

WEST DERBY SCHOOL



Whole School SEN and Disability Policy Statement

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Whole School SEN and disability Policy Statement

Mission Statement

All pupils at West Derby School are valued and respected equally and their needs must be addressed. By developing a whole school approach to Special Educational Needs and disabilities, we will ensure an efficient delivery of the curriculum by all staff to all pupils and help ensure the inclusion of all.

Children with Special Educational Needs and disabilities may require special educational provision to ensure the greatest possible degree of access to a broad and balanced education, including the National Curriculum, as may those children who are academically 'gifted'.

The provision for all pupils with Special Educational Needs and disabilities will be met in a climate of support, care and sensitivity.

All pupils at West Derby School have access to a broad and balanced curriculum differentiated to enable them to understand the relevance and importance of an appropriate education. Teachers use a wide range of strategies to meet pupils' special educational needs. Lessons have clear learning objectives and success criteria, are differentiated appropriately and assessed to inform the next stage of learning. The school's Teaching and Learning Policy promotes best practice towards students with SEN.

Relevant information is shared with parents/carers of pupils on Special Needs Support or with an Education Health and Care Plan (EHC Plan). They receive regular details on the agencies involved with their child's education and are signposted according to their child's needs. Key information is also shared within the school to ensure teachers are up to date with developments.

Aims and Objectives

This Policy complies with the requirements laid out in the SEND Code of Practice 0-25 2014.

- Each pupil must be given the opportunity to experience a school which is caring, supportive and where there is equal provision and inclusion regardless of age, ability, race or culture
- To enable pupils to develop, as fully as possible, their abilities, interests, aptitudes and to make additional provision if necessary
- To foster and promote effective collaboration with children, parents and outside agencies
- To be pro-active in enabling all pupils with Special Educational Needs or a disability to have full access to a broad, balanced, relevant and differentiated curriculum and the wider school life and activities
- To ensure that all pupils with Special Educational Need and / or a disability are identified early, assessed and catered for within the school and make the best possible progress, preparing them for adulthood

- To identify and assess special educational needs in line with the Code of Practice
- To share the responsibility of meeting special educational needs throughout the whole staff
- To reflect the 2014 Code of Practice in stating that teachers, as is the case now, are responsible and accountable for the progress and development of the pupils in their classes
- To provide appropriate provision for those with an Education Health and Care Plan
- To help develop strategies of support for pupils and teachers;
- To foster and promote effective working partnerships with parents / carers /pupils and outside agencies regularly
- To monitor, review and evaluate the progress of pupils with Special Educational Needs and disabilities, ensuring parents / carers and pupils are fully involved throughout the process
- Ensure effective communication with all staff with regards to pupils with SEN and disabilities and to enable full access to all aspects of the school curriculum and the wider school life and activities

Responsibility for co-ordination of SEN and disabled provision

This Policy was created by the school's SENCO, the Head of Inclusion in liaison with the SLT, the SEN Governor, parents and staff. The SENCO is Ms Howe. She can be contacted at school on 0151 235 1300 or by email admin@westderbyschool.co.uk.

The main responsibilities listed in this policy fall within the role of the SENCO.

The role of the SENCO involves:

- Ensuring all practitioners in the setting understand their responsibilities to children with SEN and the setting's approach to identifying and meeting SEN
- Advising and supporting colleagues
- Ensuring parents are closely involved throughout and that their insights inform action taken by the setting, and liaising with professionals or agencies beyond the setting
- The SENCO has day-to-day responsibility for the operation of SEN policy and co-ordination of specific provision made to support individual pupils with SEN, including those who have EHC plans
- Overseeing the day-to-day operation of the school's SEN policy and updating it annually and overseeing and updating the school's SEND information report in line with statutory guidelines
- Co-coordinating provision for children with SEN
- Advising on the graduated approach to providing SEN support
- Discuss allocation and deployment of SEND budget with the Headteacher in order to meet pupils' needs
- Liaising with parents of pupils with SEN
- Liaising with other schools, educational psychologists, health and social care professionals, and independent or voluntary bodies
- Being a key point of contact with external agencies, especially the local

authority and its support services

- Liaising with potential next providers of education to ensure a pupil and their parents are informed about options and a smooth transition is planned
- Working with the Headteacher and school governors to ensure that the school meets its responsibilities under the Equality Act (2010) with regard to reasonable adjustments and access arrangements
- Monitoring and supporting a graduated approach of Assess, Plan, Do and Review
- Ensuring that resources and support are allocated and maintained to all those individual pupils who may need additional provision. of support staff in our schools including Teaching Assistants
- Reviewing the work of other adults regularly. In reviewing pupil progress and tracking achievement, SENCOs should review targeted support on a regular basis
- Being actively involved with the analysis and interpretation of data for the whole school and in the planning and intervention of those pupils not making expected progress and plan and monitor appropriate interventions
- Ensuring that the school keeps the records of all pupils with SEN up to date for example participation of pupils in clubs and activities, SIMS, SEN register

Policy Statement

Four categories are defined in the 2014 SEND Code of Practice: Communication and interaction, Cognition and learning, Social, emotional and mental health issues, Sensory and/or physical needs.

Early identification of pupils with Special Educational Needs is key to inclusion and success in West Derby School. Identification is facilitated in the following ways:

- Open events and discussions with parents prior to pupil entry
- Liaison with feeder primary schools in the inclusion process
- Reading, spelling and numeracy testing on entry
- Key Stage 2 SATs results
- Information from outside agencies including school nurse, primary mentors and primary SEN Coordinators
- Pre-entry appointments with parents/carers if appropriate
- Information from the LA e.g. Education, Health and Care plan
- CATS testing on entry
- Summer School

West Derby School encourages the cooperation and involvement of the pupil, parents/carers, feeder primary school, support services and other agencies in its admission procedure in recognising the pupils' needs.

The dissemination of this information is the responsibility of the SENCO.

West Derby has a whole school approach to SEN which means that SEN provision is an integral part of the work of the school and that all teachers are regarded as teachers of pupils with SEN. They may be supported in their work by designated colleagues or by members of the authorities and advisory teams but they essentially retain direct responsibility for meeting their pupils' needs. Differentiated high quality first teaching is a priority for all pupils, including those with SEN. Every teacher is a teacher of every pupil.

Admission Arrangements

What are the admission arrangements for pupils with SEN who do not have an Education, Health and Care Plan if the arrangements differ from those for other pupils?

The Governing Body at West Derby School believes that the admissions criteria should not discriminate against pupils and has due regard for the practice advocated in the Code of Practice and The Equality Act 2010:

'All schools should admit pupils already identified as having special educational needs, as well as identifying and providing for pupils not previously identified as having SEN. Pupils with special educational needs but without Education, Health and Care plans must be treated as fairly as all other applicants for admission.' (Code of Practice 1:33)

It is unlawful for a school to discriminate against a pupil or prospective pupil by treating them less favourably because of their:

- Sex
- Race
- Disability
- Religion or belief
- Sexual orientation
- Gender reassignment
- Pregnancy or maternity

(Equality Act 2010 – Advice for school leaders, school staff, governing bodies and local authorities)

Specialist SEN and Disability provision

Provision for pupils at West Derby School with special educational needs and / or disability is the responsibility of the school as a whole with specialist guidance from the SENCO, the Governing body, and the Headteacher. All teaching staff are teachers of pupils with special educational needs. We adopt a graduated response to meeting special educational needs and/or disabilities.

SEN Support

Pupils are only identified as SEN if they do not make adequate progress once they have had all the interventions within good quality personalised teaching. This is known as 'SEN Support'. The SEN Support takes the form of a four part cycle through which earlier decisions and actions are revisited, refined and revised. This cycle is known as the graduated approach (Assess, Plan, Do and Review).

ASSESS:-In Assessing a child/young person the school will carry out an analysis of the pupil's needs which draws on the teacher's assessments and experiences of the pupil, their previous progress and attainment. This is put in the context of the individual's development compared to the school's core approach to pupil's progress, attainment and behaviour and their peers and national data. The pupil's own views are sought as are those of external support services if involved. The school liaises fully with any outside agencies who are conducting the assessments. Any concerns by parents are actively listened to and recorded. Assessments are reviewed termly.

PLAN: - We recognise that we **must** formally notify parents if their child is being provided with SEN support despite prior involvement and communication. The teacher and SENCO agree in consultation with the parent and pupil the adjustments, interventions and support to be put in place as well as the expected impact on progress (outcomes), development or behaviour along with a clear date for review.

DO: - The School's SENCO supports the subject teacher in problem solving and advising on the effective implementation of support and in further assessments. The teacher remains responsible for working with the child and where the interventions involve group or one to one teaching away from the teacher they remain responsible for overseeing this and work closely with teaching assistants or specialist staff involved to plan and assess the impact of support and how they can be linked to classroom teaching.

REVIEW: - Reviews are carried out on the agreed date. Some children have an EHC (Education, Health and Care Plan). These must be reviewed by the local authority in partnership with the school at least annually. These reviews are arranged at school and are part of the SENCO role. When we review we evaluate the impact and quality of the support and take into account the views of the parents and pupils. This feeds back into the analysis of the pupil's needs. The teacher working with the SENCO will revise the support in the light of the pupil's progress and development and any changes to support and outcomes will be made in consultation with the parent and pupil. We strive to provide clear information to parents about the impact of support and interventions provided enabling them to be involved in planning next steps. In transition to another setting information to be passed on will be shared with parents and pupils and this may involve others being present at review meetings and the SENCO attending meetings offsite to support the transition process.

In many cases the pupil's needs are effectively met within the school. Where a pupil continues to make less than expected progress despite evidence-

based support and interventions it may be necessary to involve specialists from outside agencies. Parents will always be informed and involved in the decision to seek the advice of a specialist. Parental consent will be formally required by agencies.

SEN support requires the initial use of classroom and school resources before bringing in specialist expertise (if deemed necessary in the future). The SENCO will take the lead in co-ordinating additional or different provision within school to enable the pupil to learn more effectively. The SENCO will work closely with parents/carers, teachers and pupil and may produce a Pupil Profile, outlining specific, measureable targets and strategies to meet them. The pupil's progress will be carefully monitored and Pupil Profiles (if required) will be reviewed regularly.

For pupils whose progress continues to cause concern, the school may request support and advice from external agencies (e.g. Educational Psychologist, Speech and Language Therapist, Outreach Workers, the ADHD Foundation). Advice on new targets and additional strategies will be implemented by the class teacher based on the advice received from outside agencies. Some children may require multi-agency involvement and it may be appropriate to prepare an EHAT (Early Help Assessment Tool).

Statutory Assessment

In applying for statutory assessment the school presents evidence of the action taken as part of SEN Support. This would only happen after previous school/outside agency interventions have not had sufficient impact.

Inclusion and Facilities for vulnerable pupils and those with SEN and/or disability

At West Derby School we have taken all necessary arrangements to ensure all pupils regardless of any disabilities can fully access the building and extended facilities. We have done this in the following ways:

- Radiowave hearing equipment
- Lifts
- Ramps
- Disabled toilets
- Pupil Support Centre always staffed

We are continuing to develop particular expertise in the following areas:

- Dyslexia training
- ASD awareness for all staff
- EAL training where appropriate
- Numeracy and Literacy provision
- ADHD staff training

The school was again awarded the Inclusion Charter Mark Award and the Basic Skills Quality Mark in May 2014.

Allocation of resources for vulnerable pupils, those with SEN and disabilities

The school allocates SEN funding in the following ways:

- Learning Support Teachers and Teaching Assistants
- Training for all teachers and teaching assistants so that they can meet pupils' needs more effectively e.g. Numbers Count 2
- Specialist books and equipment
- In class and withdrawal support
- Ramped access to the main buildings of the school
- Disabled toilet facilities
- Purchasing and maintenance of ICT and electronic equipment
- ICT software e.g. Lexia

Inclusion in Whole School Activities

All pupils are encouraged to participate fully in the life of the school. This includes extra-curricular clubs and activities. The SENCO monitors the attendance of children with SEND to ensure that there is good representative participation from these groups.

Identification and review of pupil needs

Early identification of pupils with SEN is a crucial factor in overcoming barriers to learning. The SENCO works closely with the school assessment coordinator to interrogate the school tracking data, RAISE online data and FFT.

The ability to identify SEN and adapt teaching in response to the diverse needs of pupils is a core requirement of the teachers' standards (2012). Teachers are guided and supported in this by the SENCO and information is shared appropriately and frequently. Although the SENCO has overall responsibility for identifying pupils with SEN in the school, it is recognised that other members of teaching and pastoral staff have a key role to play in this process. This is part of the collective responsibility and collaborative approach of the school.

At West Derby School we also use a number of additional indicators to identify a pupil's special educational needs, such as:

- Close analysis of data including: CATs, SATs, reading ages, termly and annual pupil assessments and liaison with the data manager
- Teacher or support staff concerns
- Following up parental concerns
- Tracking individual pupil progress over time
- Liaison with feeder schools on transfer
- Information from previous schools

- Information from other services

This assists the SENCO and class teachers to:

- Provide starting points for the development of an adapted and appropriate curriculum that meets the pupil's needs
- Support the pupil within the classroom environment
- Continually assess pupils to identify strengths and areas for development
- Provide regular feedback about the pupil's achievements and experiences to form the basis for planning the next steps
- Inform on-going observation and assessment of each pupil
- Involve parents/carers in supporting pupils at school and at home

The identification and assessment of the special educational needs of children whose first language is not English, requires particular care and attention. Where there is uncertainty about an individual pupil, the school will link with parents (through interpreters if required) to ascertain whether the pupil is developing in their home language in line with peers and siblings. EMTAS advocate the use of assessment materials and provide LA training to support teachers. We use the service of EMTAS for identified pupils as required. We provide dictionaries for EAL pupils as required. A teaching member of staff provides EAL lessons and mentor sessions for those EAL students requiring support.

Pupil Profiles are reviewed twice a year and any necessary changes made. Parents/carers are invited to attend Annual Reviews and have access to the SENCO through Parents' Evening events. Reviews are pupil centred and follow an assess, plan, do and review model. All of this must be seen in the light of a high quality teaching approach delivered through the school's Teaching and Learning policy.

Assessment Procedures for New Students

Assessment for new Year 7 students begins long before they arrive via a comprehensive transition programme detailed elsewhere. On arrival pupils undertake the GL Assessment (Cognitive Attainment Test) within the first two days. This is administered with due regard to the conditions stipulated spread over three sessions with breaks in between and in a controlled environment and is externally marked. Subsequent to this pupils take the Access Reading Test and the Vernon Spelling Test during their English lessons. These are marked by the SEN team to ensure consistent and standardised marking. Students take a Mathematics SAT paper in the first week of the school year and are placed in appropriate classes by the second week using the data from the test, transition information and teacher assessment.

Students arriving at the school into any year group at any other time of year are tested to allow rapid and correct placement into classes and sets. Children in Y7 and 8 undertake the Access Reading Test at the appropriate age level and the Vernon Spelling Test. Children arriving into Y9-11 undertake the Access Reading Test (McCarty and Crumpler, Hodder Murray, London, 2006) in addition to the Vernon Spelling Test. This allows for direct

assessment for examination access arrangements. The Mathematics department conduct their own assessment in the first week of attendance using a test appropriate to the age and ability level of the student, any data available from his previous school and teacher assessment.

Access to the curriculum, information and associated services

All pupils at West Derby School have equal access to a broad and balanced curriculum, differentiated to enable ALL pupils to understand the relevance and importance of an appropriate education. This promotes self-esteem and confidence that will lead to pupils making relevant progress that is closely monitored.

Pupil worksheets are written in language which is accessible to them with regard to font type and size, colour of paper/pens used etc. For some students, (e.g. students with photo sensitivity or Irlen's) we provide coloured exercise books and internal and external examination papers and booklets.

Teachers use a wide range of strategies to meet a pupil's special educational needs. Lessons have clear learning objectives, teachers differentiate appropriately and assess to inform the next stage of learning. (Refer also to the Teaching and Learning Policy).

The Equality Act 2010 states that education providers must also make 'reasonable adjustments' to ensure that disabled students are not discriminated against. Making reasonable adjustments could include:

- Changes to practices or procedures
- Changes to physical features
- Changes to how learners are assessed
- Providing extra support and aids (such as specialist teachers or equipment)

Relevant information is shared with parents/carers of pupils who access support from outside bodies. They receive regular details of the agencies involved with their child's education and are signposted according to their child's needs. Key information is also shared within the school to ensure teachers are up to date with developments.

Supporting Children with Medical Conditions

Please refer to the separate school policy 'Supporting Pupils with Medical Conditions'. Our school nurse provides a 'drop in' service every week on Wednesday at lunchtimes.

THE PUPIL SUPPORT CENTRE

West Derby School believes that every child is of equal importance and that we must do our best to remove any barriers to learning. The Pupil Support Centre has been set up to help specific pupils cope better with and access mainstream education in a successful way. The centre provides an

understanding, safe and enjoyable environment for pupils who may fail due to, for example:

- Physical disability e.g. hearing loss
- A specific learning difficulty e.g. Dyslexia, Dyspraxia
- General learning difficulties
- Emotional behavioural difficulties
- Frequent absence because of medical or home problems
- Refusal to attend school
- Low self esteem

The PSC is overseen by the SEN staff. The centre is a base where pupils with socialisation difficulties can interact with their peers in a regulated, non-judgemental environment where appropriate behaviour is modelled. Regular mentoring sessions are timetabled in the PSC. The PSC also welcomes external support staff from outside agencies. Students who are identified as requiring support attend literacy and numeracy lessons in the PSC.

What helps children to learn?

- Active/practical experiences
- Secure and happy environment
- Familiarity with the classroom
- Available choices
- Attractive surroundings
- Feeling valued
- A positive approach
- Encouragement and high expectations
- A welcoming calm atmosphere
- Stimulation
- Clear and patient explanations
- An appropriate match of learning
- A promotion of fun and enjoyment
- Seeing the purpose of what they do
- Participating in interesting activities
- Being given time for in-depth work and extended work
- Being encouraged to be active and independent within a secure environment
- Open-ended tasks
- Feeling confident
- Being challenged – however small the steps
- Trying out new work and new learning experiences
- Independence

The Inclusion Process for Pupil Support

- If PPLs believe pupils would benefit from time in Pupil Support they refer their concerns to the SENCO/Senior Leadership Team who will negotiate appropriate time and course of study in Pupil Support. Reasons for referral could include: low attainment, lack of coping skills, behavioural issues, low self-esteem, emotional issues, socialisation and illness and incapacity.

- The PPL, the pupil and the SENCO/Senior Leadership Team meet to discuss the aims, the duration and to gain the pupil's views with regards to the referral.
- The pupil will undertake a course of study that reflects the aims and outcomes desired. Whilst individual aims and targets may be different, the focus will be primarily on literacy and numeracy.

New Provision

Provision of interventions and support within Pupil Support is fluid and staff will update and add to provision if it is considered beneficial. Lexia, a targeted literacy scheme with independent, differentiated learning is installed on the pupil laptops in Pupil Support. The programme allows pupils to work independently and is self-diagnostic: pupils will access the system weekly. Teaching staff monitor and use reports to identify areas for support and demonstrate progress.

A further provision delivered by Pupil Support is the Social and Communication Group. The programme of intervention includes materials and ideas that are effective for teaching social-emotional skills for pupils with any type or combination of social-emotional skills deficits.

Staff from Pupil Support have had training with Spectrum and Child Bereavement UK so that they can better support pupils and their families who have been affected by bereavement.

Evaluating the success of provision

The SEND register is a fluid working document that is constantly updated and therefore the number of pupils on the register will be subject to change. The register is reviewed half termly by PPLs and by the Inclusion Manager, SENCO and in addition to on-going review within the SEN department. A key element of evaluating the success of the SEN and disability provision provided at West Derby is covered in the close monitoring of Pupil Profiles and Annual Reviews.

All teaching and support staff, parents/carers, outside agencies and the pupils themselves are vital to this process. Their feedback along with the monitoring of provision allows us to evaluate the success of the provision and make timely amendments where required. Where interventions have not made the expected impact over the time frame allocated, alternative provision may be offered and Pupil Profiles modified.

Working in partnership with parents/carers

At all stages of the special needs process, the school keeps parents/carers fully informed and involved. Regular meetings are scheduled to share the progress of the pupils with parents/carers and take account of their views. This will support pupils to reach their full potential. Parents/carers are encouraged to make a full and active contribution to their child's education.

In creating the School's Local Offer parental consultation was crucial and parents views on this were sought, acted upon and valued. This is an ongoing process and the school operates an open door policy where parents are encouraged to communicate openly with the school in a timely way should they have any concerns regarding their child/young person. There are other systems to encourage communication such as parent surveys which are conducted regularly during the year.

Where a pupil is receiving SEN Support the school endeavors to talk to parents/carers regularly to set clear outcomes and review progress towards them, discussing the activities and support that will help achieve them and identify the responsibilities of the parent, the pupil and the school.

At all stages of the SEN process the school keeps parents/carers fully informed and involved. Regular meetings are scheduled throughout the academic year to share the progress of the pupils with parents/carers and to take account of their views. It is hoped that this will assist in supporting pupils to reach their full potential. Parents/carers are encouraged to make a full and active contribution to their child's education. Thorough records of outcomes, actions and support as well as contact with parents form an important part of monitoring and recording for the school.

Complaints procedure for parents/carers

Any complaints should first be raised with the SENCO, then if necessary with the Headteacher and finally, if unresolved, with the SEN Governor.

Managing Parental complaints related to SEN (any of the following may apply)

- All SEN complaints must follow the school's formal complaints procedure
- Meeting with the parents/carers are arranged, perhaps involving a mediator such as Parent Partnership. (Information, Advice and Support Service)
- Key issues are identified including where there is agreement
- Discussions should take place with the SENCO
- Reports provided by outside agencies should be considered
- Outcomes are reviewed examining what progress the pupil has made
- Any behaviour logs should ensure strategies are included and shared with parents/carers

CPD and training of staff

The SENCO attends the termly LA training days. The SENCO also attends an annual SENCO Transition Forum led by the LA (Liverpool School Improvement Service). Teaching and support staff attend LA training as appropriate.

All teaching and support staff are encouraged to attend courses and training that assist them in acquiring the skills needed to work with pupils with SEN

and disabilities. The SENCO provides school-based INSET and targeted support to develop awareness of resources and practical teaching strategies for use with pupils with SEN and disability. Colleagues in the English department provide literacy training opportunities. Recent training has included 'Strategies for teaching pupils with SEN' 'needs of EAL students', 'Lexia Training and 'Numbers Count 2' training. Whole school staff awareness in certain medical conditions is provided when required.

SEN Funding

The Governing Body oversees expenditure and therefore ensures resources are directed to support appropriate SEND provision as outlined in this policy. The Local Authority will provide a top up (through a graduated 5 'band' system (if a High Needs pupil has proven needs above the school's additional £6,000.

The school allocates SEN funding in the following ways:

- Pupil Support Staffing and Teaching Assistants
- Training for all teachers and Teaching Assistants so that they can meet pupils' needs more effectively
- Specialist books and equipment
- In class and withdrawal support
- Ramped access to the main buildings of the school
- Disabled toilet facilities
- Supervised breaks and lunchtime facilities in PSC
- Purchasing and maintenance of ICT and electronic equipment
- Whole school training

Links to support services

West Derby School works in partnership with outside agencies such as:

- Connexions (particularly important for support at transition into adulthood)
- CAMHS
- Beacon Counselling
- SENISS
- Outreach support Abbots Lea (ASD); Clifford Holroyd (Behaviour) and Aigburth High (Literacy)
- Health and Social Services
- Education Psychology
- Educational Welfare
- SEN Provider Panel
- EMTAS
- Community Paediatrics
- ADHD Foundation

Members of these agencies are invited to meetings in school to review the programmes in place for individual pupils in order that their specialist advice may be incorporated into Pupil Profiles and intervention/provision.

The school promotes the 'team around the school approach' and draws upon EHATs, where appropriate, to ensure early identification, intervention and assessment of SEND.

Links with other schools and clusters/transition

Prior to admission to West Derby School, contact is made between the SENCO and the SENCO or class teacher at the previous school in order to contribute to a transition plan, should one be required. When a pupil with SEN and/or a disability transfers to another school, all relevant documentation is passed on to their SENCO. The LA has an annual SENCO Transition Forum (KS2/3) in June where any pupil with SEN and/or a disability or vulnerable pupils can be discussed in person and a transition plan can be put into place. Our Connexions Link person works with SEN students to support transition into the sixth form/the world of work

The Role of the SEN Governor

Mrs Susan Price is the School's SEN Governor. The SEN Governor promotes the development of SEN provision by:-

- Championing inclusion and promoting a greater understanding of issues related to SEN by the Governing Body
- Being familiar with key legislation and policy
- Fostering communication between parents/carers of children with SEND and the school
- Meeting regularly with the SENCO
- Ensuring they have an understanding of the role of the SENCO and how pupils are supported
- Developing an awareness of the types of SEN present within the school cohort
- Reporting to the Governing Body
- Attending training in relation to SEND
- Assisting in monitoring the progress of vulnerable pupils
- Reviewing and monitor the effectiveness of the SEND Policy
- Liaising with the SENCO in relation to the Local Offer and the SEN Information report

Reviewing the effectiveness of this SEN and Disability Policy

In evaluating the effectiveness of this policy, the school will consider the views of:

- Reports presented by the Headteacher, SENCO, and SEN Governor
- Parents/carers
- Pupils
- Outside agencies

Pupils' attainment and progress will provide detailed and quantifiable evidence relating to the success of the SEN and disability policy and this will be analysed carefully through:

- Consideration of each pupil's success in meeting outcomes
- Use of standardised tests including reading, spelling and numeracy ages
- An analysis of external tests including GCSEs or equivalent qualifications
- The school's tracking systems and teacher assessments
- Evidence generated from Pupil Profiles and Annual Review meetings
- Raiseonline
- Reports provided by outside agencies including Ofsted

The Local Offer

For the LA's Local Offer, which includes the Local Offer for West Derby School, please visit:

www.liverpool.gov.uk/localoffer

The SEND Report

For the School's SEND Report, please visit the school website.

For more information regarding SEND, please contact Ms Howe, SENCO, or Mrs Hennessey, Head of Inclusion.