



# **King Edward VI Community College**

## **Special Educational Needs & Disabilities (SEND) Policy**

**2022 – 2023**

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## Context

This policy was developed in consultation with parents/carers, staff and students of the school community and pays due regard to:

- The SEND Code of Practice: 0 to 25 years (2015)
- This guidance refers to Part 3 of the Children and Families Act 2014 and associated regulations.
- Equality Act 2010

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**Other key school policies/plans relevant to the SEND policy  
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Safeguarding and Child Protection  
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Data Protection Policy  
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Health and Safety  
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# Special Educational Needs and Disability (SEND) Policy

At KING Edwrad Vi Community College (KEVICC), we are committed to offering an inclusive curriculum to ensure the best possible progress for all of our students whatever their needs or abilities. All children are of equal value and deserve access to resources and opportunities to develop their full potential. At KEVICC, we work in collaboration with families and external agencies to ensure all students are given full opportunity to reach their potential and achieve success.

This Policy seeks to promote the successful inclusion of students with special educational needs and disabilities at KEVICC.

The policy is in line with our teaching and learning policy and equality of opportunity policy and aims to support inclusion for all of our children. The responsibility for the management of this policy falls to the Headteacher; the day-to-day operation of the policy is the responsibility of the Special Educational Needs Co-ordinator (SENDCo). The Governing Body, Headteacher and the SENDCo will work together closely to ensure that this policy is working effectively.

High quality teaching is that which is differentiated to meet the needs of the majority of pupils. Some pupils will need something **additional to** and **different from** what is provided for the majority of pupils; this is special educational provision and we will use our best endeavours to ensure that provision is made for those who need it.

KEVICC will do its best to ensure that the necessary provision is made for any pupil who has special educational needs or disabilities. We will ensure that all staff in the school are able to identify and provide for those pupils who have special educational needs or disabilities to allow pupils with SEND to join in the activities of the school.

The staff and governors of KEVICC will also work to ensure that all SEND pupils reach their full potential, are fully included within the school community and are able to make successful transfers between educational establishments. This policy aims to support all members of staff in providing positive whole school approaches towards the learning, progress and achievement of SEND pupils.

**All teachers are teachers of Special Educational Needs.**

**Every teacher is responsible and accountable for the progress and development of all pupils in their class even where pupils access support from teaching assistants or specialist staff.**

Teaching and supporting pupils with SEND is therefore a whole school responsibility requiring a whole school response. Meeting the needs of pupils with SEND requires partnership working between all those involved – Local Authority (LA), school, parents/carers, pupils, children’s services and all other agencies.

## **Aims and Objectives**

### **Aims**

To provide the structure for a student-centred process that engages student, family, school and other professionals in planning for and implementing high quality, needs led provision that is consistent across the school. This is to ensure all of our students are able to access the same opportunities for learning and social development achieving maximum progress, fulfilling their potential and promoting their well-being.

KEVICC will have regard to the SEND Code of Practice 2015 when carrying out its duties towards all students with SEND, and ensure that parents/carers are informed by the school that SEND provision is being made for their child.

### **Objectives**

The SEND Policy of KEVICC reflects the principles of the 0-25 SEND Code of Practice (2015). The aims of this special educational needs policy are to:

- Ensure the Equality Act 2010 duties for students with disabilities are met,
- To enable students with special educational needs to have their needs met,
- To take into account the views of the students with special educational needs,
- To encourage good communication and genuine partnerships with parents/carers of children with special educational needs,
- To facilitate full access to a broad, balanced and relevant education, including an appropriate curriculum for the foundation stage and the National Curriculum, for students with special educational needs,
- In conjunction with the Medical Policy make arrangements to support students with medical conditions and to have regard to statutory guidance supporting students at school with medical conditions,
- To implement a graduated approach to meeting the needs of students using the Assess, Plan, Do, Review process,
- Develop a culture of inclusion valuing high quality teaching for all learners, with teachers using a range of effective differentiation methods,

- Employ a collaborative approach with learners with a SEN or disability, their families, staff within school, other external agencies including those from Health and Social Care,
- Set appropriate individual learning outcomes based on prior achievement, high aspirations and the views of the learner and family,
- Share expertise and good practice across the school and local learning community,
- Make efficient and effective use of school resources,
- Have regard to the Code of Practice (2015) for the identification, assessment, support and review of special educational needs,
- Have regard to guidance detailed by Devon County Council.
- To recognise the importance of 'preparation for adulthood' right from the start

## **Special Educational Needs and Disability (SEND)**

A child or young person has SEN if they have a learning difficulty or disability which calls for special educational provision to be made for him or her.

A child of compulsory school age or a young person has a learning difficulty or disability if he or she:

- has a significantly greater difficulty in learning than the majority of others of 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 or mainstream post-16 institutions

Special Education Needs and Disability Code of Practice: 0-25 years January 2015

[https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/398815/SEND Code of Practice January 2015.pdf](https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/398815/SEND_Code_of_Practice_January_2015.pdf)

## **School Admissions**

No student will be refused admission to school based on his or her special educational need. In line with the Equality Act 2010, we will not discriminate against disabled children in respect of admissions for a reason related to their disability. We will use our best endeavors to provide effective educational provision.

Parents or carers seeking the admission of a student with mobility difficulties are advised to approach the school well in advance so that consultations can take place. The school's Accessibility Plan/Strategy is available on request or from the school website.

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/equality-act-2010-guidance>

## **SEND Information Report**

Schools have a duty to publish SEN information annually so that parents/carers can see what support a school provides for its students. This will be accessible on the school's website. Further details on the SEND Information Report can be found in Appendix 1.

## **Areas of Special Educational Need**

Under the SEND Code of Practice 2015, students identified as having a special educational need (SEN) will be considered within one or more of the following categories of need:

### ***Cognition and Learning;***

Children with learning needs may learn at a slower pace than other children and may have difficulty developing literacy or numeracy skills or understanding new concepts. Learning needs may be in addition to or as a result of other special educational needs.

Children with a specific learning difficulty (SpLD) will have difficulties related to one or more of dyslexia (reading and spelling), dyscalculia (maths), dyspraxia (co-ordination) and dysgraphia (writing).

Learning difficulties cover a wide range of needs, including moderate learning difficulties (MLD), severe learning difficulties (SLD), where children are likely to need support in all areas of the curriculum and associated difficulties with mobility and communication, through to profound and multiple learning difficulties (PMLD), where children are likely to have severe and complex learning difficulties as well as a physical disability or sensory impairment.

Cognition and Learning needs include:

- Specific learning difficulties (SpLD)
- Moderate learning difficulties (MLD)
- Severe learning difficulties (SLD), and
- Profound and multiple learning difficulties (PMLD)

### ***Social, Emotional and Mental Health Difficulties***

Children may experience a wide range of social and emotional difficulties, which manifest themselves in many ways. These may include becoming withdrawn or isolated, as well as displaying challenging, disruptive or disturbing behaviour. These behaviours may reflect underlying mental health difficulties such as anxiety or depression, self-harming, substance misuse, eating disorders or physical symptoms that are medically unexplained.

Other children may have disorders such as attention deficit disorder, attention deficit hyperactive disorder, conduct disorder or attachment disorder.

Social, Emotional and Mental Health Difficulties include:

- ADD
- ADHD
- Attachment Disorder

At KEVICC, we always seek to address the underlying cause of the presenting behaviour. This means a collaboration where appropriate of family and health colleagues, which supports the child's needs.

### ***Communication and Interaction needs***

Children with speech, language and communication needs (SLCN) have difficulty in communicating with others. This may be because they have difficulty saying what they want to, understanding what is being said to them or because they do not understand or use social rules of communication.

The profile for every child with SLCN is different and their needs may change over time. They may have difficulty with one, some or all of the different aspects of speech, language or social communication at different times of their lives. Children with autism, including Asperger's Syndrome, are likely to have particular difficulties with social interaction. They may also experience difficulties with language, communication and imagination, which can affect how they relate to others.

Communication and Interaction needs include:

- Speech, language and communication needs (SLCN)
- Autism (including Asperger Syndrome)

### ***Sensory and/or Physical needs***

Some children require special educational provision because they have a disability and this prevents or hinders them from making use of the educational facilities generally provided. These difficulties can be age related and may fluctuate over time.

Many children with vision impairment (VI), hearing impairment (HI) or a multi-sensory impairment (MSI) will require specialist support and/or equipment to access their learning. Children with an MSI have a combination of vision and hearing difficulties. Some children with a physical disability (PD) require additional ongoing support and equipment to access all the opportunities available to their peers.

Sensory and/or physical needs include:

- Visual impairment (VI)
- Hearing impairment (HI – including Deaf and hearing impairment)
- Multi-sensory impairment (MSI - sometimes referred to as Deaf Blind)

- Physical disability (PD).

## A Graduated Response to Special Educational Needs and/or Disabilities

### **Early Concerns**

The progress made by all students is regularly monitored and reviewed by the school. Initially, any concerns raised by teachers, parents/carers or other agencies are addressed by appropriate differentiation within the classroom and a record is kept of any strategies or interventions that are used to support the student. This can then be reviewed in any further discussions if the concerns persist.

If a student continues to raise concerns the class teacher will work with the school's Special Educational Needs Coordinator (SENDCo) to assess if the student has a special educational need and agree the appropriate support. Details of assessment tools and materials used in KEVICC can be found in **Appendix 2**.

In some cases, it may be necessary to seek assessment by or advice from an external professional such as a specialist teacher or educational psychologist. This will always be discussed and agreed with the student's parents/carers.

When the school is considering whether a student has a special educational need, one or more of the concerns below may be observed:

- *Makes little or no progress even when teaching approaches are targeted particularly in a student's identified area of weakness;*
- *Shows signs of difficulty in developing literacy or mathematics skills which result in poor attainment in some curriculum areas;*
- *Persistent emotional or behavioural difficulties which are not resolved by appropriate behaviour management strategies;*
- *Has sensory or physical problems and continues to make little or no progress despite the provision of specialist equipment;*
- *Has communication and /or interaction difficulties and continues to make little or no progress despite the provision of an appropriate differentiated curriculum.*
- *Has emotional or behavioural difficulties which substantially and regularly interfere with the student's own learning or that of the class groups, despite having an individualised behaviour support programme;*
- *Has SEND or physical needs that require additional specialist equipment or regular advice or visits by a specialist service;*
- *Has a communication and/or an interaction difficulty that impedes the development of social relationships and cause a substantial barrier to learning.*



Where it is determined that a student does have Special Educational Needs and/or a Disability (SEND) the parents/carers will be formally advised. The school will take appropriate action to support learning and put effective special educational provision in place. This is termed **SEN support**.

### **SEN Support**

The aim of formally identifying a student with SEND is to ensure that any action the school takes is an effective provision which seeks to meet the child's needs and remove the identified barriers to learning. . The school will ensure any actions taken support the student to make good progress in their learning and achieve positive outcomes.

This is known as **the Graduated Approach (See Appendix 3)**:

#### **\*Assess**

#### **\*Plan**

#### **\*Do**

#### **\*Review**

This is an ongoing cycle to enable the provision to be refined, revised and adjusted to enable greater understanding of the needs of the student as they develop. This cycle enables the identification of those interventions, which are the most effective in supporting the student to achieve good progress and outcomes.

### **Assess**

Assessment involves analysing the student's needs in their area of need. Evidence from the class teacher's assessment and experience of working with the student, details of previous progress and attainment, comparisons with peers and national data, as well as the views and experience of parents and carers are explored. The student's views and, where relevant, advice from external support services will be considered. Any parental concerns will be noted and compared with the school's information and assessment data on how the student is progressing. This analysis will require a regular review to ensure that support and intervention is matched to need, that barriers to learning are clearly identified and being overcome and that the interventions being used are developing and evolving as required. Where external support staff are already involved, their work will help inform the assessment of need. If they are not involved, they may be contacted, if this is felt to be appropriate, following discussion and agreement from parents.

### **Plan**

Planning will involve consultation between the teacher, SENDCo and parents/carers to agree any adjustments, interventions and support that are required; the impact on progress, development and or behaviour that is expected and a clear date for review. Parental involvement may be sought, where appropriate, to reinforce or contribute to the progress at home. All those working with the student, including support staff, will be informed of the student's individual needs, the support that is being provided, any particular teaching strategies/approaches that are being employed and the expected outcomes.

The agreed plan will be drawn up and shared with relevant staff and parents/carers. Clear targets and information will be stored on the plan. At KEVICC, we call these plans Student Information Sheets (SIS).

### **Do**

The class teacher remains responsible for working with the child on a day-to-day basis. They will retain responsibility even where the interventions may involve group or one-to-one teaching away from the main class teacher. They will work closely with teaching assistants to plan and assess the impact of support and interventions and links with classroom teaching. The SENDCo will monitor the progress students with SEN, and where required, provide further support and assessment of the student's strengths and needs. The SENDCo will advise and support the class teacher to implement further additional support and guidance, where required.

### **Review**

The review of a child's progress will be made regularly throughout the school year. The review process will evaluate the impact and quality of the support and interventions. It will also take account of the views of the student and where necessary their parents/carers. The class teacher, in conjunction with the SENDCo, will revise the support and outcomes based on the student's progress and development and make any necessary adjustments to move the student forward. This will be carried out in consultation with parents/carers and the student.

**Further details of Devon's Graduated Approach can be found in Appendix 3.**

## **Statutory Assessment of Education, Health and Care (EHC) needs**

Where, despite the school having taken relevant and purposeful action to identify, assess and meet the Special Educational Needs and/or Disabilities of the student, the child has not achieved the expected progress, the school or parents/carers should consider requesting an Education, Health and Care (EHC) needs assessment. The application for an Education, Health and Care Plan will combine information from a variety of sources including Parents and Carers, Teachers, SENDCO, educational professionals, Children's Social Care and Health professionals. Much of this information will be evidence already collected by the school and will relate to the current provision provided, the actions the school has taken, and the preliminary outcomes of targets set. A decision will be made by the SEN 0-25 Team about whether or not the child is eligible for an EHC needs assessment.

Parents have the right to appeal against a decision not to initiate a statutory assessment. Information to support parents with this is via the Devon County Council website link:

<https://new.devon.gov.uk/educationandfamilies/special-educational-needs-and-disability-send-local-offer/support-education-health-and-care/education-health-and-care-ehc-plans>

Where a student has an Education Health and Care Plan (EHCP), the Local Authority must review the EHCP every twelve months as a minimum. Schools have a duty to co-operate therefore KEVICC will hold annual review meetings on the behalf of Devon Local Authority (LA) and complete the appropriate paperwork for this process.

For further SEND information parents/carers are also encouraged to visit the Devon County Council Local Offer website [www.devon.gov.uk/send](http://www.devon.gov.uk/send).

As required in the SEND Code of Practice (2015) Devon has an independent support body for parents and their website address is:

<https://www.devonias.org.uk>

## **SEND Funding**

Schools receive a basic entitlement funding, sometimes referred to as Element 1, the AWPU (Average Weighted Student Unit). Schools are expected to meet the needs of **all** learners from this allocation.

Additional funding which comes into school for students with SEND is allocated according to various data contexts and other demographic factors. Students who are identified as having a Special Educational Need are supported using this additional funding – usually referred to as Element 2.

The high needs block funding for students who require a personalised arrangement (which is an Education, Health & Care Plan - EHCP) is allocated per student upon application by the school with evidence of rationale for need. The Local Authority make decisions about how much this top up funding will be per student. This is referred to as Element 3. Within this Element, there are descriptors that define the levels of funding allocated.

A full explanation of Devon SEND funding to schools can be found at:

<https://www.devon.gov.uk/supportforschools/finance/additional-educational-needs>

At KEVICC, we review our SEND budget throughout the year and allocate our SEND funds carefully in order to support our SEND cohort. This is monitored by governors and through the use of the Devon SEND Funding Evaluation Tool.

## **Personal Budgets**

Personal Budgets are only available to students with an Education, Health and Social Care Plan (EHCP) or students who are currently under-going a needs assessment for an EHCP. Funding can be made available to parents/carers as a personal budget for them to commission their own provision for their child under certain conditions.

## **Responsible Persons**

Provision for students with special educational needs is a matter for the school as a whole. In addition to the Governing Body, the Headteacher, SENDCo and all members of staff have an important role and responsibility to support students with SEND.

### **The Governing Body:**

The Governing Body endeavours to follow the guidelines as laid down in the SEND Code of Practice (2015) to:

- use their best endeavours to make sure that a child with SEND gets the support they need. This means doing everything they can to meet children and young people's Special Educational Needs
- ensure that children and young people with SEND engage in the activities of the school alongside students who do not have SEND
- designate a teacher to be responsible for co-ordinating SEND provision – the SEND coordinator, or SENDCO. This person must be a qualified teacher and must hold the National Award for SEN Coordination (if appointed after 2008).
- inform parents/carers when they are making special educational provision for a child
- prepare and publish an annual SEND information report and their arrangements for the admission of disabled children, the steps being taken to prevent disabled children from being treated less favourably than others, the facilities provided to enable access to the school for disabled children and their accessibility plan showing how they plan to improve access progressively over time

### **The Headteacher is responsible for:**

The day-to-day management of all aspects of the school's work, including provision for educational needs.

- Keeping the Governing Body informed of all developments with regard to SEND.
- Informing parents of the fact that SEND provision has been made for their child.

### **The SENDCo**

In collaboration with the Headteacher and governing body, the SENDCO determine the strategic development of the SEND policy and provision with the ultimate aim of raising the achievement of pupils with SEND.

The SENDCo takes day-to-day responsibility for the operation of the SEND policy and co-ordinates the provision for individual children, working closely with staff, parents/carers and external agencies. The SENDCo provides relevant professional guidance to colleagues with the aim of securing high-quality teaching for children with special educational needs.

Through analysis and assessment of children's needs, and by monitoring the quality of teaching and standards of students' achievements and setting targets, the SENDCo develops effective ways of overcoming barriers to learning and sustaining effective teaching.

The SENDCo liaises and collaborates with class teachers so that learning for all children is given equal priority.

The principle responsibilities for the SENDCo include:

- Overseeing the day-to-day operation of the SEND policy
- Co-ordinating provision for SEND students and reporting on progress
- Advising on the graduated approach to providing SEN support – Assess, Plan, Do, Review
- Advising on the deployment of the school's delegated budget and other resources to meet pupils' needs effectively
- Monitoring relevant SEN CPD for all staff
- Managing the Inclusion team
- Overseeing the records of all children with special educational needs and ensuring they are up to date
- Liaising with parents/carers of children with special educational needs
- Contributing to the in-service training of staff
- Being a point of contact with external agencies, especially the local authority and its support services
- Liaising with early years providers, other schools, educational psychologists, health and social care professionals and independent or voluntary bodies
- Liaising with potential next providers of education to ensure a pupil and their parents/carers are informed about options and a smooth transition is planned
- Monitoring the impact of interventions provided for students with SEND

- To lead on the development of high quality SEND provision as an integral part of the school improvement plan
- Working with the Headteacher and the school governors to ensure that the school meets its responsibilities under the Equality Act (2010) with regard to reasonable adjustments and access arrangements

Parents/carers of a child with SEND support will have the opportunity to meet with the SENDCo or her appointed deputy at least once a year formally. The learning support coordinator may also arrange review meetings, and the role of the tutor is fundamental in the reviewing of interventions. The SENDCo is happy to meet with parents/carers, without prior arrangement, whenever possible.

#### ***All Teaching and Non-Teaching Staff:***

- All staff are aware of the school's SEND policy and the procedures for identifying, assessing and making provision for students with special educational needs.
- Class teachers are fully involved in providing high quality teaching, differentiated for individual students. This includes reviewing and, where necessary, improving, their understanding of strategies to identify and support vulnerable students.
- Class teachers are responsible for setting suitable learning challenges and facilitating effective special educational provision in response to students' diverse needs in order to remove potential barriers to learning. This process should include working with the SENDCo to carry out a clear analysis of the student's needs, utilising the teacher's assessment and experience of the student as well as previous progress and attainment.
- Teaching assistants will liaise with the class teacher and SENDCo on planning for learning, on the student's response, and on the progress being made so support staff can contribute effectively to the graduated response, (assess, plan, do, review).

## **Student Voice**

The Code of Practice 2015 has a theme throughout which highlights the importance of the views of SEND students. At KEVICC, we will always endeavor to ascertain student's views for reviews and planning. Wherever possible, these views will be recorded and embedded into planning and review documents.

Teaching staff will seek the student's views of their strengths and difficulties regarding their progress prior to review meetings. Students will be given opportunities to reflect upon their progress and identify areas that they still require support for.

## **Children with Medical Needs**

KEVICC recognises that students with medical conditions should be supported so that they have full access to education, including school trips and physical education. Some students with medical

conditions may be disabled and where this is the case, the school/academy will comply with its duties under the Equality Act 2010.

Arrangements that are in place to support students with medical conditions can be found by accessing the school's ***Children with Medical Needs Policy for further details.***

## **Accessibility**

The Disability Discrimination Act 1995 (DDA) as amended by the SEN and Disability Act 2001 and the Equality Act 2010, places a duty on all schools and Local Authorities to plan to increase over time the accessibility of schools for disabled students. For further information on the school's current Accessibility Plan and Disability Policy please contact the SENDCo or see KEVICC Accessibility Plan on the school website.

## **Children in Care**

When a child is in care, the carers are accorded the same rights and responsibilities as parents. The school has both an appointed member of staff and a governor for Looked after Children. The SENDCO will liaise closely with the designated member of staff where the student also has a SEN to ensure provision is appropriate.

## **Working in partnership with Parents and Carers**

KEVICC will actively seek the involvement of parents/carers in the education of their children. It is recognised that it is particularly important with students who have special educational needs and/or disabilities where the support and encouragement of parents is often the crucial factor in achieving success.

Parents will always be kept up to date about the Special Educational Needs of their children in accordance with the recommendations outlined in the Code of Practice. Communications between Home and the school will be consistently maintained, this could be via email, phone calls, Home-School book.

Parents/carers will be fully consulted before the involvement of external support agencies with their children, and will be invited to attend any formal review meetings at all stages.

Parents/carers are encouraged to seek help and advice from Independent Information Advice and Support services, including Devon Information and Advice Service (DIAS). These are able to provide impartial and independent advice, support and information on special educational needs and disabilities.

<https://www.devonias.org.uk/>

## **External Support Services**

External support services play an important part in helping the school identify, assess and make provision for students with special education needs and/or disabilities.

Liaison with external agencies supplements the support and assessment of the needs of individual students. Regular liaison is maintained with the following external agencies:

Babcock SEN Advisory Teams;

Educational Psychology Services

Social, Emotional & Mental Health Team

Communication & Interaction Team

Sensory Impairment Team (Hi/Vi/MSI)

Physical Disability and IT Team

Children's Social Care

Speech & Language Therapy

Child and Adolescent Mental Health service (CAMHS)

Occupational Health

Physiotherapy

School Nurse

Virtual school for Looked after Children

Education Welfare Officer (EWO)

## **Transition**

A change of school, class and staff can be an exciting, yet anxious time for all students. We recognise that this can be very challenging for some students with SEND. We endeavour to make sure these periods of change are carefully managed in a sensitive way to provide continuity of high quality provision and reassurance to students and families.

## **Responding to Complaints**

The procedures for making a complaint against the school are outlined in the School's Complaints Policy. The policy can be accessed via the school's website or via the school office.

All concerns or enquires about a student with special education needs and/or disabilities or the SEND provision should be dealt with by the class teacher, the SENDCo or the Headteacher. If a parent/carer does not feel an issue has been resolved effectively please refer to the School's complaints policy here: <https://www.kingedwardvi.devon.sch.uk/>

## **Training and Resources**

KEVICC understands the need for and value of staff development. Training needs of colleagues are identified through appraisal processes, staff questionnaires, feedback from staff training and from discussions during department meetings. SEND training is embedded in the overall planning for school development. Resources and time are allocated to colleagues, which ensures they are up to date with SEND procedures, strategies and knowledge.

The SENDCO regularly attends Local Authority SENDCO network meetings in order to keep up to date with local and national updates in SEND.



## **General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) 2018**

KEVICC collects, uses and stores information about you and may receive information about you from your previous school. This information helps us:

- Support your teaching and learning
- Follow and report on your progress
- Provide the right care and support for you
- Understand how well your school is doing as a whole

The information we keep (although not limited to) includes contact details; assessment marks and results, attendance records; other information such as ethnic group or religion; special educational needs; and any relevant medical information.

We are required (through GDPR) to take care of all information and we take this responsibility seriously.

We will not give information about you to anyone outside the school without your consent unless the law and our rules permit it. We are required by law to pass some of your information to the Local Authority (LA), and the Department for Education (DfE).

If you require more information about how the Local Authority store this data, you can visit the following website:

<https://new.devon.gov.uk/keepingdevonsdata/education-and-learning/>

Please also refer to KEVICCs Privacy Notice on our school website

## **Appendix 1 – School SEND Information Report (SIR) INSERT**

Also available on school website

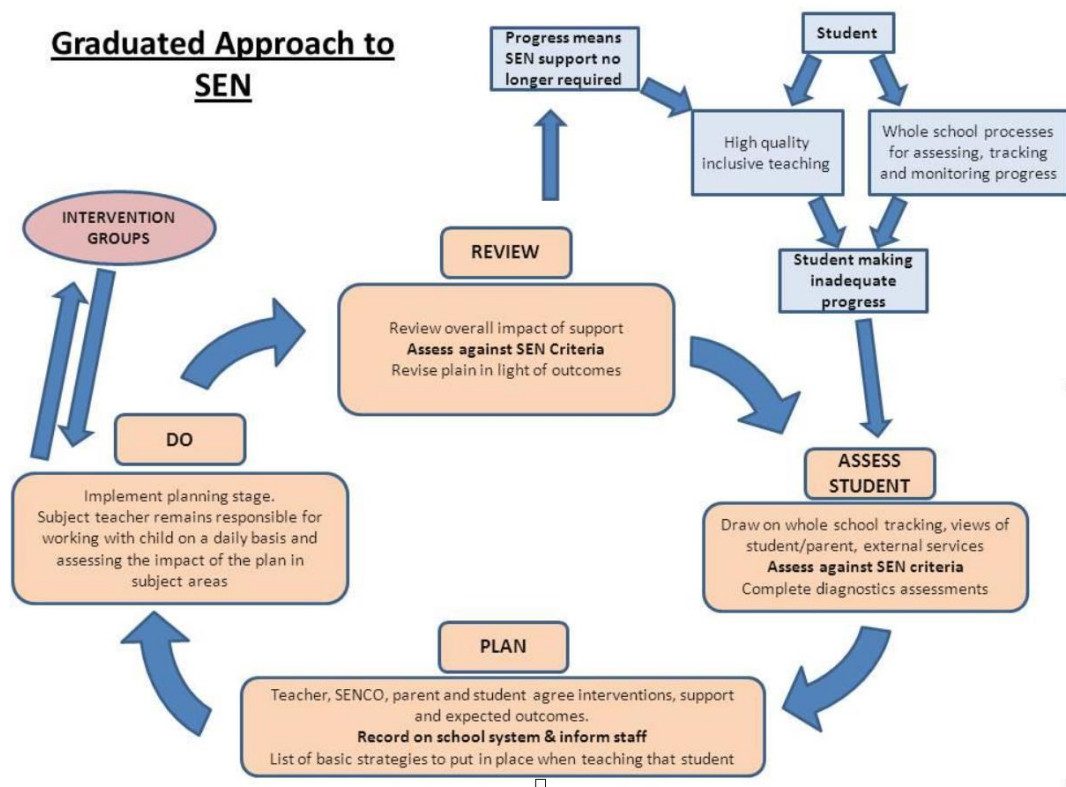
<https://www.kingedwardvi.devon.sch.uk/>

## **Appendix 2**

Details of assessment tools and materials used in KEVICC include the following:

- SATs and Optional SATs results
- High Frequency word check-lists (reading and spelling)
- Detailed records of work
- Results of standardised and diagnostic tests
- Behaviour charts
- Emotional Literacy Support Assistant, (ELSA) social skills assessments and other social and communication assessments as required
- skills assessments
- Observations made by teacher / teaching assistant / other members of staff
- Student comments / opinions on progress (where appropriate)
- Wide Range Achievement Test 4 (WRAT4)
- Lucid Screening
- Dyscalculia Screening
- Penny Alcock Handwriting speed
- CTOPP2 (processing speed assessment)
- STAR reading test
- Thrive Assessment tool

## Appendix 3



## The Graduated Approach

### Assess

- In identifying a student as needing **SEN support** the class teacher, working with the SENDCo, should carry out a clear analysis of the student's needs. This should draw on the teacher's assessment and experience of the student, their previous progress and attainment, as well as information gathered from other areas of the school.
- The student's development in comparison to their peers and national data should also be considered along with the parent's views and experience, the student's views and, if relevant, advice from external support services. These will be recorded on a DAF 2a 'My Plan'. The school and parents/carers will meet, where appropriate, with other agencies including those from Health and Social Care to create and up-date the DAF 2a 'My Plan'.
- This assessment will be reviewed regularly to ensure support and intervention are matched to need, barriers to learning are identified and overcome so that a clear picture of the interventions put in place and their impact is developed. With some areas of SEN, the most reliable method of developing a more accurate picture of need will be the way in which the student responds to an intervention.

Plan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Parents/carers, with their child, will meet with the class teacher and the SENDCo to decide on the interventions and support to be put in place as well as the expected impact on progress and development. This will be recorded on a DAF 2a 'My Plan' with a date to review the plan. The date for review will depend on the level of need present.</li> <li>• The My Plan will clearly identify the areas of needs, the desired outcomes, the support and resources provided, including any teaching strategies or approaches that are required and when the My Plan will be reviewed. A copy of this will also be attached to the student's profile on SIMS.</li> <li>• The support and intervention provided will be selected to meet the outcomes identified for the student, based on reliable evidence of effectiveness and will be provided by staff with appropriate skills and knowledge.</li> <li>• The My Plan will usually involve a contribution by parents/carers to reinforce learning at home.</li> <li>• Where appropriate, the My Plan will detail the support from other agencies and how this will support the student in achieving the desired outcomes.</li> <li>• Parents/carers will then be formally notified by letter when it is decided to provide a student with SEN support (although parents/carers should have already been involved in the assessment of need).</li> <li>• <b>So, if it is agreed that a student requires SEN support, all parties meet and develop a My Plan detailing the support which will bring about the next part of the cycle –</b></li> </ul>
Do	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The class teacher remains responsible for working with the student on a daily basis and will work closely with any teaching assistants or specialist staff involved, to plan and assess the impact of support and interventions and how they can be linked to classroom teaching.</li> <li>• The SENDCo will support the class teacher in the further assessment of the student's needs, in problem solving and advising on the effective implementation of support.</li> <li>• <b>The class teacher is responsible for the daily implementation of the plan and will contribute to –</b></li> </ul>
Re-view	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• There will be a review of the My Plan on the date previously agreed. This review will evaluate the impact and quality of the support and interventions and include the views of the student and their parents/carers.</li> <li>• Parents/carers will be given information about the impact of the support and interventions provided enabling them to be involved with planning the next steps. Where appropriate other agencies will be asked to contribute to this review.</li> <li>• Where a student has complex needs involving more than one agency it will depend on the student's needs and the frequency of the educational reviews as to whether external agencies attend each educational review, this will be agreed at the initial DAF meeting.</li> <li>• This review will feedback into the analysis of the student's needs, then the class teacher, working with the SENDCo, will revise the support in light of the student's progress and development, with decisions on any changes made in consultation with the parent and the student.</li> <li>• Where there is a sustained period of insufficient or no progress, the school may decide to gain involvement and advice from a specialist or external agency. The school will consult with parents/carers before involving a specialist or external agency.</li> </ul>