

# Moor Park Primary School

## Special Educational Needs and Disabilities Policy

*Moor Park is a Happy, Caring School Where Everyone Matters and is Encouraged and Challenged to be the Best they can Be.*

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### **What are special educational needs and disabilities (SEND)?**

**Special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) can affect a child or young person's ability to learn. It can affect –**

- **their behaviour or ability to socialise,**
- **their academic learning,**
- **their ability to understanding things or concentration,**
- **their physical ability.**

**The four broad areas of SEND are –**

- **Communication and interaction**
- **Cognition and learning**
- **Social, emotional and mental health**
- **Physical or sensory**

**Our aims for children with special educational needs and disabilities.**

**Moor Park Primary School is an educationally inclusive school that supports children to ensure their integration and curriculum entitlement. Our aim for children with SEND is the same as with all pupils; to provide a broad and**

***balanced curriculum and the highest quality of education. We place high value on the children's personal and social development and this is central to our provision.***

### ***How do we involve parents, carers and families?***

***Our aim is to inform and involve parents as much as possible in school decision making and to provide them with support, advice and access to services. We believe that you are the expert on your child's needs and so value joint up working between school and the family. As a school we hold termly drop in sessions where parents can come in and discuss their child's needs or any concerns parents may have with the SENCO. Throughout the year, the SENCO is always available to meet, phone or email parents. Teachers of children with SEND meet 3 times a year with parents to discuss their child's personalised plans and the additional/different support they require and we welcome parents input at these meetings. For children displaying a higher level of need that requires involvement from multiple agencies or for children where troubleshooting is required to fully assess and identify the support a child needs, the SENCO will meet regularly with parents and other agencies involved to conduct assess plan do review meetings.***

### ***How do pupils participate?***

***As a school we listen to the children and involve them in the planning of how we can best meet their needs. All children with SEND complete a one page profile. This gives the child the opportunity to say: what is important to them, what they feel is important for them to learn and the best way they feel for people to support them. This is their opportunity to share their voice and identify what they feel they require to be successful in school. All SEND children are invited to attend person centred planning meetings regarding their education and where they do not want to attend, their opinions are sought and shared by a member of staff on their behalf.***

### ***Our graduated response to identifying and providing for pupils with SEND***

#### **1. CONCERN STAGE**

**Concern may be raised by pupils, teachers, parents or other outside agencies. Lack of progress, low attainment or changes in behaviour or attitudes will also initiate a concern. At this level, the teacher will closely monitor the child's progress making reasonable adjustments within the classroom to meet the child's needs and support their progress.**

## **2. SEN SUPPORT**

**Following the teacher's close monitoring of the child, if it becomes clear that the child requires provision that is additional to or different from the lessons provided as part of normal class activities involving quality first teaching, then the child will be referred to the SENCO. The SENCO will meet with parents to discuss the concerns and initiate the plan, do, review cycle. At this point further testing, visits to the GP or paediatrician and referral to an SEN adviser or other outside agency may be initiated. During this assessment time, the SENCO will arrange regular meetings with parents and other agencies involved to assess the situation, plan how to move forward and review what has already been implemented. The class teacher will produce a personalised plan for the child and three times a year will meet with parents to review and make alterations to the plan. On occasions when concerns are increasing, the SENCO will attend these review meetings and may refer to the Educational Psychologist for advice.**

## **3. Education, Health and Care Plan (EHCP)**

**In some cases, the child's needs may prove to be too complex and long term for their needs to be fully met at the SEN support stage or they may be so significantly behind that an application for statutory assessment will need to be made. If the child is awarded an Education, Health and Care Plan (EHCP) the child may be provided with more specialist provision or additional support. A child with an EHCP will have their progress reviewed annually at a person centred review meeting.**

**How do we assess and review progress?**

- ***At the concern level the child's progress will be closely monitored by the class teacher and phase leader and this will be discussed with you at parent's evenings.***
- ***At SEN Support, the child's progress will be carefully monitored by the class teacher, phase leader and SENCO. Their progress will be reviewed continuously and 3 times a year when their personalised plan is reviewed this will be discussed with both the parent and the child. For children under investigation, progress will be discussed with the SENCO, parents, teacher and outside agencies at plan, do review meetings.***
- ***A child with an Education, Health and Care Plan will have a personalised plan written from their EHCP which will be reviewed and discussed with the child and parents 3 times per year. They will also have an annual review of their needs; this will be a person centred review where all agencies involved with the child will meet to discuss what the child has achieved over the year, what is working well and if the provision is still meeting the needs of the child. This will be organised by the SENCO.***

### ***Supporting children transferring***

***Transferring to a new class is a particularly difficult time for pupils with SEND. As a school, we organise extra transition sessions for those children who we feel will need extra support at this time and a transition meeting with parents will also held. When a child transfers from one class to another within our school, lots of visits are arranged for the child to get used to the classroom environment and the new class teacher will make a lot of contact with the child. A transition booklet will be produced for the child to take home over the summer holidays. For children transferring from nursery to primary school, the SENCO and class teacher will attend the early years transition meeting and go and observe the child in their current setting. After the initial induction sessions have taken place, if the child requires more settling in sessions these will be arranged. For children transferring to high school or a different primary school, the SENCO and class teacher will meet with or speak to the SENCO at the***

*new school. For children with more complex needs, a person centred review meeting will be held, this will be attended by all agencies involved and both schools, to ensure consistency in provision during the transition period. If extra transition sessions are required this will be arranged with the school and the child will be supported on these by a member of staff.*

### ***Additional support, equipment and facilities***

*If your child is on the SEND register they will have some additional support or intervention to help meet their needs. As a school we look carefully at a child's barriers to learning and find ways to overcome these to ensure they are able to reach their potential. Some children will require 1:1 interventions to enable them to progress academically or for specialist intervention such as speech or physical therapy. Other children will require additional adaptations or equipment, for example; writing equipment, reading overlays or sensory aids.*

*As well as support in the classroom we also have a learning mentor and 2 SEN support assistants who can facilitate additional support. This can include 1:1 mentoring, sensory circuits, individual and small group intervention sessions. We have a sensory room which enables children who require regular sensory input to have their needs met and we run nurture groups at play and dinner times for those children who find the playground difficult due to their area of need.*

### ***Equal access for all***

*We aim to have pupils with SEND represented in all areas of school life. We actively encourage them to participate in extra curricular activities and to apply to be on the school council or the senior leadership team when they are in year 6. Our rewards system is based around attitudes to learning and the school values this allows all children to have a sense of achievement. Extra curriculum required activities and school trips are planned with all children in mind and provision is made to ensure all SEND children can access and participate in them.*

### ***Responding to concerns and worries***

***We pride ourselves on being a very accessible school and all our teachers are usually available at the end of the school day to discuss any concerns you may have. The school SENCO is usually available to meet with parents, speak to them on the phone or by email when required and termly drop in sessions for SEND parents are arranged. Our learning mentor and family support worker are also available to speak to parents in person or on the phone when required. Following this support if you feel your concerns have not been resolved then you can request to speak to a member of the senior leadership team or a member of the governing body.***

### ***Support for parents***

***All parents of children with SEND are encouraged to access the Blackpool Local Offer. The SENCO can direct you to support groups that can help and advise you depending on your child's needs such as SENDIASS, Aiming Higher and Cygnet training. If you need any support please look at the local offer or contact the school SENCO to be directed to the support that is available.***