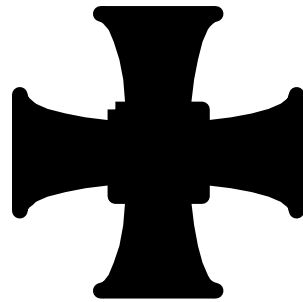


# TRINITY SCHOOL CARLISLE



A CHURCH OF ENGLAND ACADEMY

## **SPECIAL EDUCATIONAL NEEDS AND DISABILITIES (SEND) POLICY**

**Curriculum Policy**

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## **SPECIAL EDUCATIONAL NEEDS AND DISABILITIES (SEND) POLICY**

Trinity School provides a broad and balanced curriculum for all its students, differentiated to meet individual needs and abilities. Students may have special educational needs (SEND) throughout, or at any time during their school career. This policy ensures that through positive curriculum planning, assessment and provision their needs are met.

Trinity School is a Strategic Resource Base for Hearing Impaired students, students with Severe Learning Difficulties (SLD) and Autism Spectrum Conditions (ASC). The school is resourced to ensure that there is a good acoustic environment for Hearing Impaired students, which is suitable to meet their needs. For students with SLD and ASC support is provided through the Home Group.

### **AIMS AND OBJECTIVES**

- To identify students with SEND as early as possible and share information about their needs with all appropriate staff.
- To ensure all students have equal access to a broad, balanced and differentiated curriculum.
- To provide access to the curriculum for students with special needs without disadvantaging the education of the other students in school.
- To encourage students to develop confidence and self-esteem and a sense of responsibility for their learning and behaviour.
- To work in partnership with other professionals and parents in order to achieve the best for each student.
- To ensure students with SEND can fully participate in extra-curricular activities, clubs and school trips.

### **ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES**

- Provision for students with SEND is the responsibility of all staff.
- The Learning Support Coordinator, SENCo, is responsible for the day to day operation of the SEND policy.
- The Headteacher, the Governing Body and the appointed SEN Governor, do their best to secure provision for any student with SEND.
- The school's admission policy does not discriminate against students with special educational needs and has due regard to the SEND Code of Practice and Disability Act.

### **EDUCATIONAL INCLUSION**

Trinity School aims to ensure that teaching arrangements are fully inclusive paying due regard to a variety of teaching and learning styles. The majority of students will have their needs met through normal classroom arrangements, appropriate differentiation, targeted support and monitoring by pastoral staff. Some may be withdrawn from some classes for targeted withdrawal with specialist help.

### **MORE SPECIALIST PROVISION – THE HOME GROUP**

Students with a greater level of need (usually with an EHCP) will be allocated, after consultation with all stakeholders, to the Home Group. This is a small group of 9 to 12 students usually supported by at least 1 LSA where greater differentiation is provided

Students in the Home Group are allotted to a mixed ability form group.  
**Options Pathway 1 – most students with EHCPs will follow this pathway.**

The SENCo has responsibility for Pathway 1.

At Trinity, students in the Home Group are usually taught in Pathway 1 which includes an emphasis on both academic and vocational qualifications within smaller groups and classes. Higher functioning SEND students do not follow Pathway 1 as they can access a more academic approach. These students are supported in class in some targeted GCSE subjects.

## **STAFF DEVELOPMENT**

Regular staff development training is provided for Learning Support Assistants (LSAs) every week in order to update knowledge and skills. Staff development opportunities are provided through the schools' training menu and collaborative planning sessions. Outside agencies are involved in providing some of the training.

The Learning Support Teachers, (LSTs) identify training needs which are arranged in consultation with the Assistant Head for CPD and Teaching and Learning and linked to the Improvement Plan and their responsibilities within the department.

The SENCo in consultation with the Newly Qualified Teachers' (NQT) tutor provides introductory training in SEN with trainee teachers and NQTs and helps provide training and updated information for all staff regarding individual students and SEND issues. The SENCo, LSTs and Specialist Advisory Teachers do provide further training in Differentiation, Specific Learning Difficulty (SpLD), Hearing Impairment, etc. through the staff development menu.

## **IDENTIFICATION, ASSESSMENT AND REVIEW**

The SENCo works with all staff to ensure students who may need additional or different support to that normally found within the classroom are identified as early as possible. For some students, additional visits prior to joining the school are necessary. The following procedure helps inform appropriate intervention and monitoring.

- The SENCo or LST attends Year 6 Annual review of statements where possible and makes contact with primary school again in the Summer term.
- Liaison with Year 7 tutors and SENCo to pass on information about SEND students.
- Information to all staff about students in Year 7 and updated information on students in Years 8 to 13 (distributed at the beginning of each school year).
- During the first term of Year 7 there is assessment of SEND students using recognised tests of reading, spelling and speed of processing.
- Writing of individual (or group) education plans (IEPs) and/or individual teaching plans (ITPs) in consultation with parents/carers, students, teachers and support staff for students receiving additional support.
- Annual reviews of Education and Health and Care Plans.
- From Year 9 onwards Inspira attend EHCP reviews and provide independent educational advice.
- Consultation takes place with specialist advisory teachers, educational psychologists, education welfare officers and others for students we feel are making insufficient progress despite intervention and support. Multi-disciplinary meetings are held where appropriate.
- Links are fostered with local colleges and when students move school or go into further education, information will be forwarded to enable effective transfer.

## **CONCLUSION**

The school is committed to meeting the needs of all students. Parents have the opportunity to seek advice and help at any time during the year from the SENCo. Any parent, who feels their child's needs are not being met, should make contact in the first instance with the SENCo, or alternatively their child's Head of Year for problems other than learning difficulties. The school's complaint procedures are on the school website and can be made available by the school's Complaints Administrator. Under the SEN and Disability Act 2001 parents can request the services of the Cumbria Information, Advice and Support Service (Parent Partnership) to help resolve any disagreements. The SENCo will provide more information about this on request. The local parent partnership coordinator can provide independent support and advice.