom. Teachers plan for the role of additional adults within their classroom, maximising their effectiveness in ensuring the needs of all learners are addressed.

All staff are committed to the vision that education is more than academic performance; it is also about fostering qualities of independence, self-advocacy, positive self-esteem and a respect for others. To achieve this, some pupils may need extra support beyond what is considered the normal level of provision. Supporting pupils who have a wide range of SEND requires a flexible use of support strategies, for example:

- Social skills groups,

- Wellbeing and regulation of emotions,
- Peer support,
- Reading groups,
- Spelling groups,
- Homework support,
- Use of safe space/Key staff,
- Time outs,
- Literacy and Numeracy sessions
- Praise reports / behaviour monitoring
- Extra-curricular clubs (Shared each September)

Where it is identified that these interventions are needed consideration is given to the timing of such provision and disturbance to curriculum time is kept to a minimum.

Inclusion

Pupils with SEND are encouraged to participate fully in the life of the school. All pupils, including those with SEND, are encouraged to participate in extracurricular clubs, school visits and social activities. Co-Educators accompany pupils on these activities, when appropriate, to facilitate participation.

As part of the school's pathways curriculum, pupils in years 7 and 8 who are identified as working below substantially below functional levels in literacy and numeracy receive additional support with these basic skills by participating in a nurture pathway.

In Key Stage 4 the school offers a variety of practical and vocational courses which are suited to the learning styles and skills of pupils with SEND. At the times when Option choices are made in year 8 the Aspirations Faculty works closely with the Senior Leaders responsible for Key Stage 4 to ensure that pupils with SEND are placed on appropriate courses.

Evaluation, Monitoring and Review of the Policy

Monitoring and evaluating this policy is an ongoing process. The SENDCo meets periodically with the Linked Trustee and a report written by the SENDCo is submitted to the Governing Body on a termly basis. Parents/carers are informed as to the effectiveness of this policy through the Annual Governors Report.

This policy will be reviewed every three years or sooner if legislation demands. Any appendices will be updated annually, at the start of each academic year.

Complaints Procedure

Arrangements for considering complaints about special educational provision at Woodlands School are in compliance with the school's complaints procedure policy. Any complaints are dealt with at appropriate meetings convened by all concerned with the agreed consensus in respect of results and actions.

Staff Development

Management of INSET is the responsibility of the Deputy Head Teacher - Development, in line with school policy. Training is organised to address school priorities as identified in the School Improvement Plan and to address individual professional development as identified through the Appraisal process. The SENDCo is involved in the induction training programme for all new members of staff and delivers other training relevant to SEND as appropriate.

The skills of the Aspirations Faculty require continual development in response to the changing needs of the pupils currently on the SEND Register. The team receive training in several ways, including:

- A thorough induction package;
- Regular departmental INSET delivered either by the SENDCo, by other members of the school staff or by outside agencies;
- The needs of individual Co-Educators, as identified in their Appraisal, being addressed through access to external training;
- Access to other training as appropriate.

All in-house training sessions relevant to specific pupil needs are offered to other staff personnel as appropriate.

Outside Agencies

Woodlands School is strongly committed to working in partnership with colleagues from outside agencies to address the needs of pupils. Outside Agencies are accessed by a variety of staff, including the Deputy Head Teacher - Pastoral, Heads of Year, Assistant Head of Year and the SENDCo. All referrals to outside agencies are discussed as part of a weekly wellbeing and pastoral meetings. Parents can request the school seeks support from an outside agency for their child with SEND by discussing their concerns with any member of staff. This member of staff will then raise this concern with the SENDCo.

The school has strong working relationships with:

- Great Oaks Child Development Centre,
- The School Nurse Team, delivered by Provide Health Care,
- The Transition Pathway Service,
- Child Support Services,
- SEND Operations the Educational Psychology Service.
- Children and Young People with Disabilities Service

Professionals from these services are regularly in school to work with pupils either individually or in small groups and provide advice to school staff. When their involvement is specifically to address the needs of individual pupil's parents/carers will be contacted in advance and permission requested. Parents/carers may be invited in at the request of the outside agency professional. Feedback is available to parents/carers either verbally or via written reports, which are forwarded to parents/carers, once received by the school.

Partnership with Parents/Carers

Liaison with parents/carers is a key aspect of the school's policy and procedures are in place to enhance this partnership including the Woodlands School website, the SEND Information Report, newsletters and Parents' Evenings. The following pertains for parents/carers of pupils with SEND.

Our aim is to actively involve parents/carers in line with need – some have regular telephone calls with Co-Educators, others receive information at Parents' Evenings, some come for termly meetings with a senior member of the Aspirations Faculty team, and some have annual meetings with the SENDCo. Most parents/carers will have intensive involvement at the initial stages or in times of difficulty and less when programmes are working well. In all cases it is recognised that parents/carers

are pleased to share recognition of positive progress, to enter dialogue with Aspirations staff and to receive prompt feedback on their concerns.

The SENDCo and Aspirations Faculty are happy to meet with parents/carers and requests for appointments can be made by contacting the Aspirations Office or by using the email address SEND@woodlandsschool.essex.sch.uk. Phone calls and emails will be responded to within a maximum of 3 days; however, the SENDCo acknowledges that if a parent has concerns that warranted them initiating communication, then a speedier response would be appreciated and therefore endeavours to respond to all emails and telephone calls as soon as possible.

Should a parent become concerned about their child's progress and feel that they may need to make an application for an Education, Health and Care Needs Assessment, this should be carried out in collaboration with the SENDCo. If an Education, Health and Care Needs Assessment requests is made by parents without notifying the SENDCo first only paper records on file can be provided in response to the Local Authority request for supporting information.

Transition/Transfer

The Assistant SENDCo maintains strong links with SENDCos from local primary and secondary schools by attending SENDCo Cluster meetings.

Pupils with EHCPs consider their transition to secondary school in year 5 and pupils, parents/carers and staff from primary schools are welcome to tour the school and meet with the Assistant SENDCo by appointment. Where possible parents are encouraged to access the school's Open Events in September and October as their first point of information about the school. The Assistant SENDCo attends year 6 Annual Reviews for pupils with EHCPs, at the invitation of the primary school.

In the summer term the Assistant SENDCo liaises with the SENDCos from primary schools to discuss the needs of all transferring pupils with SEND. The school annually holds two Year 6 days to prepare all pupils for transfer to the school, in addition the Aspirations Faculty holds an additional visit day for pupils with SEND and can provide other additional visits to address the needs of pupils with SEND who are experiencing high anxiety about transferring schools. These arrangements are made based on the needs of and the number of transferring pupils; examples of arrangements are:

- Drop-in visits, accompanied by a member of staff from the primary school or a parent, where the pupil tours one department of the school each visit;
- Visits to the Aspirations Faculty department where school materials and routines are revisited and additional contact with key members of staff is arranged.

If pupils with SEND join the school during the academic year the Assistant SENDCo will liaise with staff from the transferring school, organise provision and disseminate information to staff. Pupil records are shared with the SENDCo once received by the school. If a pupil with SEND leaves the school during the academic year the Aspirations Faculty Administrators will ensure all records are sent to the new school, to the attention of the SENDCo, within 15 days of the pupil ceasing to be registered, as required under the Education (Student Information) Regulations 2000. The SENDCo will usually discuss transferring pupils at the request of the new school; however, in exceptional circumstances the SENDCo may initiate transition support for the pupil, in liaison with the new school, in advance of transfer.

When pupils leave the school at the end of year 11 the Assistant SENDCo completes any requests for transfer information sent from the Aspirations Faculty for the incoming institution. A copy of the pupil's last Pupil Passport, One Plan and Annual Review is sent for their information.

The sharing of all pupil information is conducted in line with the school's GDPR policy.



Signed: _____
Head Teacher

Dated: 22nd September 2023



Signed: _____
Chair of Trustees

Dated: 22nd September 2023
