

CHURCHFIELDS, THE VILLAGE SCHOOL

**SPECIAL EDUCATIONAL NEEDS AND
DISABILITY POLICY**

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[Romans 12:16](#)

Live in harmony with one another.

Introduction:

Churchfields, the Village School is a Church of England school at the heart of two village communities, inspiring learners to become...

Reflective – Resourceful – Resilient

At Churchfields we strive to nurture every child and provide firm foundations for our children to become confident, independent learners.

Churchfields, the Village School is committed to offering an inclusive curriculum to ensure the best possible progress for all our pupils, whatever their needs or abilities. This policy has been formulated with due regard to the Special Educational Needs and Disability Code of Practice: 0-25 Years (DfE and DoH, 2015) and the Equality Act 2010. [SEND code of practice: 0 to 25 years - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/413632/SEND_Code_of_Practice_0_to_25_years.pdf)

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Definition of Special Educational Needs (SEN)

A person has Special Educational Needs if they have a learning difficulty or disability which calls for special educational provision to be made for him or her. At compulsory school age this means he or she has a significantly greater difficulty in learning than the majority of others 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.

from 2014 SEN Code of Practice: 0 to 25 Years – Introduction xiii and xiv

There are four broad categories of SEN: communication and interaction; cognition and learning; social, emotional and mental health; physical and sensory.

Children should 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.

Rational

At Churchfields, The Village School, children with special educational needs participate in all aspects of school life. Activities and resources are adapted, and support is given where needed. All children will have the right to a broad and balanced curriculum including extra-curricular activities where appropriate and full access to the EYFS and National Curriculum.

We recognise that pupils learn at different rates and that there are many factors affecting achievement, including ability, emotional and mental health, age and maturity. We understand that many pupils, at some time in their school career, may experience difficulties which affect their learning, and we recognise that these may be long or short term.

We endeavour to help every child with SEN to be as fully included as possible in mainstream teaching and learning to ensure that they have the best possible chance of having a successful and enriched life with good prospects for their future. We therefore have high aspirations for our pupils

with SEN. We will consider the views of the pupil and their parent/carer in supporting them to achieve their aspirations and work jointly with other agencies to work cohesively towards this.

Aims of Our Policy

- To have a common understanding of what is meant by “special educational needs”/SEND.
- To have a common approach to meeting the special needs of children within the school setting.
- To identify, as early as possible, the children within our school who have special educational needs.
- To make appropriate resources available (materials and people).
- To monitor and review the school’s policy and practice for special educational needs and inclusion regularly.
- To ensure that parents are informed, and are an integral part of the assessment, provision, and evaluation of the special educational provision for their child.
- To ensure that the child has an integral part in all the processes involved.
- To develop a shared awareness of individual pupil needs between teachers, teaching assistants, parents, and the child and, where appropriate, outside agencies.

Objectives

- Ensuring the SEN and Disability Act and relevant Codes of Practice and guidance are implemented effectively across the school through common assessment and record keeping.
- Ensuring equality of opportunity for and to eliminate prejudice and discrimination against, children with special educational needs.
- Continually monitoring the progress of all pupils, to identify needs as they arise and to provide support as early as possible.
- To identify and monitor children’s individual needs from the earliest possible stage so that appropriate provision can be made, and their attainment raised.
- To plan an effective curriculum to meet the needs of all learners.
- To work in close partnership with parents/carers of children who have special educational needs and/or disabilities and with outside agencies to support the needs and provision for those learners.
- To ensure that all who are involved with children are aware of the procedures for identifying their needs, supporting, and teaching them.
- To involve learners and parents/carers in the identification and review of the targets set for individual learners.
- To use the graduated approach of Assess, Plan, Do and Review to monitor the provision for our learners ensuring that it is appropriate and effective.
- To ensure that learners with Special Educational Needs or Additional Needs have provision which is different from or additional to that of their peers.
- To make every effort to narrow the gap in attainment between vulnerable groups of learners and their peers.
- To raise the self-efficacy and self-esteem of children with Special Educational Needs by celebrating the progress they make.
- Ensuring that pupils with SEND are perceived positively by all members of the school community; and that SEND, and inclusive provision is positively valued and accessed by staff and parents/carers.

Identification and Review Procedures

We follow the guidance in the Special Educational Needs and Disability Code of Practice (2014) and the local guidance, as set out in the Wiltshire **Graduated Response** to SEND Support Document to help us identify Plan and review provision of children with SEND. The document follows the Assess – Plan – Do – Review cycle as set out in the Code of Practice 2014. The code recognises that SEND falls into four broad categories:

- Communication and Interaction
- Cognition and Learning
- Social, Emotional and Mental Health Difficulties
- Sensory and/or Physical Needs

Assess Assessments will be used to identify a child's needs and reviewed regularly to ensure provision is matched to the needs of the child.

Plan Parents/carers and school staff will meet discuss and select the Support and Intervention appropriate to meet the agreed outcomes identified by all. A review date will be agreed with parents and carers.

Do The class teacher and support staff will be responsible for working with the child on a daily basis. The SENCO will continue to monitor progress and liaise with the class teacher to offer support and advice on possible further assessment and implementation of support.

Review All support and interventions and their impact will be reviewed by both the class teacher and SENCO in line with the agreed review date.

The class teacher will be the person who is most likely to identify a need. Where possible, we try to meet all our learners' needs through high quality first teaching and differentiation within the classroom. In some cases, however, a child will need action that is additional to or different from the provision made as part of the school's usual differentiated curriculum and strategies. Children's needs are identified and met as early as possible through:

- Regular monitoring and assessment procedures within class
- Analysis of data using INSIGHT online tracking
 - Liaison with preschool settings
- Information from previous schools
- Information from outside agencies
- Following up parental concerns
- Regular Pupil Progress Meetings

When the school and/or parents consider that a child is not making satisfactory progress, despite high quality first teaching and differentiation within the classroom, the class teacher will consult with the SENCo. The class teacher, with support from the SENCo, will use the WGRSS document (Wiltshire Graduated Response to SEND Support) to assess the child, plan appropriate actions, carry these out and review progress.

Some or all the following may be considered to meet the needs of the child and those supporting them:

- Ensuring that hearing and/or vision checks are up to date
- An intervention (these should be reviewed at least after 12 weeks and will include assessments at the beginning and end to show baseline and progress)
- Use of specific resources

- Meetings with pupil and parents
- Diagnostic assessments such as Wesford, Sandford or a Boxhall profile
- Support from an outside agency via referral processes
- A one-page profile – see appendix
- An IPP (individual Profile and Plan) – see appendix
- A My Support Plan – see appendix

Where, despite all our best endeavours the child still makes little or no progress in the areas targeted, we will discuss with the parents and child the need for us to approach the LA to request a statutory My Plan/ EHCP (Education and Health Care Plan). Where a child has a Statutory My Plan/ EHCP we will carry out an annual review to which parent, child, outside agencies, SENCo, class teacher will be invited as appropriate.

Levels of SEN Support

High Quality Teaching	All teachers are responsible for the teaching and learning of their pupils including those with SEND. Teaching and learning is differentiated and scaffolded to ensure that all children can be successful learners and make appropriate progress.
Concern Class action	A child whose learning needs and or progress are beginning to cause concern. Concerns can be raised together with a brief description through a SEN concern sheet. Consultation with the SENCo will take place and the teacher will put in actions to support as part of the graduated approach and assess outcomes. Short term targets may form an IPP (individual or group) or the child's intervention and progress may be monitored through the school provision map. An intervention/support will be reviewed at, at least, 12 weeks and is aimed at bringing the child's progress back in line with age related expectations.
SEND Support (at and above this level the child is placed on the SEN Register)	<p>A child whose attainment and progress is below age related expectations or who needs a higher amount of support either 1:1 or in a small group, is placed at SEND Support. Parents will be informed when a child is placed at SEND support. At this level of support, the child may have some or all the following to record assess plan do review cycle:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A One Page Profile • An IPP • A My Support Plan (a non-statutory Wiltshire LA document) • Support from one or more outside agencies <p>IPPs and My Support Plans will be reviewed with parents and, where appropriate, the child, at least 3 times per year. The format for IPPs, My Support Plans and One Page Profiles can be found in the appendices.</p>
Education and Health Care Plan (EHCP) currently known in Wiltshire as Statutory 'My Plan'	<p>An EHCP is considered when progress and needs have not been met through SEND Support. The child's My support Plan can be put forward to the Wiltshire SEND Services to be considered for an EHCP. At this level, the child will be allocated a SEND Lead Worker through Wiltshire Council SEND Service. An EHCP once provided will be reviewed with parents and, where appropriate, the child at least twice a year in addition to the Annual Review. Parents/carers of children with an EHCP have the right to request a personal budget. If this is requested, the SEND Lead Worker and the LA will provide guidance.</p> <p>EHCP or MyPlan (primary) - Local Offer (wiltshire.gov.uk)</p>

Criteria for exiting the SEND Register

Where specific, planned provision has been successful and accelerated progress has been made so that the pupil is working within the national expectations, then they will be removed from the SEND Register and placed registered as a concern to monitor ongoing progress.

Partnership with Parents/Carers/children

Parents/carers are important partners in the effective working relationship with the school in raising their child's attainment. Parents'/carers' contribution to their child's education is valued highly by the staff of the school. Parents/carers are encouraged to involve their child in the decision-making processes, including recording children's views and implementing and reviewing, where necessary, the Individual Profile and Plans. The school will also update parents/carers with relevant information.

Roles and Responsibilities

Provision for pupils with SEND is a matter for the school as a whole. The governing body, in consultation with the Headteacher, has a legal responsibility for determining the policy and provision for pupils with special educational needs. It maintains a strategic overview and has an appointed SEN governor who takes particular interest in this aspect of the school.

Special Educational Needs Co-ordinator (SENCO)

The SENCO at Churchfields the Village School is Andrea Liddiard. She is responsible for coordinating the provision of special educational needs throughout the school.

The Responsibilities of the SENCO Include:

- Overseeing the day-to-day operation of the schools SEND Information Report
- Supporting Teachers in monitoring and co-ordinating provision for children with SEND
- Advising on a graduated approach to providing SEND support
- Liaising with parents of pupils with SEND as required in conjunction with the class teacher.
- Overseeing and maintaining specific resources for SEND
- Being a key point of contact with external agencies, especially the local authority and its support services.
- Informing staff who are new to the school of the schools policies and procedures with regard to SEND.
- Maintaining the school's SEND register. Ensure that records of all pupils with SEND are kept up to date.
- Liaising with next or alternative providers of education to ensure a pupil and their parents are informed about options and a smooth transition is planned
- Contributing to the continued professional development of staff
- Reporting provision to the designated SEND School Governor.

Governor's Role Our Governing Body Must:

- do its best to ensure that the necessary provision is made for any child with SEND
- have regard to the Special Educational Needs Code of Practice (DfE and DoH, 2015) when carrying out its duties toward all children with SEN

- promote inclusion at Churchfields the Village School through the setting of inclusive aims and values
- ensure they are fully involved in developing and monitoring the school's SEN policy
- ensure they are up-to-date and knowledgeable about the school's SEN provision, including how funding, equipment and personnel resources are deployed.
- ensure SEND provision is an integral part of the School Development Plan and the school's self-evaluation process.
- ensure the quality of SEND provision is continually monitored by the designated SEN Governor.

Evaluating the success of the policy

The Policy will be evaluated against the objectives stated in this policy and measured by:

- child attainment or progress being raised as measured by objective testing and teachers' professional judgement.
- monitoring pupil progress using INSIGHT online tracker – reporting to SLT
- teacher discussions with the SENCo
- informal feedback from all staff
- Pupil Progress Meetings
- questionnaires and discussions with parents
- head teacher's report to governors
- classroom observation by the SENCO and Senior leaders
- ongoing assessment of progress made by intervention groups.
- teachers planning reflecting the learning objectives for learners with SEND parents and children being involved in IEPs, My Support Plans and EHCPs

Supporting pupils at school with medical conditions

The school recognises that pupils at school with medical conditions should be properly supported so that they have full access to education, including school trips and physical education. Some children with medical conditions may be disabled and where this is the case the school will comply with its duties under the Equality Act 2010. Some may also have special educational needs (SEN) and may have a statement, or Education, Health and Care (EHC) plan which brings together health and social care needs, as well as their special educational provision and the SEND Code of Practice (2014) is followed.

Continuing Professional Development

This will involve the SENCo, teachers and support staff to help them work effectively with learners having SEND and will be linked to the School Improvement Action Planning, Performance Management and Pupil Progress Meetings. Staff attending further courses will give relevant feedback to other members of staff.

Safeguarding

In accordance with the Churchfields, the Village School Safeguarding Policy and Procedures.

Storing and Managing Information

All children on the SEND register have an individual file which holds all the information relating to the

individual educational needs of the child. This file forms an individual record for the child and contains information about school-based observation and assessment, any action taken to meet the needs of the child, including any advice sought from outside agencies.

Documents relating to pupils on the SEND register will be stored in the child's SEN file in the lockable SEN filing cabinet in the school. SEND records will be passed on to a child's next setting when he or she leaves Churchfields the Village School.

Equal Opportunities

The school is committed to providing equal opportunities for all, regardless of race, faith, gender or capability in all aspects of school. We promote self and mutual respect and a caring and non-judgmental attitude throughout the school.

Reviewing the Policy

Annual review, next review due July 2023

Accessibility

In accordance with the Churchfields, The Village School Accessibility Plan. The latest version is held on-line on the Schools website: [Policies – Churchfields – The Village School](#)

Complaints procedure

In accordance with the Churchfields The Village School Complaints Policy. The latest version is held on-line on the Schools website: [Policies – Churchfields – The Village School](#)

Dealing with issues related to bullying and support for vulnerable learners

In accordance with the Anti-Bullying policy. The latest version is held on-line on the Schools website: [Policies – Churchfields – The Village School](#)

This policy should be read in conjunction with the following documents.

Learning and Teaching Policy
SEND information report
Assessment Policy
Equality information and objectives
Equality and Diversity Policy
Safeguarding and Child Protection Policy
Accessibility Report

The latest versions are available on-line on the Schools website: [Policies – Churchfields – The Village School](#)

Monitoring and Evaluation of the Policy

The governing body, head teacher and SENCO are responsible for monitoring and evaluating this policy on an annual basis (or sooner in the event of changes in legislation)

Review History

Policy issued: July 2021

FGB review: July 2022

Next review: July 2023

Appendices:

- One Page Profile Format - [Format master One page profile Example](#)
- IPP format - [SEN IPP pupil targets](#)
- My Support Plan Format - [My Support Plan WILTSHIRE format](#)
- EHCP information (Wiltshire Local Offer) - [EHCP or MyPlan \(primary\) - Local Offer \(wiltshire.gov.uk\)](#)