



SEND Information Report

SEND (Special Educational Needs & Disability) information reports on school's policies and the identification of, and provision for, pupils with SEND.

The Government – Department for Education list of statutory policies (2024), states that this SEND information report must be reviewed annually and needs full governing body approval.

The aim is to ensure that all of the information in this document is easily accessible to pupils and parents and is set out in clear, straightforward language. Our SEND policy is also available on our website.

Derby's Local Offer

Within Derby there is much information about types of SEND and services and provision available with additional needs. You can find information about what is available in Derby at www.derby.gov.uk/sendlocaloffer

SEND at RESPECT Collaboration of Schools

The code of practice 2015 states

“A student has SEND where their learning difficulty or disability calls for special provision, that is different from or additional to that normally available to Child or Young Person (CYP) and of the same age.”

A disability is described in law (the Equality Act 2010) as **“a physical or mental impairment which has a long-term (a year or more) and substantial adverse effect on their ability to carry out normal day-to-day activities.”**

This includes, for example, sensory impairments such as those that affect sight and hearing, and long-term health conditions such as asthma, diabetes or epilepsy. There may be occasions when a more specialist assessment is required from an external professional who would be called into school. Parents and carers would be informed if this was the case.

The Respect Collaboration of Schools is a range of schools which incorporates:

- Kingsmead School
- Bridge Street School -Pupil Referral Unit (Primary and Secondary)
- Castle School

RESPECT Collaboration operates as a KS2-4 PRU, a Special School and a hospital medical provision with allocated SEND places. Pupils are allocated provision according to individual need and as outlined in their Education and Health Care Plan (EHCP). For some young people we provide a pathway between placements but for others we identify and provide the right support required for pupils to make a supported and successful transition into a new school.

At Kingsmead School, the majority of pupils have Social, Emotional and Mental Health Difficulties as their primary area of need alongside additional learning needs. Within this provision we provide support for pupils to equip them with the skills and confidence needed to thrive in the modern society. All pupils have an EHCP and admissions are through consultation.

At School all of our pupils are fully supported to overcome their barriers to learning and to develop their full potential.

Who are the best people to talk to about my child's difficulties with learning/SEND?

Respect Collaboration of Schools

Liz Rogers Director of SEND send@respectschools.co.uk

Kingsmead School

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These people are responsible for:

- Developing and reviewing the school's SEND information report and policies
- Co-ordinating the support for pupils SEND needs
- Updating the SEND records and ensuring that those records are kept confidential
- Providing specialist support for teachers and support staff

They are also responsible for ensuring that parents and carers are:

- Involved in supporting the child's learning
- Kept informed about the support which is received
- Involved in the liaison with other agencies eg Educational Psychology, Speech and Language therapists, Health Service, Social Care or any other health professional.

What kinds of SEND are provided for at Kingsmead School?

When identifying the nature of a CYP's SEND needs, the five areas are taken into consideration:

- Communication and interaction
- Cognition and learning
- Social, emotional and mental health
- Sensory and/or physical needs
- Independence

We recognise that pupils may need support in more than one area.

How are SEND needs identified at Kingsmead School?

The SEND Code of Practice: 0-25 2014 states

'a CYP has SEN where their learning difficulty or disability calls for special educational provision, that is provision different from or additional to that normally available to pupils of the same age.'

Regular assessment of progress of CYP (pupils) are made. From this, the school is able to identify pupils making less than expected progress given their age and individual circumstances. Other factors taken into account are attendance, punctuality and health. Attention is also given to the particular circumstances of pupils eg pupil premium or looked after children.

When deciding to make a special educational provision, a meeting will be arranged between key staff in school and to gather information.

Parents/carers will be notified by letter or phone and informed of:

- The pupils areas of strengths and difficulty
- Concerns of the parents/carers
- Additional support requirements
- Referrals to professionals outside school

The School will strive to remove barriers to learning and put SEND provision in place, following the Assess, Plan, Do, Review cycle.

How we review progress

Pupil progress is monitored by teachers, SENCo's, Middle and Senior Leaders in addition to the Governing body. If the pupil has an EHC Plan, there will be an opportunity to review this at the annual review, although staff will be happy to speak to at a mutually convenient time, should you need to.

How are pupils with SEND supported in Kingsmead School?

At Kingsmead School we review how the environments pupils are taught in meet the needs of both the subjects and pupils. Pathways through school support and facilitate

achievement and outcomes for all, through a relevant and ambitious academic curriculum offer. Each group receives quality first teaching from specialist staff. Supplementing this is an enhanced personal development offer intended to develop pupils' character and resilience by exposing them to opportunities and experiences they typically wouldn't have access to.

All interactions with pupils, staff and stakeholders are underpinned by a relational behaviour approach based on the principle of unconditional positive regard.

All staff have the highest expectations for pupils and deliver quality first teaching. The curriculum is flexible and also reviewed regularly to ensure that the range of academic and vocational qualifications on offer is both relevant and meaningful to pupils. <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/send-code-of-practice-0-to-25>

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- Teachers and support staff work together in the classroom to give pupils support in lessons.
- Planning is adapted to support individual need
- Key workers and leaders are at each school to support pupil's parents/carers
- All staff are available to support the whole family and each pupil is allocated a keyworker.
- Pupils learn in small groups with a high staff to student ratio.
- High quality first teaching
- Strategies to support individual needs
- The targets found on the EHCP are used to support pupils through development on Individual Education plans and all pupils have a Derby Inclusion Tool.
- In classrooms, where appropriate, pupils would be expected to have access to differentiated resources, use of overlays, visual timetables, use of ICT, dedicated support for literacy and numeracy and support for sensory needs.
- Reasonable adjustments in examinations can be provided subject to the external assessment process for exam access arrangements. For example, eligible pupils are provided with prompters, readers and scribes.
- Outside the classroom, pupils are offered Vocational education
- A sensory space is available for emotional regulation when required
- Personalised learning programmes
- Use of Alternative Provision
- An Additional Support Team, that includes creative arts therapies, pet therapy, and emotional support.
- Collaboration with external agencies in support of pupils and families.
- Strategies to support pupils which are suggested by other external experts, eg Educational Psychologists, CAMHS, Speech and Language Therapists are put in place to support learning
- Transitional support from primary settings for new starters.
- Preparing transitions to next step or new phase in education
- Careers and Post 16 support including support through external providers.
- Review progress with pupil, parents/carers and commissioners on how outcomes are to be met

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/send-code-of-practice-0-to-25>

6.17, 6.72, 6.36, 6.43, 6.14

What support is available outside school?

Services paid for by the Local Authority

- Occupational Health
- SENDIASS
- Support services for Hearing impairment and Visually impaired
- Community Learning Disabilities Team
- Social Care
- School Nurse
- Physiotherapy
- Child Adolescent Mental Health Service (CAMHS)

Voluntary services include:

- Umbrella
- Disability Direct
- Derby City Parent and Carer forum
- Voices in Action

For further information see: www.derby.gov.uk/send/localoffer

Equalities

Kingsmead School will not discriminate against any child or family we believe that all young people should have the same opportunities where feasibly possible. 'We never give up!'

How does the School support pupils with medical conditions?

The school follows the statutory guidance for 'Supporting children with medical conditions' and has a school policy based around these guidelines. There is an additional policy for Administering Medication.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/send-code-of-practice-0-to-25> 6.11

Outside Agencies

Kingsmead School are well supported by a number of outside agencies. Parents and carers are asked to give permission for referrals to agencies such as: Speech and Language Therapy, Creative Arts Therapy, Social Care, Education Welfare Service, Child and Adolescent Mental Health Service, Community Paediatrician, Education Psychologist, Family Support, Enhanced Family Support

The specialist professional will work with school, parents/carers to support the student and may make recommendations or strategies to be used at school and at home.

This may involve working alongside outside agencies such as the Health Service, and/or specialist educational services;

- Speech and Language Therapy
- Child and Adolescent Mental Health Service (CAMHS)
- Community/Consultant Paediatrician
- Education Psychologist

How is Kingsmead School accessible to pupils with SEND?

All pupils at Kingsmead school have an allocated place. Pupils have Individual Education Plans that reflect their need. Plans and provision are reviewed on a termly basis, by specialist practitioners to ensure pupils make progress and emerging needs are identified.

All pupils have equal opportunity to go on all school visits and extra-curricular activities to support engagement; extra support is provided where appropriate to facilitate opportunity for all. Educational visits will only be planned to locations accessible to all. Risk assessments are carried out prior to any off site activity. The School Accessibility Policy further supports this and can be made available.

All pupils with SEND support, and where a SEND need has been identified, will go through the plan, assess, do review cycle, as part of the graduated response in order to remove barriers and put a plan of support in place.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/send-code-of-practice-0-to-25> 6.8, 6.10, 6.56

Transition

The school recognises that transitions can be difficult for pupils with SEND and their families. Measures are taken to ensure any transition is as smooth as possible.

Prospective year 7 pupils, where appropriate, are visited in their primary setting and are offered the opportunity to attend transition days in the summer term. In addition, it may be appropriate for enhanced transition work such as visiting the new pupil in the home in order to build a relationship with them and their parent / carer. New starters begin on a transitional timetable to allow them to settle into their new school and develop resilience to their new routine.

Post-16 transitions parents and carers are supported through the annual review and phase transfer process.

Will my child be able to share their views?

We value and celebrate pupils being able to express their views on all aspects of the school life. There are times where this is done through discreet pupil voice activities, school council or simply approaching staff. If your child has an EHC Plan, they will be involved in reviewing their own outcomes and planning the future by completing and 'All about Me' questionnaire.

What if I want to complain?

There is a school complaints policy which is on the school website. However, if you wish to complain we would encourage you to come and speak to us first to try and resolve any issues.

Policies used to inform this document are:

SEND Code of practice: 0 to 25 years, Department for Education and Department for Health, January 2015

Access Arrangements and Reasonable Adjustments 2015-2016, Joint Council for Qualifications, 2015

The Equality Act 2010 and schools: Departmental advice for school leaders, school staff, governing bodies and local authorities, Department for Education, May 2014

How do we evaluate the effectiveness of SEND provision?

- Review of targets from IEP
- Review impact of interventions
- Pupil and parent voice and questionnaires
- Feedback and actions from annual reviews
- Deep dive feedback
- Progress from starting points and baseline data
- Climate walks and observations of lessons and interventions
- Governor monitoring