

# **SEN Information Report**

## **Arrangements for including children with SEN**

We are an inclusive school and provide for a range of special needs including:

- Autism
- Physical disabilities
- Learning difficulties
- Medical needs
- Sensory impairments

We believe in early intervention and all of our staff will be involved in assessing needs from Reception onwards. We will consult relevant outside professionals where needed.

The name of our SENCo is Raheel Akhtar.

Parents are consulted regularly and we have an open door policy for parents of children with special needs and disabilities, the SENCO will always make himself available to discuss concerns. More formal reviews are held with class teachers and outside professionals each term in which children attend and their views are included in the meeting.

Children are regularly assessed and their progress recorded including the use of photos, and daily home/school books, as well as closely monitored planning and marking.

Transition visits are planned from year to year and at the end of each key stage, where visits are made and photographs and books are used to ease transition. Adults support this and reviews are held which include parents, children, teachers and other professionals.

## **Our approach to teaching**

We believe that all teachers are teachers of children with SEN. We have a whole school approach to teaching and supporting children. We believe in a dynamic approach, in which children are supported in or out of class, depending on the learning taking place. All children begin with the whole class, then may go to small groups or into 1:1 lessons. The class teacher will keep an overview and the learning will be closely monitored.

We use strategies such as:

- Visual timetables
- Behaviour Plans
- Work stations
- Colourful semantics
- Sensory learning
- Music therapy

- Brain Gym
- Language groups

Staff are given relevant training both in and out of school including ongoing support from our SENCo and visiting therapist and professionals.

Planning is differentiated with some children having individual learning plans.

## **Extracurricular activities**

We also have a breakfast club, where children with SEN are welcomed and support is in place. We encourage our children with SEN to join in with all of our activities including debating in Y2, drama and dance, special music and art projects. We also provide support for our children with SEND to attend all trips and visits.

## **Social and emotional support**

We employ a local counselling service to work one to one with children.

We run social skills groups and language groups to support children with their emotional needs and communication needs. We offer advocacy for children to express their voices and use a buddy system for any new children to our school.

## **Support Services**

We work with a range of external support services including:

- Educational psychology
- Speech and language therapy
- Learning support services
- Language, communication and interaction service
- School nurse
- Occupational therapy
- Deaf and visual impairment teams
- Complex needs team
- Social services
- CAMHS (children and adolescent mental health Service)

All of these services work with the school to support children, teachers and families. They come into assess, support, train and report back to us regularly and can be contacted for advice when needed.

The SENCO has a good working relationship with these services.

## **Looked After Children**

Regular personal education meetings (PEPs) are held in school to support our looked after children. Their progress is monitored carefully and support is put into place where needed. Good communication exists between carers, social services and the school in order to support and plan for the needs of our looked after children. We have a governor for looked after children (Ms Gill Gordon).

## **Complaints**

All complaints about SEN should be sent to Raheel Akhtar at [info@concordiaacademy.co.uk](mailto:info@concordiaacademy.co.uk) who will deal with these appropriately and in a timely fashion.

## **Admission arrangements**

We are an inclusive school who will offer school places to all children. When children with SEN start at our school we will arrange transition meetings with the child and family and relevant agencies to ensure that we have the appropriate support and facilities in place.

## **Accessibility plan**

We are an accessible school and have special facilities such as:

- Wheel chair accessible classrooms
- Disabled toilets
- Hygiene room
- Medical room

There is a lift to our classrooms and facilities on the upper floors.

Our staff are trained to work with children with a range of special needs and we are happy to continue with our training and adapting our environment to meet the needs of all students.