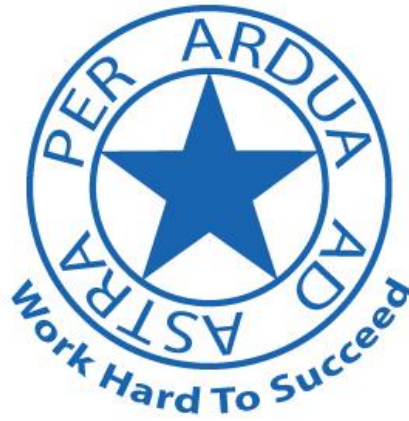


Garden Suburb Junior School



SEND Policy February 2022

This policy complies with the statutory requirement laid out in the SEND Code of Practice 0 – 25 (September 2014) 3.65 and has been written with reference to the following guidance and documents:

- Equality Act 2010: advice for schools DfE Feb 2013
- SEND Code of Practice 0 – 25 (September 2014)
- Schools SEN Information Report Regulations (2014)
- Statutory guidance on supporting pupils at school with medical conditions (4/14)
- The National Curriculum in England Key Stage 1 and 2 framework document (9/13)
- Safeguarding Policy
- Accessibility Plan
- Teachers Standards 2012
- Record Management Policy (Garden Suburb Schools) May 2018

RESPONSIBILITY

Those responsible for managing Garden Suburb Junior School's provision for children with SEND are:

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Mrs E Bhavsar – Head Teacher

The Pupil Wellbeing and SEND Committee of the Governing Body

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BELIEFS AND VALUES

Garden Suburb Junior School believe that all children should have access to a broad and balanced education, which gives them the opportunity to realise their full potential and achieve success. For some children this will mean the school making special provision within the curriculum to meet their individual needs. All achievements of our pupils will be recognised and celebrated, with successes rewarded where appropriate. Garden Suburb Junior School are committed to providing an environment that allows children with disabilities full access to all areas of learning.

Every teacher is a teacher of every child or young person, including those with SEND.

This policy was developed by the Acting SENDCO and Head Teacher in consultation with the SEND and Pupil Wellbeing Committee of the Governing Body and all staff. It has been shared with all stakeholders in the spirit of the current reform and reflects the SEND Code of Practice, 0-25 guidance.

SECTION 2 AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

AIM (THE LONGER VIEW)

At Garden Suburb Junior School, we aim to raise the aspirations of and expectations for all pupils with SEND. We provide a focus on outcomes for children and not just hours of provision/support.

OBJECTIVES

1. To identify pupils who have special educational needs and other additional needs including disability or a medical condition
2. To create an environment that meets the needs of these children enabling them to participate in all areas of school life
3. To assess and monitor the effectiveness of this provision
4. To work within the guidance provided in the SEND Code of Practice, 2014
5. To operate a “*whole pupil, whole school*” approach to the management and provision of support for special educational needs
6. To have an Acting SENDCO who will work within the **SEND Inclusion Policy**
7. To provide support and advice for all staff working with pupils with Special Educational Needs or a Disability (SEND)
8. To involve parents and carers in discussions about their child’s SEND needs and the proposed provision for them
9. To liaise closely with all those involved with the child to ensure monitoring of progress and continuity of approach
10. Wherever possible to consider the views of the child
11. To liaise with other professionals working with the child, especially during transition to other schools, to ensure continuity and maximise success

SECTION 3: IDENTIFYING SPECIAL EDUCATIONAL NEEDS

Special educational provision is matched to each child’s identified SEND. Children’s special educational needs are generally thought of in the following four broad areas of need and support –

1. Communication and interaction
2. Cognition and learning
3. Social, emotional and mental health
4. Sensory and/or physical needs

The purpose of identification is to consider what action should be taken to overcome the pupil's barriers to learning. At Garden Suburb Junior School we consider the needs of the whole child, not just the special educational needs of the child or young person.

The following are additional factors which may impact on progress and attainment but alone do not constitute SEND:

- disability (the Code of Practice outlines the “reasonable adjustment“ duty for all settings and schools that should be provided under the current Disability Equality legislation – these alone do not constitute SEN)
- attendance and punctuality
- health and Welfare
- English as an additional Language (EAL)
- being eligible for a Pupil Premium Grant
- being a Looked After Child
- being a child of a Serviceman/woman

Identifying behaviour as a need is not an acceptable way of describing SEND. Any concerns relating to a child's behaviour will be described as an underlying response to a need. At Garden Suburb Junior School, we will endeavour to recognise and identify these needs through our understanding and knowledge of the particular child.

We use a variety of assessment tools, observations, discussion with parent/carers and liaison with external agencies to determine the needs of each child.

SECTION 4: A GRADUATED APPROACH TO SEN SUPPORT

- Teachers are responsible and accountable for the progress and development of the pupils in their class, including where pupils access support from teaching assistants or specialist staff
- Quality First Teaching, differentiated for individual pupils, is the first step in responding to pupils who have or may have SEND
- We regularly and carefully review the quality of teaching for all pupils, including those at risk of underachieving. This includes reviewing and, where necessary, improving, teachers' understanding of strategies to identify and support vulnerable pupils and their knowledge of the SEND most frequently encountered
- The teacher and Acting SENDCO consider all of the information gathered about a pupil, alongside national data and expectations of progress, in order to decide whether to make special educational provision. Pupils' progress is continually monitored using summative and formative assessments to ensure that teaching is targeted and differentiated to meet the needs of all pupils. This is achieved through:

- weekly planning in year groups
 - year group termly class review meetings
 - monitoring and levelling work in year groups and across the school
 - data analysis
 - termly monitoring and reviewing of targeted interventions
 - targeted marking and feedback by teachers to pupils
 - self-assessment and feedback from pupils
- For higher levels of need, we draw on more specialised assessments from external agencies and professionals such as speech therapists, educational psychologists and advisory teachers (Hearing, Visual, Physical)
 - The decision to categorise a pupil with SEND is not taken lightly. Prior to this a pupil will have been regularly **assessed** and **planned** for, including differentiation, adapted resources and/or interventions. The plan will then be **implemented** and its effectiveness **reviewed**. Outside agencies may be consulted in this process
 - The cycle of **ASSESS – PLAN - DO – REVIEW** is part of the class teacher’s practice with all children in the class
 - Pupils are only considered to have SEN if they continue to make slow progress or do not make any progress after work has been differentiated, they have received Quality First Teaching and/or they have had an intervention
 - If a child is not making progress despite the above, the teacher seeks advice from the Acting SENDCO about the next step
 - If the pupil is thought to have SEND the Acting SENDCO may consider changing an intervention, working with the pupil individually or in a small group. The Acting SENDCO may also seek advice from a variety of external professionals
 - Depending on the outcome of the assessment the child might be placed on the SEND Register and an Individual Learning Plan created for them. The next tier of the **ASSESS – PLAN - DO – REVIEW** cycle will begin again
 - Whether the child is deemed SEND or not, the teacher will make adjustments to their provision following discussion with the Acting SENDCO. This cycle will be repeated over a period of time and could result in the child no longer being defined as having SEND
 - We believe partnership with parents and professionals is the key to success. We liaise with parents about their child’s provision and progress in the following ways:
 1. At parent/teacher consultations in the autumn and spring term. Parents/carers of pupils with SEND are also able to meet with the Acting SENDCO to discuss their child’s needs in more detail. Parents of pupils, without SEND support, who have concerns regarding their child can also seek advice from the Acting SENDCO at this time
 2. By additional meetings, at any point during the year, with the class teacher or Acting SENDCO if the teacher or parent/carer wishes to discuss anything regarding their child

3. By meeting with the class teacher and Acting SENDCO to discuss placing the child on the SEND register
4. The class teacher and Acting SENDCO meet termly to discuss and review child's provision and progress against the short term outcomes set in the pupil's Individual Learning Plan. The results of this discussion are shared with the parent.
5. An annual statutory meeting will take place for pupils with an Educational Health Care Plan (EHCP). Parents/carers, all staff and outside agencies working with the child are invited to contribute to and attend the meeting
6. The Acting SENDCO meets parents/carers of new children with SEND who join the school part way through the year and liaises with their previous school

SECTION 5: MANAGING PUPILS NEEDS ON THE SEN REGISTER

There is a single category of support known as SEN SUPPORT. However, prior to a child being categorised as having SEND support, the following actions are taken:

- weekly PPA time allows teachers to plan for the needs and next steps in learning across the year group focusing on Quality First Teaching
- All pupils, including those with SEND, have access to differentiation
Differentiation can be through:
 - the task/activity being broken down into smaller steps
 - resources – visuals, photographs, simpler vocabulary, physical resources, ICT
 - support using additional adults
 - grouping similar learners together or putting children in mixed ability groups
 - outcome – expectation of work completed is different
 - pace – adapted to meet the needs of the pupil
 - dialogue – adapted language/vocabulary used
- assessments are moderated across the year group, needs are identified and prioritised and deployment of support is considered
- termly class review meetings are held for each year group to analyse attainment and progress and a profile of the whole class is completed. These meetings are attended by the Deputy Head and other members of the Leadership Team
- pupils that are not making expected progress, given their age and individual circumstances, are highlighted and new targets are set. Where progress continues to be less than expected, the class teacher, working with the Acting SENDCO, will consider if a targeted intervention should be put in place
- children who are receiving multiple interventions but progress remains slow, and teachers still have concerns, will be tracked termly. These children will not be put on SEND support at this stage

- if the class teacher, parents and the Acting SENDCO continue to have concerns regarding a tracked pupil then an outside agency/professional may be consulted or involved. This may lead to the pupil receiving SEND support and an Individual Learning Plan (ILP) devised
- an ILP is completed termly by the class teacher and Acting SENDCO for children receiving SEND support and those with an Educational Healthcare Plan (EHCP)
- The ILP includes:
 - long and short term outcomes and termly Small Measurable Achievable Reviewed Targets (SMART)
 - type of intervention and/or resources to achieve this
 - who will be delivering it and the frequency
 - targets from external professionals if appropriate
- all parents of pupils who have an ILP will be sent two copies home. Parents are requested to return one signed and dated copy of the new ILP to their class teacher. The second unsigned copy is for their own records.
- if a parent does not return a signed copy of the new ILP within 2 weeks we will assume that they have agreed with the Plan.
- Parents/carers can also request a meeting with the class teacher and/or with the Acting SENDCO to discuss their child's ILP
- the Acting SENDCO and class teacher share the proposed ILP with parent/carers and amend it if necessary
- SEND provision is outlined in our SEND Information Report which is available on the website

SECTION 6: SEEKING EXTERNAL SUPPORT

- External specialist services may be consulted and the following referral documentation can be part of the process for applying for additional funding and support from outside school. Some of the specialist services we access are:
 - Occupational therapy, speech and language therapy and physiotherapy
 - ⊖ Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services (CAMHS)
 - Barnet Integrated Clinical Services Mental Health and Wellbeing
 - the school uses some of their designated SEND budget to fund the Health and Emotional Wellbeing (HEW) service to provide support for vulnerable pupils and their parents in school

- advice from the Inclusion Advisory Team (IAT) is available to the school to support pupils with behaviour, speech and language or Specific Literacy difficulties (The school buys into this service through the borough's traded services)
- the school's link Educational Psychologist can only be used for statutory work required for EHCPs. Additional hours for non-statutory work has to to be bought through Barnet's traded services
- If we identify we are unable to fully meet the needs of a pupil through our own provision arrangements, we need the following to support an application for additional funding from the local authority High Needs Funding:
 - Evidence of lack of progress over time - assessment data and SEND plan reviews
 - Evidence of the funding the school has deployed to address needs
 - Evidence of input by an external professional
 - Evidence of parent/carer's view – this cannot be pursued without active support from parent/carer
 - Evidence of child's view if appropriate
- With this evidence, additional funding from the High Needs Funding could be applied for by asking the local authority for an Education, Health Care Plan (EHCP) assessment. The request for an EHCP can come from the school or from parents/carers. An EHCP brings the child/young person's education, health and social care needs into a single, legal document. They must have special educational needs to be eligible for a Plan. Barnet SEND Information, Advice and Support Service (SENDIASS) and Independent Supporters can offer help with the EHCP assessment and processes
- The full process for applying for an EHC assessment, including timescales, can be found at: <https://www.barnetlocaloffer.org.uk/pages/home/information-and-advice/education-health-and-care>

The following is an outline of this process:

- **requesting an EHCP assessment** – this request can come from the school, parents or another professional who works with the child
- **deciding whether to conduct an EHC assessment** - Once the LA receives a request they have up to six weeks to decide whether to carry out the assessment. During that time, they will ask parents/carers the young person themselves and others – such as the school or other setting – for information to help them make that decision
- **conducting an EHCP assessment** - the assessment includes seeking information and views from the parents/carers and the child, as well as people who work with the child/young person, such as class teachers, speech and language therapists, physiotherapists and educational psychologists
- **deciding whether an EHCP is needed** - after the local authority has made its assessment, they will decide whether or not an EHCP is necessary

- **preparing an EHCP** - If the local authority decides to proceed with an EHCP, they will work closely with parents/carers and the child/young person to make sure that the plan takes full account of their views, wishes and feelings. The first draft will not include a named school, but parents will be asked to name a school when they respond to the first draft
 - once an EHCP has been finalised, the local authority has to ensure that the special educational support in section F of the plan is provided, and the health service has to ensure the health support in section G is provided
 - The local authority will review the child/young person's EHCP at least every 12 months. That review will include working with parents/carers/child/young person and asking what they think and what they would like to happen
 - **personal Budgets** - A Personal Budget enables the individual to have choice and control over who provides help. The help will be described as provision in the Education Health Care Plan (EHCP) and will have been agreed with the relevant service provider. It is not always possible to offer a Personal Budget. **Personal Budgets are not able to be used by the parent to choose how funding in school is spent**
- As a school we endeavour to help all key adults around a child to have a common understanding and if at all possible a common approach. We recognise that privately funded therapists can also be significant adults for a child. The Acting SENDCO may talk to privately funded therapists to help achieve this common understanding. Time constraints, school philosophy, as well as the limitations of our building have informed the following points:
 - in principle, where parents pay for private therapy sessions for their child we will not facilitate the delivery of these sessions within school. Cases will, however, be considered on an individual basis and exceptions may be made
 - we will consider cases where there has been LA acknowledgment of the child's difficulties with recognition that the therapy will support their needs
 - The therapist must hold a recognised accreditation and all safeguarding checks must be current
 - we will only consider cases where we know we will be able to accommodate sessions within our building
 - we are unlikely to consider cases where the therapy provides support/intervention which is already provided by the school/LA
 - advice from private therapists will be considered and implemented if they are compatible with the school's ethos and will not conflict with the education provided at school for the child and the other children in class/school

SECTION 7: CRITERIA FOR EXITING THE SEN RECORD

- if a child with SEND makes sufficient progress and are no longer a concern, they will be removed from the SEND register but they will continue to be monitored through the **ASSESS – PLAN – DO - REVIEW** cycle previously described

SECTION 8: SUPPORTING PUPILS AND FAMILIES

- the link to the **LA local offer** can be found on the school and LA website:
<https://www.barnetlocaloffer.org.uk/>

- the School provides an **SEND Information Report** on the website: <http://www.gardensuburbjunior.co.uk/>
- the School website provides links to family support services
- Garden Suburb Junior School follows the admission arrangements as set out by the London Borough of Barnet and these can be accessed from their website <http://www.barnet.gov.uk>
- children can be dis-applied from statutory assessment tests if appropriate. Materials can be modified to address SEND pupils and children are entitled to receive the same level of support during statutory assessment tests
- induction and transition arrangements are set out in the School's 'Admissions Induction and Transition Policy' which can be accessed from the school website. This includes individual provision for children with SEND

SECTION 9: SUPPORTING PUPILS AT SCHOOL WITH MEDICAL CONDITIONS

- the school recognises that pupils at school with medical conditions should be properly supported so that they have full access to education, including school trips and physical education. Some children with medical conditions may be disabled and where this is the case the school will comply with its duties under the Equality Act 2010
- some pupils may also have special educational needs or a disability (SEND). They may have an Education, Health Care Plan (EHCP) which brings together health and social care needs, as well as their special educational provision. The SEN Code of Practice (2014) will be followed for these pupils
- the school has a policy on Managing Medicines in School, this can be accessed from the school website

SECTION 10: MONITORING AND EVALUATION OF SEND

- At Garden Suburb Junior School, we regularly and carefully monitor and evaluate the quality of provision we offer all pupils. We do this by:
 - providing a detailed termly report to the SEND and Pupil Welfare Committee of the Governing Body
 - sampling of parent views, pupils views and staff views through a regular survey
 - analysing year group data at class review meetings (termly)
 - Acting SENDCO to monitor assess and review interventions termly
 - Senior Leadership observations of class teachers and teaching assistants, providing feedback and addressing training needs
 - teachers and learning support assistants attend INSET and borough courses on SEND
 - ensuring there is a named SEND governor

- Progress of SEND pupils is tracked termly and Individual Education Plans are also reviewed every term. Acting SENDCO, teachers, parents/carers are all involved. We follow the “assess, plan, do review” model. Outside agencies may be consulted if pupils are not making progress with support/interventions

SECTION 11: TRAINING AND RESOURCES

- The school receives funding for SEND under three main headings:
 - **Element 1: an amount of money for each pupil in the school** - This is the core budget for each school and it is used to make general provision for all pupils in the school including pupils with SEND
 - **Element 2: The school’s notional SEND budget** - The school receives an additional amount of money to help make special educational provision to meet the needs of pupils with SEND. This is called the notional SEND budget. Special educational provision is anything that is provided to meet a child’s SEND that is “additional to or different from” provision made for all children. We endeavour to ensure that special educational provision is made to meet a child’s SEND
 - **Element 3: top-up funding** - If an EHCP or statement indicates that a pupil with SEND needs an exceptional degree of SEND support, the local authority may provide top-up funding to meet the cost of that provision
- the training needs of staff are identified and planned through the process of appraisal and through the needs arising of any individual child in the class
- in order to maintain and develop the quality of teaching and provision to respond to the strengths and needs of all pupils, all staff are encouraged to undertake training and development
- all newly appointed teachers and support staff meet with the Acting SENDCO who explains the systems, structures and provision in place for pupils with SEND in the school
- the school’s Acting SENDCO regularly attends the local authority SENCO network meetings in order to keep up to date with local and national updates in SEND
- the school has Nasen membership

SECTION 12: ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

The following members of staff have the responsibility for overseeing inclusive practice and pupil welfare in our school:

- Mrs. Jacqui Goldman - Acting SENDCO and the designated person responsible for Looked After Children (LAC)
- Mrs Morgan-Chiswick - Pupil Health, Welfare, Attendance and Punctuality
- Role of SEND Governor is to champion the issue of SEND within the work of the governing body and to have specific oversight of the school’s arrangement and provision for meeting SEND

- Mrs E Bhavsar, Head Teacher; Mrs L Berger Deputy Head and Mrs Jacqui Goldman, Acting SENDCO are the Designated Teachers with specific Safeguarding responsibility
- Mrs E Bhavsar, Head Teacher is responsible for managing the Pupil Premium Grant

SECTION 13: STORING AND MANAGING INFORMATION

- Each child's primary school record is stored and retained in line with guidance in our Record Management Policy May 2018 (see appendix)

SECTION 14: REVIEWING THE POLICY

- This policy will be reviewed annually by the SEND and Pupil Welfare committee of the Governing Body
- We are exploring the most effective ways to gain the views of parents and children on the working of our current SEND arrangements. This will inform how we prepare for reviews to the SEND policy in the future

SECTION 15: ACCESSIBILITY

- The school has an Accessibility Plan and an Equality Plan which describes current targets, strategies and outcomes of the schools successful accessibility planning approach

SECTION 16 : DEALING WITH COMPLAINTS

- The School has a Complaints Policy which can be accessed on the school website

SECTION 17: BULLYING

- Garden Suburb School have a Behaviour and Anti-Bullying policy that can be accessed via the school website

Appendix 1 - from Record Management Policy May 2018

SEND Record Management Policy		
SEND files, reviews and individual education plans	Statutory period; 25 years after the pupil's date of birth – held by the last school the pupil attends	<p>Sent securely to next school. No copies kept at this school.</p> <p>If the next school is home-schooling or outside of the UK, the file will be kept by us (the school) and retained for the statutory period, then disposed of securely.</p> <p>Information is reviewed and the file may be kept for longer than necessary if it is required for the school to defend themselves in a 'failure to provide sufficient education' case</p>
An EHC plan maintained under section 37 of the Children and Families Act 2014 (and any amendments to the statement or plan)	Sent to next school. Retained by final school for 25 years after the pupil's date of birth (as stated on the pupil's record)	No copies kept by us. unless it is subject to a legal hold
Information and advice provided to parents regarding SEND	Sent to next school. Retained by final school for 25 years after the pupil's date of birth (as stated on the pupil's record)	No copies kept by us unless it is subject to a legal hold
Accessibility strategy	Sent to next school. Retained by final school for 25 years after the pupil's date of birth (as stated on the pupil's record)	No copies kept by us unless it is subject to a legal hold