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SEND Information Report

HDHS is committed to offering an inclusive curriculum to ensure the best possible progress for all of our students whatever their needs or abilities. In addition we develop a culture where everyone's contribution and successes are celebrated and where students are prepared for life in an ever changing society.

We are committed to providing all students with full access to a common, balanced and differentiated curriculum regardless of ability or need. As part of this commitment, the SEN department aims to accurately identify, assess students with special educational needs and provide support strategies to enable staff to meet the needs of these students across the curriculum.

HDHS is committed to narrowing the attainment gap between SEN and non-SEN students. This may include targeted after school interventions, short-term intervention learning or other learning interventions developed on an individual needs basis.

Our Executive Special Educational Needs Co-ordinator is: Cecely Manners, Assistant Headteacher

The Assistant SENCO is: Monica Docoli

Our Governors with responsibility for SEND are: Rosemary Offord and Clive Bull

The SEN Department and SENCO can be contacted via the main school telephone number (01255 245460) and then asking for the Assistant SENCO

The arrangements for consulting parents of pupils with special educational needs.

Students and parents are at the heart of decision making ensuring high quality individual support carefully planned around the specific needs of the student. We put a greater emphasis on understanding and addressing students' wider needs, resulting in a more personalised approach.

- We believe in working in partnership with parents.

- Members of our SEN team and pastoral staff will liaise and support you and your child whilst attending HDHS.
- The SENCO oversees all support and progress of any child requiring additional SEN support across the school.
- The class teacher will adapt and personalise work to meet the needs of the child and ensure progress is being made, where required. You will have a chance to meet your child's class teacher during parent evening.
- Student progress will be reviewed termly in collaboration with parents and students.
- We also offer meetings to agree transition arrangements and support

The arrangements for consulting students with special educational needs.

- Students will be fully involved when compiling their One Plan and Pupil Passport.
- Students will be involved in reviewing their progress, targets and support strategies in place.
- Students will actively contribute to agreeing learning outcomes.
- The SEN and pastoral teams will support your child in school.
- We also make sure we regularly garner student voice.

Identification of students with SEN

Children are identified as having SEND when they have a significantly greater difficulty in learning than the majority of children the same age or have a disability which prevents or hinders them from making use of education facilities of a kind generally provided for children of the same age in schools within the area of the Local Authority (SEND Code of Practice 2014).

Students with SEND will have learning difficulties that fit into one of the four broad areas of need: Communication and Interaction; Cognition and Learning; Social, Emotional and Mental Health difficulties and Sensory or Physical difficulties.

HDHS identify students as having an SEN need through a variety of ways which may include some or all of the following:

- Liaison with previous school
- Child performing below age related expected attainment / progress
- Concerns raised by parent
- Concerns raised by teacher / pastoral team
- Liaison with external agencies
- Health diagnosis

- SENCO / Senior Teaching Assistant to observe pupil in subject area and suggested strategies then implemented by class teacher and reviewed after next assessment date.

Our class teachers, Heads of Department and Pastoral Leads closely monitor the progress and attainment of all students, including those who have or may have SEND. The continuous monitoring of students during their time at HDHS will further identify pupils with a special educational need. This identification may come from tutors, subject teachers, support colleagues, pastoral staff, outside agencies, parents/carers or the pupils themselves.

How to raise a concern

- Talk to us – contact your child’s class teacher, pastoral team or SENCO
- If you feel your child may have special educational needs or a disability speak to your child’s teachers in the first instance.

How we create an individual SEN plan

The aim of our provision is to identify and assess the SEN and to plan the provision needed for each young person to achieve his or her best at HDHS.

Some young people with SEN may need extra support to achieve their learning potential. If this is the case then this is what we will do. We will arrange a meeting with the young person and their parents/carers to talk about what is needed to put together a ‘One Plan’. Before the plan can be drawn up we will need to gather information that may include:

- The young person’s views and what he or she wants to achieve on their learning journey through school
- The views of the parents and what they would like to see as an outcome from their child’s time at school
- A school based learning assessment.
- Current and expected levels of attainment / progress.

We will meet again and look at all this information and then, **together**, a ‘One Plan’ will be drawn up. The One Plan will include outcomes, so everyone at the meeting will have something to do to help the young person on their learning journey. We will set a review date in the meeting. This will give us time to work together to achieve the agreed outcomes.

Some young people with SEN may need support from professionals outside of the school setting to achieve a successful learning journey. If this is the case then those views will be considered in drawing up a One Plan. This could include:

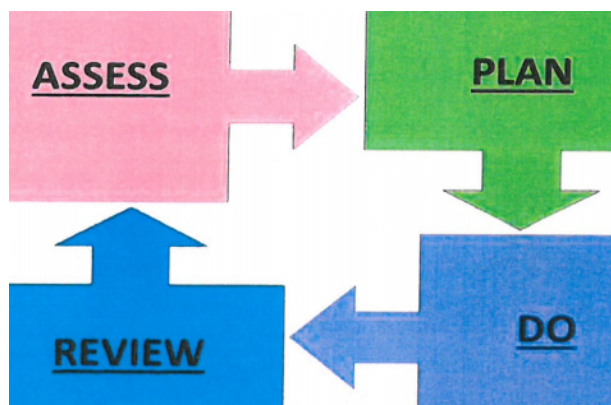
- Parents seeking medical advice about the young person.
- School requesting specialist team input i.e. Counsellors, Positive Psychologist, Educational Psychologist, Speech & Language involvement with the young person.

This will mean there may be more people at the planning meeting, but everybody will have something to do to help the young person be successful on their learning journey.

Using One Plans we are able to develop Pupil Passports to help families who have asked for our help to support their child because he or she is failing to make good learning progress. There are many reasons why this may be happening and we are able to offer advice or support to the family depending on their needs. This has been very successful.

Graduated Response

HDHS utilises the Graduated Response which is used to support the 'One-Plan' environment. The graduated response is a process where all provision and intervention that are used for a child with SEN follows an Assess, Plan, Do and Review cycle. This ensures appropriate early intervention targeted at student outcomes which is reviewed rigorously and regularly to ensure maximum impact.



The graduated response recognises that all children/young people learn in different ways and can have different types and levels of special educational needs. The graduated response means that step by step more support and expertise can be brought in to help the school support the difficulties a child or young person may be experiencing.

Parents/carers will be kept informed by the school of any extra or different help that their child is receiving due to their special educational needs. This extra or different help can be provided through

our school based category of SEN Support or an EHCP (Education, Health and Care Plan) depending on the severity of the child/young person's level of need.

The graduated response to special educational needs does not imply that interventions are a set of hurdles to be crossed before a request for an EHCP can be made. The interventions are part of a cycle of planning, action and review within HDHS to enable all children/young people at our school to achieve.

Assessment and provisions for student with SEN

We use data to accurately track student progress. Your child will be set challenging targets. Our challenge is to support your child in attaining the targets.

Children who are not making the expected progress in school are picked up at review meetings, departmental meetings and Senior Leadership meetings. In these meetings a discussion takes place concerning why individual children are experiencing difficulty and what further support can be given to aid their progression.

Progress is discussed at review meetings with parents and comments are made against each target to show what progress the child has made. If the child has not met the target, the reasons for this will be discussed, then the target may be adapted into smaller steps or a different approach may be tried to ensure the child does make progress.

Our graduated approach (Assess, Plan, Do and Review) and effective provision mapping aims to ensure students have timely and appropriate interventions that match their needs. Progress is then reviewed through rigorous tracking and monitoring. We track progress by:

- Reviewing progress including interventions after each review cycle (SENCO)
- Formative and summative teacher assessment
- Reading and spelling ages are assessed yearly
- Round Robins
- TA notes in/after lessons

Progress is discussed with parents and pupils at review meetings. To support progress tracking we may utilise:

- Start and end point assessments, TA Feedback Sheets, External reports, Pupil Feedback, Parental Feedback, Reporting Cycle and Review Meetings and teacher feedback.

All students, including those with SEND, are assessed on a regular basis, in accordance with the schools' Assessment Policy. Additionally, parents evenings are held once a year when there is an opportunity to discuss progress, attainment and next steps. The school has a Quality Assurance process that assesses the effectiveness of Teaching and Learning for all students, including those with SEND and the outcomes of these evaluations are used to create and implement development plans for all aspects of school life. These are regularly reviewed through regular evaluation. Additionally progress and attainment data for students is analysed for effectiveness and value for money.

The table below shows an example of the evidence based provisions / interventions that are, where possible, available at HDHS for each stage of the 'graduated approach' and against each category of need. It also shows examples of external provision. Additional support may be triggered when no progress is being made. For example, if a student is not making progress through Wave 1 provisions, then they may move onto a Wave 2 provision and so on. This table is a brief overview of the HDHS Provision Map, which details fully the offer for SEN at HDHS. Should you wish to discuss this further, please contact the SENCO. The HDHS Provision Map has been developed alongside the Essex Provision Guidance Toolkit and in association with our Inclusion Partner and Educational Psychologist from the LA. The table below is only a brief overview of what we offer, please see the HDHS Provision Map for a more comprehensive guide.

Category of need	Wave 1 (High Quality First Teaching- whole school)	Wave2 (Additional support e.g. Targeted work for particular groups)	Wave 3 (Intensive support e.g. Individualised Interventions)	Examples of External Provision
Communication and Interaction	In line with Ordinarily Available.	Social skills group Talk about for Teenagers Social stories TA support-K	Safe Space Support Academy Mentoring SLT support TA support -E	Speech and Language Therapist Educational Psychologist Rally Sport TLG Tendring Travel Training Access arrangements
Cognition and Learning		Variety of reading interventions Maths catch up Literacy catch up Homework Club Tutor Ambassadors Spelling Support TA support	1:1 tuition and/or small group extraction (English & Maths) EAL support Booster sessions/ After school tuition	Educational Psychologist Speech and Language Therapist Access Arrangements
Social, Emotional and mental health		English, Maths & Science Catch-up	English, Maths and Science - 1:1 extraction EAL support	Speech and Language Therapist EWMHS

difficulties		Variety of reading interventions Handwriting support Homework Club TA support-K	After school tuition Handwriting 1:1 Homework 1;1 Support Academy Food & Hygiene qualification TA support - E	Educational Psychologist The Childrens Society Travel Training MIND (WARMS)
Sensory and/or physical needs		Handwriting TA support-K	Sensory Room i.e. safe space Specialist equipment Support Academy TA support - E	Specialist agencies linking to need Specific Equipment (tables/hoists) Occupational Therapy Travel Training

Pastoral Support

The pastoral team comprises of a Head of Year, an Assistant Head of Year and Student Support Assistant. They support all students in the school with pastoral issues whilst monitoring academic achievement and attendance. The school and pastoral team take bullying incidents very seriously – for more information please view our Anti-Bullying Policy.

The pastoral team have access to a number of internal strategies that may be utilised for students including SEN students and those needing additional support for emotional and social development. The pastoral team also have access to a number of external support organisations that aim to support students with their behaviour and emotional and social development.

For serious cases the Child Protection procedures are followed.

The SLT link for pastoral is: Charlotte Doyle

Links with outside agencies

HDHS works in a collaborative partnership with many different agencies. This means that a supportive plan can be developed to meet your child’s needs both in and out of school. We hold regular meetings to monitor the plan and make changes, when necessary, to the plan. In addition to the SEN department, the Pastoral team has access to support from a number of outside agencies.

Please view the Essex ‘Local Offer’ for additional services offered by the LA. This can be found on the essex.gov website - <https://send.essex.gov.uk/>

How the school’s resources are allocated and matched to children’s SEN needs.

- We ensure that all children who have Special Educational needs are met to the best of the school’s ability with the funds available.

- We have a team of TAs who are funded from the SEN budget and deliver programmes designed to meet groups of children's needs.
- The budget is allocated on a needs basis. The Children who have the most complex needs are given the most support which might involve a TA.

How the decision is made about what type and how much support my child will receive.

- The SENCO/Assistant SENCO in collaboration with the class teacher, Teaching Assistants and pastoral team will discuss the child's needs and what support would be appropriate.
- Different children will require different levels of support in order to bridge the gap to achieve age expected levels.
- This will be through on-going discussions with parents
- The Pastoral Team regularly review progress as well and implement interventions whether or not the student is on the SEN register or has an EHCP.

How we know if it's making an impact.

- By reviewing children's targets on their 'One Plan' and ensuring they are being met
- The child is making progress academically against national/age expected levels.
- Verbal/written feedback from the teacher, parent and pupil.
- Children may move off of the SEN register when they have 'caught up' or made sufficient progress.

Specialist Service and Experience

- As a school we work closely with any external agencies that we feel are relevant to individual children's needs within our school including: - Behaviour Intervention; Health including – GPs, school nurse, clinical psychologist, paediatricians, speech & language therapists; occupational therapists; social services including - social workers and Educational Psychologists.
- All TAs and teaching staff have had training on a range of SEN needs. Training and updates are provided as required.
- We have staff with specific training and experience in Behaviour Management, ASD, English and Mathematics

Medical

Please view the school's medical policy for more information on this area.

How your child will be included in activities outside the classroom and during trips.

All children are included in all parts of the school curriculum and we aim for all children to be included on school trips. We will provide the necessary support to ensure that this is successful.

A risk assessment is carried out prior to any off site activity to ensure everyone's health & safety will not be compromised. In the unlikely event that it is considered unsafe for a child to take part in an activity, then alternative activities which will cover the same curriculum areas will be provided in school.

Accessibility around the school

The school site is wheelchair accessible with disabled toilets. The school has lift access, ramps and all doors can be opened automatically. Additional support could include:

- Modified furniture
- Mobility Training
- Access to specialist teacher input
- Coloured overlays
- Access to laptop & tablet technology
- Specialist consideration for examinations

How the school will prepare and support your child when joining the school and transferring to a new school.

We encourage all new children to visit the school prior to starting. We run taster days in collaboration with our feeder Primary Schools, allowing students to spend a day in the school and meet teachers. We visit SEN students in their current school, and if appropriate obtain comprehensive feedback on their development including strategies currently in place.

When a student is transferring from HDHS into further education (6th Form College / Institute) we liaise closely with further education providers and provide information as requested.

We liaise closely with staff when receiving and transferring children to different schools ensuring all relevant paperwork is passed on and all needs are discussed and understood.

Evaluation of SEN Practice

The effectiveness of the policy will be evaluated in the following ways:

- The level of progress individual children make across a key stage.
- By developments in teachers practice / awareness of special needs and how to deal with them.
- The extent to which modification to curriculum/teaching strategies for individual students have been incorporated into normal class practice.
- The extent to which the general curriculum has been developed in response to meeting the needs, interests or aptitudes of students.

This will be monitored by the SENCO through the school's self-evaluation process.

The Governing Body will:

- ensure that the necessary provision is made for any pupil who has special educational needs;
- ensure that, where the school has been informed by the LA that a pupil has special educational needs, those needs are made known to all who are likely to teach them;
- ensure that teachers in the school are aware of the importance of identifying, and providing for, those students who have special educational needs;
- consult with the LA and the governing bodies of other schools, when it seems to be necessary or desirable in the interests of co-ordinated special educational provision in the areas as a whole;
- ensure that a pupil with special educational needs has equal access to activities of the school together with students who do not have special educational needs, so far as is reasonable practical and compatible with the child receiving the special educational provision their learning needs call for and the efficient education of the students with whom they are educated and the efficient use of resources;
- Report to parents on the implementation of the school's policy for students with special educational needs.

The Governing Body will ensure that:

- the SEN policy is regularly monitored, evaluated and reviewed;
- the effectiveness of the school's work on behalf of children with special educational needs are considered and reported on at least an annual basis;
- In light of the above consider whether the policy needs amending.

Complaints procedure

The majority of concerns from parents, carers and others are handled under the following general procedures.

The procedure is divided into four stages;

Stage 1 aims to resolve the concern through informal contact at the appropriate level in school.

Stage 2 is the first formal stage at which written complaints are considered by the headteacher or the designated governor, who has special responsibility for dealing with complaints.

Stage 3 is the next stage once Stage 2 has been worked through. It involves a complaints review panel of governors.

Stage 4 is the LA Review stage where the local education authority will review and comment upon the way we have dealt with a complaint.

How each of these stages operates is explained in more detail in the school's Complaints Policy.

Acronym Glossary	
CI	Communication & Interaction
SLCN	Speech, Language & Communication Need
ASD	Autistic Spectrum Disorder
CL	Cognition & Learning
SPLD	Specific Learning Difficulty
MLD	Moderate Learning Difficulty
SLD	Severe Learning Difficulty
PMLD	Profound & Multiple Learning Difficulty
SEMh	Social, Emotional & Mental Health
SED	Social, Emotional difficulty (including behaviour)
SP	Sensory and/or Physical
VI	Visual Impairment
HI	Hearing Impairment
MSI	Multi-sensory Impairment
PD	Physical Difficulty
EHCP (E)	Education, Health and Care Plan

SBS (K)	School Based Support
ADHD	Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder
CIC	Child in Care
SC	Social Care
SW	Social Worker
EWMHS	Emotional, Wellbeing & Mental Health Service
PFA	Preparing for Adulthood Advisor
SAS	Statutory Assessment Service
STT	Specialist Teacher Team
EP	Educational Psychologist
AEP	Assistant Educational Psychologist

Useful Contacts

Essex SENDIASS

<https://send.essex.gov.uk/search-support-groups-and-activities/send-information-advice-and-support-service-sendiass>

Email: send.iass@essex.gov.uk

Call: 01245 204338

Essex Local Education Authority (Education) - 0845 603 2200 <https://www.essex.gov.uk/contact-us>

Useful Website Links

Autism Concern: <http://www.autismconcern.org/>

Emotional Wellbeing and Mental Health Service: <http://www.nelft.nhs.uk/services-ewmhs>