# **Quality First Teaching for SEND Pupils**



#### **Classroom Environment**

- Well organised classroom
- Calm learning environment
- · Working walls and relevant displays
- Consider dyslexia friendly presentation e.g. font (Arial and Comic Sans. Alternatives include Verdana, Tahoma, Century Gothic, Trebuchet, Calibri, Open Sans) and colour and contrast (Use dark coloured text on a light (not white) background. Avoid green and red/pink. Consider alternatives to white backgrounds - use cream or a soft pastel colour.)

# **Cognition and Learning**

- Clearly designed lesson plans
- Differentiation
- Learning intentions and success criteria consistently shared with children
- Plenty of opportunities to involve and engage with pupils
- Use of 'cold calling', not just 'hands up'
- Opportunities for pupils to talk and work individually, in pairs and in groups
- High quality questioning for children of all abilities (Afl)
- An expectation that pupils will accept responsibility for their own learning and work independently.

### **Cognition and Learning cont.**

- Appropriate use of modelling and explaining for pupils
- Opportunities to use physical resources/manipulatives
- Scaffolding tools are used as appropriate Graphic organisers (e.g. writing frame, story map, spider diagram) are used as
- appropriate
- Regularly using encouragement and specific praise to engage and motivate pupils.
- · Access to good quality resources
- Access to ICT
- Classroom assistants planned for and used to maximize learning

#### **Communication and Interaction**

- Use of visual time tables
- Visual aids
- Topic /spelling banks
- Phonics mats
- Use of graphic organisers e.g. sentence starters, writing frames
- · Always use a pupil's name
- Clear and age-appropriate instructions
- Appropriate time to process verbal questions or instructions
- Regular and explicit classroom routine
- Language clear and unambiguous at all times.

### Social, Emotional and Mental Health

- Groupings provide positive role models
- All adults promote well being
- There is an ethos where asking for help and support is okay and is welcomed
- All staff are committed to developing a safe and secure environment for all

## **Sensory and Physical Needs**

- Appropriate seating positions are considered (noise, light, proximity to board and/or teacher)
- Appropriate noise levels are maintained
- Sound field system in every classroom
- All adults speak clearly and naturally
- Opportunities to work with a learning partner