

SEND (Special Educational Needs and Disabilities) Policy

The Beeches Primary School

Our Vision

At The Beeches Primary School, we believe every child is unique and full of potential. Our nurturing school supports children with additional needs so they can learn, grow, and thrive. We work closely with families and professionals to create the best learning environment for every child.

1. Aims

Our SEND policy helps us:

- Support every child so they can learn and enjoy school
 - Work closely with parents and carers
 - Help children join in all parts of school life
 - Follow legal guidance from the government
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2. Legal Guidance

This policy is based on:

- Children and Families Act 2014
 - SEND Code of Practice (2015)
 - Equality Act 2010
 - SEND Regulations 2014
 - Our school's Accessibility Plan and Equality Policy
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3. What is SEND?

Children have special educational needs if they need extra help with:

- Learning or understanding things
- Talking or listening
- Managing feelings or behaviour
- Moving, seeing, hearing or other physical difficulties

We give help as early as possible to support your child's learning and wellbeing.

4. Who Helps?

SENCOs (Special Educational Needs Coordinators):

Abi Smith, Rosilyn Lowman-Saran and Kiran Kaur.

They:

- Work with teachers, parents, and professionals
- Make sure children get the right support
- Oversee SEND across the school

Class Teachers:

- Know your child's strengths and needs
- Plan lessons for everyone to succeed
- Talk with parents and SENCOs

Headteacher and Governors:

They check that SEND support is working well across the school.

5. Our SEND Support

5.1 How We Spot SEND

We notice if a child is finding school harder than expected. We talk to parents and carers quickly and clearly. Together, we look at all areas of learning, behaviour, communication, and wellbeing.

5.2 Support Step-by-Step

We use a clear process called "Assess, Plan, Do, Review":

1. **Assess** – What does the child need?
2. **Plan** – What help will we give?
3. **Do** – Give the help and support
4. **Review** – Check what's working

We update this plan regularly and involve you at every step.

5.3 Working with Parents and Children

We believe parents know their child best. We:

- Listen to your views
- Invite you to meetings and reviews
- Ask your child how they feel about their support

5.4 EHCPs (Education, Health and Care Plans)

Some children need long-term, extra support. An EHCP gives a full plan of help from school and other services. We help parents apply for one if it's needed.

5.5 Moving On

If your child changes class or school:

- We plan the move carefully
 - Share helpful information with the new teacher/school
 - Arrange visits and support where needed
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6. Learning and Life at School

6.1 In the Classroom

All children learn together. We make lessons easier to understand when needed. This may include:

- Smaller groups or extra adult support
- Pictures or objects to help learning
- More time or breaks

6.2 School Activities and Trips

We want every child to join in everything. If your child needs extra help to do this, we'll work together to make a plan.

6.3 Working with Other Experts

Sometimes we ask specialists to help us understand a child's needs. These may include:

- Speech and language therapists
- Educational psychologists
- Behaviour or sensory specialists

6.4 Staff Training

Our staff learn about different types of SEND and how to support every child's needs.

6.5 Resources and Equipment

We use special tools like:

- Pencil grips or writing frames
- Sensory toys or calm areas
- Visual timetables

6.6 Checking Progress

We look at work, talk with children, and meet with parents to check progress. We make changes if something isn't working.

6.7 Complaints

If you're worried, please talk to your child's teacher or the SENCO first. If needed, you can follow our school complaints procedure on the website.

7. Local Offer

You can find support and information about SEND services in Peterborough through the Local Offer:

<https://fis.peterborough.gov.uk/kb5/peterborough/directory/localoffer.page>

8. Reviewing this Policy

We update this SEND policy every year, and listen to families when making changes.

Together, we care. Together, we learn. Together, we grow.