



Kings Heath
Primary School

SEND Policy

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***The SEND information report is updated termly and is found in a separate section of this web site.**

Vision

Our Vision

Kings Heath Primary School is a diverse and inclusive community of learners. We aspire for our children to be:

- Successful learners who enjoy learning, make progress, and achieve.
- Confident individuals, able to live a safe, healthy, and fulfilling life.
- Responsible citizens who make a positive contribution to society.
Nurturing ambition, achievement, respect, and happiness.

We believe in education and learning that is stimulating, liberating, and enriching and that helps develop minds that are alive to the diversity of human thought and achievement and to the richness of the natural world.

We aim to realise our vision in part through the fair and consistent operation of this policy.

1. Aims

Our SEN policy and information report aims to:

Involve the views of pupils and parents in decision making, making them central to the decision making and planning for SEND, forming effective partnership working and aim to:

- Communicate clearly and effectively
- Maintain effective and clear processes and systems for SEND
- Have high expectations
- Early and/ or timely identification of needs and interventions put in place
- Clear information about the help and services available

2. Legislation and Guidance

This policy and information report is based on the statutory [Special Educational Needs and Disability \(SEND\) Code of Practice 2015](#) and the following legislation:

- [Part 3 of the Children and Families Act 2014](#), which sets out schools' responsibilities for pupils with SEN and disabilities
- [The Special Educational Needs and Disability Regulations 2014](#), which set out schools' responsibilities for education, health and care (EHC) plans, SEN co- (SENCOs) and the SEN information report. (Section 5).

3. Definitions

A pupil has SEND if they have a learning difficulty or disability which calls for special educational provision to be made for them.

They have a learning difficulty or disability if they have:

- A significantly greater difficulty in learning than the majority of others of the same age, or
- A disability which prevents or hinders them from making use of facilities of a kind generally provided for others of the same age in mainstream schools.

Special educational provision is educational or training provision that is additional to, or different from, that made generally for other children or young people of the same age by mainstream schools.

4. Roles and responsibilities

The Head Teacher, Special Educational Needs coordinator, (Foundation Stage-6), Teaching staff and Teaching Assistants have day to day responsibility for meeting the needs of children in school.

The SENCO/Assistant Head Teacher, **Julia Wilcox** has school wide responsibility for SEND.

Julia Wilcox is responsible for reviewing Policy and Practice for SEND in consultation with key stakeholders.

Who will:

- Work with the headteacher and SEN governor to determine the strategic development of the SEN policy and provision in the school.
- Have day-to-day responsibility for the operation of this SEN policy and the co-ordination of specific provision made to support individual pupils with SEN, including those who have EHC plans.
- Provide professional guidance to colleagues and work with staff, parents, and other agencies to ensure that pupils with SEN receive appropriate support and 'high quality teaching'.
- Advise on the graduated approach to providing SEN support.
- Advise on the deployment of the school's delegated budget and other resources to meet pupils' needs effectively.
- Be the point of contact for external agencies, especially the local authority and its support services.
- Liaise with potential next providers of education to ensure pupils and their parents are informed about options and a smooth transition is planned.
- Work with the headteacher and governing board to ensure that the school meets its responsibilities under the Equality Act 2010 with regard to reasonable adjustments and access arrangements.
- Ensure the school keeps the records of all pupils with SEN up to date.

4.2 The SEN Governor

The SEN Governor will:

- Help to raise awareness of SEN issues at governing body meetings.
- Monitor the quality and effectiveness of SEN and disability provision within the school and update the governing board on this.
- Work with the headteacher and SENCO to determine the strategic development of the SEN policy and provision in the school.
- The SEN Governor is **Claire Spencer**

4.3 The Headteacher

The headteacher will:

- Work with the SENCO and SEN governor to determine the strategic development of the SEN policy and provision in the school.
- Have overall responsibility for the provision and progress of learners with SEN and/or a disability.

4.4 Class teachers

Each class teacher is responsible for:

- The progress and development of every pupil in their class.
- Working closely with any Learning Support Assistants or specialist staff to plan and assess the impact of support and interventions and how they can be linked to classroom teaching.
- Working with the SENCO to review each pupil's progress and development and decide on any changes to provision.
- Ensuring they follow this SEN policy.

5. SEN Information Report Sept 23 (Autumn term- based on Summer data and information). Termly update see update in the SEND Information report section on the school website web site, which cover sections 5.1-5.7

6. Supporting pupils moving between phases or to different schools/settings.

- We will share all relevant information with the school, or alternative setting the pupil is moving on to.
- Meetings will take place between appropriate members of Teaching and support staff, pupils and their parents, at the end of the year, phase or transition point. (Early Years- Nursery to Reception and Primary to Secondary phase).
- Information to support a smooth transition is shared.
- There will be transitional sessions in new classes or schools to help to prepare for change. (As above)
- Pupil's passports and 1page profiles will also be provided so that those working with pupils with SEND have as much information as possible to support from the outset.

6.1 Expertise and training of staff

The school SENCO has ten years plus experience in this role and has worked in a variety of roles within school in addition to this. Qualifications include BA Hons, PGCE, Med SEND and Inclusion, Specialist Dyslexia Teaching qualification.

The SENCO is non- class based and available to manage SEN provision.

We have a small team of teaching assistants, who are trained to deliver SEN provision and support pupils with a variety of complex needs.

Staff training is provided by partner agencies in a variety of ways, in the form of advice, inset and short courses.

There are members of teaching staff developing more detailed knowledge of specific areas of SEND. One class teacher has also recently qualified as a Specialist Dyslexia teacher.

6.2 Securing equipment and facilities.

Equipment and advice on equipment and use of facilities is organised mainly by the physiotherapy service assigned to school by Health. Equipment is regularly serviced and checked in line with manufacturers and health & safety schedules.

6.3 Evaluating the effectiveness of SEN provision.

We evaluate the effectiveness of provision for pupils with SEN by:

- Reviewing pupils' individual progress towards their goals each term
- Reviewing the effectiveness of curriculum plans to meet the needs of pupils with SEND.
- Reviewing the impact of interventions at regular intervals and measuring progress.
- Using pupil feedback, captured in a variety of ways. (Conversation, pupil voice, reviews, school council).
- Monitoring by the SENCO in collaboration with senior leaders, teachers, and support staff for school improvement plans
- Holding annual reviews for pupils with Education and Health Care plans

6.4 Enabling pupils with SEN to engage in activities available to those in the school who do not have SEN.

Wherever it is practical and possible, given the physical constraints of the school site, most of our extra-curricular activities and school visits are available to all our pupils, including our before-and after-school clubs.

All pupils are encouraged to take part in sports day/school plays/special workshops, etc.

No pupil is ever excluded from taking part in these activities because of their SEN or disability.

Pupils with disabilities are encouraged and supported to work towards personal independence and full inclusion. School policy, curriculum, and ethos work together to ensure all pupils are treated in a respectful way including pupils with disabilities.

We have some adapted facilities in school, including ramps and automatic doors to and from the classrooms, accessible toilets, and a space to deliver physiotherapy programmes. (See Accessibility policy & plan)

6.5 Support for improving emotional and social development.

Pupils with disabilities are given priority to access more formal and informal mentoring and counselling. They will be supported by a team within their year group.

We provide support for pupils to improve their emotional and social development in the following ways:

- Pupils with SEN are encouraged to be part of the school council.
- Pupils with SEN are also encouraged to become Play leaders and Peer mentors promote teamwork/building friendships and offering peer support.
- We have a 'zero tolerance' approach to bullying.

7. Working with other agencies.

Supporting pupils & families

School is often the starting point for parents to seek help and advice. School may be able to offer support internally and can also sign post to other services available in Kings Heath and around Birmingham, Early Help and Right Service Right Time principles.

Details of support organisations are available from school, or the school offer found on the website and the weekly newsletter.

The Local Authority website lists names and contact numbers of support organisations and information for Parents, Carers and Professionals. This is known as the Local Offer.

This is the website address: www.localofferbirmingham.co.uk

Health Service Links and supporting Medical Needs

School links with local Children's Centres and Health visitors to plan and prepare at the earliest opportunity for the children in the Foundation phase (Nursery and Reception).

School links with the school nurse and community paediatrician for children in year N-6 and can make referrals to community paediatricians where appropriate. Parents are also able to approach your family GP if you think the need to be acute.

8. Complaints about SEN Provision

Complaints about SEN provision in our school should be made to the class teacher in the first instance. If this does not resolve the issue the SENCO will become involved. If further intervention is required or requested, parents will be issued with a copy of the school's Complaints Policy. Should parent's wish to take the matter further, the Head Teacher would become involved.

The parents of pupils with disabilities have the right to make disability discrimination claims to the first-tier SEND tribunal if they believe that our school has discriminated against their children. They can make a claim about alleged discrimination regarding:

- Exclusions
- Provision of education and associated services
- Making reasonable adjustments, including the provision of auxiliary aids and services

9. Contact details of support services for parents of pupils with SEN

Parent Partnership Links/Complaints

SENDIASS (Special Educational Needs Information and Advice Support Service), is a body that is independent of school and can offer parents support and advice. They may be able to sign post you to other supporting agencies. They are always available to you and there doesn't have to be a problem for you to contact them. However, they will support independently if there is a dispute between school and /or the local authority and other services. School encourages this relationship and will work with families and supporting organisations to find solutions and resolve any problems or disputes.

The Parent link service can be found at:

parentlinkservice@birmingham.gov.uk

or

0121 303 8461

10. Contact details for raising Safeguarding concerns.

Safeguarding concerns should be raised with either one of the 5 DSLs in school (L. Brown, P. Clabon, M. Court, J. Scott, J. Wilcox). If the concern involves a member of staff, then it should be raised with the Head Teacher. If the concern is about the Head Teacher, it should be raised with the Chair of Governors. The Chair of Governors should be contacted via the school office. (Please refer to the Safeguarding and Child Protection Policy).

Birmingham Safeguarding Children Partnership provides advice and training for school. Advice is also taken from CASS (Children's Advice and Support Service- 0121 303 1888) and MASH (Multi Agency Support Hub).