



Special Educational Needs (SEN) Information Report

Make It Different, Hartlepool Free School

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1. Introduction

Make It Different, Hartlepool Free School is dedicated to providing an inclusive education that meets the needs of all students, including those with Special Educational Needs (SEN). This report outlines our approach to supporting students with SEN, in compliance with the Special Educational Needs and Disability Regulations 2014 and the Children and Families Act 2014. For detailed information, please refer to our SEN Policy available on our website.

2. SEN Provision

We cater to students with a range of SEN, including but not limited to:

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

3. Identifying and Assessing SEN

Our policies for identifying students with SEN involve:

- Regular monitoring of student progress
- Teacher referrals based on classroom observations
- Consultation with parents and caregivers
- Utilising external specialist assessments when necessary

For more details, please contact our Special Educational Needs Coordinator (SENCO):

- Name: [Insert SENCO Name]
- Email: [Insert SENCO Email]
- Phone: [Insert SENCO Phone Number]

4. Consulting with Parents and Students

We value the input of parents and students in the educational process. Our consultation methods include:

- Regular parent-teacher meetings
- Student-led conferences
- Surveys and feedback forms
- Involvement in Individual Education Plan (IEP) development

5. Assessing and Reviewing Progress

Student progress is assessed and reviewed through:

- Termly assessments
- IEP reviews
- Multi-disciplinary meetings involving parents, teachers, and specialists

6. Transition Support

To facilitate smooth transitions between educational phases, we provide:

- Orientation programs
- Collaboration with previous or next educational institutions
- Personalised transition plans

7. Teaching Approach

Our teaching strategies for students with SEN include:

- Differentiated instruction
- Small group interventions
- Use of assistive technologies
- Access to specialised support staff

8. Curriculum and Learning Environment Adaptations

Adaptations are made to ensure accessibility, such as:

- Modified teaching materials
- Flexible seating arrangements
- Sensory-friendly spaces
- Implementation of individualised support plans

9. Staff Expertise and Training

Our staff undergo regular training in areas including:

- Differentiated instruction techniques
- Behavior management strategies
- Use of assistive technologies
- Understanding specific disabilities

10. Evaluating SEN Provision

The effectiveness of our SEN provision is evaluated through:

- Student progress tracking
- Feedback from parents and students
- Regular internal audits
- External reviews and inspections

11. Inclusive Activities

We ensure that students with SEN participate in all school activities by:

- Providing necessary accommodations
- Offering additional support during extracurricular activities
- Encouraging peer support and buddy systems

12. Emotional and Social Development Support

Support for emotional and social development includes:

- Access to counseling services
- Social skills groups
- Anti-bullying programs
- Mentorship opportunities

13. Involving External Agencies

We collaborate with external agencies such as:

- Health and social care services
- Local authority support services

- Voluntary organisations

14. Handling Complaints

Complaints regarding SEN provision can be addressed by:

- Contacting the SENCO
- Following the formal complaints procedure outlined in our Complaints Policy

For more information, please refer to our SEN Policy on the school's website.

Contact Information

- Address: Hedgehog Lane, Hartlepool, TS25 1FF
- Email: admin@hartlepoolfreeschool.org.uk
- Phone: 01429 450081

This report will be reviewed annually to ensure ongoing compliance and effectiveness.

15. Hartlepool Local Authority

Local Offer:

https://www.hartlepool.gov.uk/info/20078/children_and_families/126/hartlepool_local_offer