



Policy for Inclusion and Special Educational Needs

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1. Aims

Greatstone Primary School's Policy for Inclusion and Special Educational Needs aims to:

- Ensure our school fully implements national legislation and Kent Local Authority's guidance and expectations.

Sets out how our school will:

- Support pupils with SEND ensuring our best endeavours to provide the appropriate provision to enable positive outcomes.
- Provide an inclusive environment that enables pupils to access all aspects of school life alongside their peers.
- Provide pupils with the skills and attributes that enable them to become confident individuals who can successfully live fulfilling lives.
- Support pupils with SEND to realise their aspirations and achieve their best.
- Communicate with pupils with SEND and their parents or carers ensuring co-production and seek pupil and parent or carer voices to fully involve them in decision making and discussions to support their child's provision.
- Communicate and explain the roles and responsibilities of key school and external professionals who are supporting the provision for pupils with SEND.
- Ensure the SEND Policy is understood and implemented consistently by all staff and is monitored by Governors.

At Greatstone Primary School all pupils irrespective of need access a broad and balanced curriculum which is delivered through high quality inclusive teaching to enable every pupil to make progress and reach their full potential socially, emotionally and academically. When required to do so, the school will make reasonable adjustments to support pupils with SEND. The school set high expectations and aspirations for each individual pupil, working together with them, and their parents/carers to ensure that pupils with SEND become confident and independent children and young people who are able to successfully transition to the next phase of their education or adult life.

2. Legislation and Guidance

This policy is written in line with:

The regulation associated with:

- Children and Families Act 2014 – Part 3: [Children And Families Act 2014 Part 3](#)
- Special Educational needs and Disability (SEND) Code of Practice 2015:
- The Special Educational Needs and Disability Regulations 2014: [The Special Educational Needs and Disability Regulations 2014](#)
- Equality Act 2010: [Equality Act 2010](#)
- School Admission Code 2021 [School Admission Code 2021](#)
- The School Information Regulations: Updated 24/10/24

Maintained Schools: <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/what-maintained-schools-must-publish-online>

- Governance in Maintained Schools Handbook 2024: [Governance in Maintained Schools](#)

Kent Local Authority:

The Local Authority's local offer

The Local Authority's Offer can be found in the SEND Information Report

<https://www.kent.gov.uk/education-and-children/special-educational-needs>

Countywide Approach to Inclusive Education (CATIE)

[A Countywide Approach to Inclusive Education \(kelsi.org.uk\)](http://www.kelsi.org.uk)

What does inclusion mean in Kent?

'As the champion of families, children, and young people our collective priorities are to be certain that all children and young people are engaged with and included in the provision of high-quality inclusive education. Ensuring that, whatever their circumstance or ability, our children have a sense of belonging, feel respected, are valued for who they are and develop the knowledge and skills required for adult life. In doing so, we strive to achieve a continuous improvement in standards, a significant narrowing of achievement gaps for vulnerable groups of learners and a wholly inclusive education system which ensures:

- **Equitable access for all.** Sufficient, appropriate, quality education provision is available for all children and young people in Kent.
- **No child is left behind.** All children and young people are supported to be engaged fully in their education.

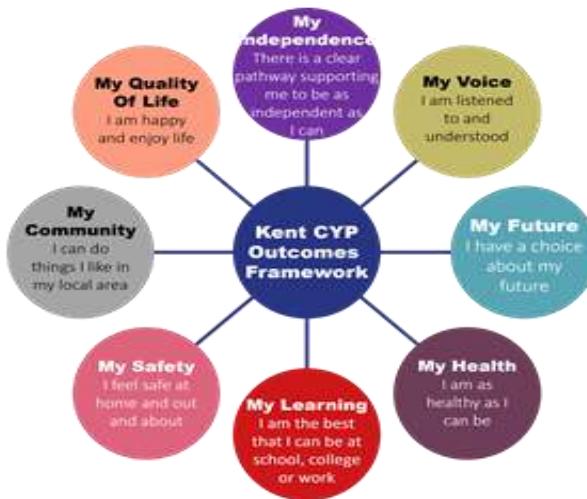
- **Effective collaboration.** There is collaboration and multi-agency working providing a self-informing, sustainable system which supports the education of all.' (KCC: CATIE p 2-3)

Special Educational Needs Mainstream Core Standards (ordinarily available provision) : [Special Educational Needs Mainstream Core Standards](#)

The Mainstream Core Standards:

- Sets out the provision that the Local Area has agreed should be ordinarily available for Children and Young People with SEND
- Provides guidance and advice to support schools to meet the needs of and include Children Young People with SEND
- Provides clear guidance to schools on the statutory duties regarding the inclusion of Children and Young People with SEND
- Provides information to all stakeholders on the work of schools in relation to the inclusion of Children and Young People with SEND.

The school are working towards the ultimate goal of growing independent young people as they prepare for adulthood. All provision and support at Greatstone Primary School works towards achieving the Kent Children and Young People Outcomes Framework



Our SEND policy should be read in conjunction with our school's policies published on our website :

- SEN Information Report
- Safeguarding policy
- Behaviour Policy
- Equality Policy
- Accessibility Plan
- Attendance and punctuality

3. Definitions

Definition of SEN

A child or young person has SEN if they have a learning difficulty or disability which calls for special educational provision to be made for him or her.

A child of compulsory school age or a young person has a learning difficulty if he or she:

- Has a significantly greater difficulty in learning than the majority of others of the same age, or
- Has a disability which prevents or hinders him or her from making use of facilities of a kind generally provided for others of the same age in mainstream schools to mainstream post-16 institutions'

(DFE/DOH 2015: 15-16)

Definition of Disability:

'Many children and young people who have SEN may have a disability under the Equality Act 2010- that is ‘..a physical or mental impairment which is a long-term and substantial adverse effect on their ability to carry out normal day-to-day activities.’ This definition provides a low threshold and includes more children than many realise: ‘Long term’ is defined as a ‘year or more’ and ‘substantial’ is defined as ‘more than minor or trivial’. This definition includes sensory impairments such as those affecting sight or hearing and long-term health conditions such as asthma, diabetes, epilepsy, and cancer. Children and young people with such conditions do not necessarily have SEN, but there is sufficient overlap between disabled children and young people and those with SEN. Where a disabled child or young person requires a special educational provision they will also be covered by the SEN definition'

(DfE/DOH 2015: 16)

Special Educational Needs Register:

At Greatstone, the SENCO will regularly review the SEN register as part of the Graduated Approach. The SENCO will work in co-production with parents/carer and if required key external professionals to ensure high quality SEN provision is in place, informing parents/carers of any changes that have been agreed. School staff will also be informed, and records updated accordingly on the appropriate school system. A diagnosis does not necessarily mean that a pupil will be placed on the SEN register if the universal and targeted provision the pupil is accessing is enabling them to make good progress.

Special Educational Needs (SEN) support

'SEN support means support that is additional to, or different from, the support generally made for other children of the same age in a school. It is provided for pupils who are identified as having a learning difficulty or a disability that requires extra or different help to that normally provided as part of the school’s usual curriculum offer. A pupil on SEN support will not have an education, health and care plan.'

<https://explore-education-statistics.service.gov.uk/find-statistics/special-educational-needs-in-england>

Education, health and care (EHC) plans

A local authority may issue an EHC plan for a pupil who needs more support than is available through SEN support. This will follow a statutory assessment process whereby the local authority considers the pupil's special educational needs and any relevant health and social care needs; sets out long term outcomes; and specifies provision which will deliver additional support to meet those needs.

<https://explore-education-statistics.service.gov.uk/find-statistics/special-educational-needs-in-england>

4. Inclusion and Equal Opportunity

We follow the advice in the Mainstream Core Standards on how to adapt the curriculum and the learning environment for students with special educational needs. We also incorporate the advice provided through both internal and external assessments and the strategies described in EHCPs. We have an easy access toilet for pupils if it is needed. Many staff have also been trained in Pediatrics First Aid. Staff received the AET autism training in April 2025. It is our underlying belief that every child should feel uniquely valued and develop a passion for learning across a wide range of curriculum subjects. We believe that our curriculum enables every child to shine and have high aspirations for the future through being confident and ready to tackle any challenge they may face.

We have designed a coherent, sequenced curriculum to ensure every child receives a full, rich and balanced education with an appropriate mix of academic and personal development opportunities.

We place high priority on ensuring children's physical and mental wellbeing are met. We understand that children will not be successful learners unless they are emotionally secure, therefore every member of our school family works hard to support children in overcoming barriers to learning. Our balanced approach to the curriculum is not at the expense of high standards in core subject areas. High standards and enabling children to reach their full potential is of vital importance if they are to succeed at the next stage of their education and go on to use their gifts to make a difference. Our full and rich curriculum, excites and allows children to gain and deepen both knowledge and skills so that every pupil progresses both academically and personally. Our unique curriculum ensures that everyone is given the opportunity to shine and flourish.

Each review of the class provision maps and SEND personalised plans will be informed by the views of the pupil, parents and class/subject teachers and the assessment information from teachers which will show whether adequate progress is being made.

The SEN Code of Practice (2014, 6.17) describes inadequate progress as:

- Is significantly slower than that of their peers starting from the same baseline
- Fails to match or better the child's previous rate of progress
- Fails to close the attainment gap between rate of progress
- Widens the attainment gap

For students with or without an Education, Health and Care Plan, there will be an annual review of the provision made for the child, which will enable an evaluation of the effectiveness of the special provision.

Every pupil has their progress tracked three times per year. In addition to this, students with special educational needs may have more frequent assessments of reading age, spelling age, etc. The assessments we use include EYFS baseline, Y1 Phonics Screening, Speech Link, Language Link, Accelerated Reader, NFERs Assessment Test (Y1-6) and SATs. Using these, it will be possible to see if a student's skill level is increasing in key areas.

Parents will be kept informed about their child's progress through regular parents' evenings which are held throughout the school year and additional meetings, if necessary.

If these assessments do not show adequate progress is being made the SEND personalised plan will be reviewed and adjusted. These personalised plans are reviewed at least three times per year, with the parents. Parents are encouraged to play an active role in creating the initial plans with the SENCO and reviewing plans thereafter.

The SEND Information report can be found on our website for more details.

5. Roles and Responsibilities – in conjunction with SEN Information Report

Greatstone Primary School work strategically in line with the Special Educational Needs Code of Practice 2015

We value the abilities of all our students and strive to provide the best education, which ensures that all children can make good progress and achieve ambitious and appropriate goals. We strongly believe that it is our duty to provide equal opportunities for every child in our care, and to also provide a safe and fully equipped learning environment, which caters for the needs of every student as an individual. We are committed to providing excellent provision for all students with SEND, by providing an ambitious and inclusive curriculum offer, delivered by skilled teachers, and a rich co-curriculum. We aim for all students to be included in all aspects of school life and work proactively to eradicate any barriers to inclusion. The information published in this report should be updated annually and any changes to the information occurring during the year must be updated as soon as possible.

The information required is set out in the Special Educational Needs and Disability Regulations 2014 and must include the following:

The school will ensure that pupils, parents and carers have:

- Access to impartial information, advice and support throughout their time in the school to help them make informed decisions and choices about their future.
- Are effectively supported to understand their rights and decision-making processes and choices regarding their plans and support.

- An understanding of their individual plans, outcomes, provision and support and the reasons why some changes may not be possible. (Area SEND inspections: framework and handbook updated April 2024)

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(Area SEND inspections: framework and handbook updated April 2024)

5.1 SENCO

All maintained schools and academies are required by law to have a named SENCO who is a qualified teacher and has been awarded the National Award for Special Educational Needs Coordination (prior to September 2024) or The National Professional Qualification for SEND (from September 2024).

SENCOs must complete the qualification within three years of taking up the post.

At Greatstone our SENCO is Fiona Roberts robertsf@greatstoneschool.co.uk

Fiona Roberts has been in the SENCO role since January 2025.

Fiona started working towards achieving the National Professional Qualification for SEND in September 2024 and due to gain the qualification in April 2026.

The Greatstone Inclusion Team comprises of:

Louise Harman, who is Inclusion Assistant

Kate Bovingdon, who is EYFS SENCO

Hannah Ferris, who is Director of Safeguarding and Pastoral Lead (Hannah works between the federation schools; Greatstone and Repton Manor)

The SENCO has an important role to play with the Head of School and governing body with regards to the strategic oversight and implementation of Greatstone's SEN policy and development.

They will:

- Oversee the day-to-day responsibility and implementation of the SEND policy.
- Ensure all statutory requirements are adhered to throughout the year
- Co-ordinate provision for children with SEN using the graduated approach – Assess, Plan, Do, Review to review and monitor provision for all pupils with SEN.

- Communicate and provide all staff with the key SEN and medical information, advice, guidance, and strategies to support pupils with SEN ensuring high quality provision across the school/academy.
- Collaborate with teachers, support staff, parents and carers regarding all aspects of their child(ren)'s provision including interventions and outcomes.
- Offer professional guidance to staff to secure high quality inclusive provision in the classroom and throughout the school day.
- Collaborate with curriculum leaders to remove barriers to learning.
- Develop and lead whole school continued professional development to ensure high quality provision for all pupils with SEN.
- Liaise with the relevant Designated Teacher where a looked after child or young person has SEN
- Liaise with early years providers, other schools, educational psychologists, health and social care professionals, and independent or voluntary bodies.
- Liaise with potential next providers of education to ensure that the school meets its responsibilities under the Equality Act 2010 regarding reasonable adjustments and access arrangements.
- Be the key point of contact for external agencies, especially the local authority and its support services
- Ensure the school keeps up-to-date records of all pupils with SEN.
- Ensure any pupils who has a part time timetable is agreed with parent/carers, is registered on the KELSI website and a clear re-integration strategy is planned in conjunction with the parent/carer and pupil.
- Hold status in order to have capacity and authority to make change.
- Ensure genuine coproduction and collaboration with the wider community.
- Advising on the deployment of the school's delegated budget and other resources to meet pupils' needs effectively
- To keep up to date with key national and local SEN development.
- Attend key meetings organised by the local authority such as The Countywide SENCO Forum to ensure they have up-to-date strategic and operational information.
- Is fully involved in all aspects of transition planning whether phased or in year regarding pupils with SEND, following expectations set out in the District Plans and Kent Transition Charter. Ensuring parents/carers are fully informed throughout the transition period.
- Work closely with other colleagues and SENCOs in their Community of Schools.

Developed from DfE/DOH SEND Code of Practice 2015:108-109

5.2 Head of School

The Head of School, Jaclyn Kay will:

- Work closely with the SENCO and SEN link governors to determine the strategic development of the SEN policy and provision across the school.
- Work with the SENCO and governors to ensure the school adheres to all legislative and statutory guidance keeping up to date with all key national and local policies and expected SEN practice.
- Ensure the SENCO has sufficient time and resources to effectively carryout their role.
- Work closely with the SENCO to carry out their duties employing the Graduated Approach, using their 'best endeavours' and when required making reasonable adjustments to ensure the school/academy is providing high quality SEN provision.
- Have overall responsibility for the provision for pupils with SEN, their progress, and outcomes.
- Have the responsibility for monitoring the school's notional SEN budget and any additional funding allocated by the LA to support individual pupils or SEN provision for groups of pupils.

5.3 SEND Governors

Our Governing Body have a legal responsibility to pupils with SEN as defined in the Children and Families Act 2014 and SEND Code of Practice 2015.

The SEN governors will:

- Help to raise awareness of SEN issues at governing board meetings.
- Monitor the quality and effectiveness of SEN and disability provision within the school and update the governing body following monitoring visits.
- Work with the Head of School and SENCO to determine the strategic development of the SEN policy and provision in the school.

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7.2.2 Children with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND)

Governing bodies have legal duties in relation to pupils with SEND that are set out in the [Children and Families Act 2014](#) and the [SEND code of practice](#).

Governing bodies should have an individual responsible for specific oversight of the school's arrangements for children with SEND.

The [SEND code of practice](#) assists the governing body and the link or lead governor in supporting and promoting discussions with regards to outcomes for learners with SEND.

DfE: Maintained schools guidance guide: updated 2 October 2024 [Maintained Schools Handbook](#)

The named Governor is responsible for the strategic oversight of the arrangements and provision for pupils with SEN.

The SEND Governor will:

- carryout monitoring visits on behalf of the Governing Body to ensure high quality and effective provision is in place and in line with the SEND Code of Practice statutory and Local Authority guidance and expectations.
- Report to and raise awareness of SEN issues raised during monitoring visits and meetings at Governing Body meetings.
- Work closely with the SENCO and Head of School to ensure the strategic review and development of the SEND Policy, SEN Information Report and provision in the school.

Our SEN Governors are Glynn Hukins and Caroline Allen

5.4 Teachers

All teachers are teachers of pupils with special educational needs.

Our SENCO provide a vital strategic role and provides significant advice and support to teachers, but the responsibility for the learning and progress of all children lies with the teacher.

‘High quality teaching, differentiated for individual pupils, is the starting point in responding to pupils who have or may have SEN. Additional intervention and SEN support cannot compensate for a lack of good quality teaching.

Schools should regularly and carefully review the quality of teaching for all pupils, including those at risk of underachievement. This includes reviewing and, where necessary, improving, teachers’ understanding of strategies to identify and support vulnerable pupils, and their knowledge of the SEN most frequently encountered.’ (DfE/DoH SEND Code of Practice 2015: 25)

Every teacher is responsible for:

- The progress and development of every pupil in their class
- Instilling high aspirations for every pupil.
- Delivering a broad balanced curriculum embedding high-quality inclusive teaching strategies and resources

- Working closely with teaching assistants or specialist staff to plan, monitor, track and assess the impact of support and interventions, and how they can be transitioned and embedded in the classroom.
- Working with the SENCO to review each pupil's progress and development, and decide on any changes to provision.
- Ensuring they follow this SEN policy.

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For further details please refer to the SEND Information report on our website.

5.5 Parents and carers

Parents and carers should inform the school/academy if they have any concerns about their child's progress socially, physically, emotionally, or academically or if there are any changes to provision that have been advised by key external professionals working with their child following an appointment.

Parents/ carers are actively involved in all aspects of the decision-making process through meetings or agreed forms of communication and are afforded every opportunity to contribute discussions regarding their child's SEN provision.

All parents of students at Greatstone are invited to discuss the progress of their children on two occasions a year and they receive a written report three times a year.

In addition, we are happy to arrange additional meetings as necessary. As part of our normal teaching arrangements, all students will access some additional teaching to help them catch up if the progress monitoring indicates that this is necessary; this will not imply that the pupil has a special educational need. All such provision will be recorded, tracked and evaluated on a class Provision Map.

If progress is not made following this provision, we will contact parents to discuss the use of internal or external assessments which will help us to better address these needs. From this point onwards the pupil will be identified as having special educational needs because a special educational provision is being made; the parent will be invited to all planning and reviews of this provision. Parents will be actively supported to contribute to assessment, planning and review. In addition to this, parents of students with an Education, Health and Care Plan will be invited to contribute to and attend an annual review, which, wherever possible, will also include other agencies involved with the pupil. Information will be made accessible for parents.

5.6 The pupil

Seeking the voice of the pupil is an important aspect of ensuring the SEN provision is highly effective for every pupil with SEN. Pupils are given every opportunity to express their view and provide information to support review meetings as part of our Graduated Approach in year meetings and for pupils with an EHCP the statutory Annual Review. However, the voice of the pupil can be sought at any time throughout the school year.

Pupil voice is highly valued and we encourage children, where possible, to take an active role in the evaluation and setting of their targets. Children will be much more successful and driven to achieve a target that they understand and feel accountable for. Students' voices are gathered before annual review meetings by parents and also by school staff, using the Local Authority pupil voice format. The students are also invited to their annual review meetings, where appropriate. If a child is unable to give verbal feedback, a talking mat is used to try and ascertain the pupil's likes and dislikes about school and their learning.

6. SEN Information Report

Our SEN policy works in conjunction with our SEN Information report which can be found on our website. The Information report sets out how this policy is implemented at Greatstone.

The SEN Information Report is updated annually or if necessary, when changes to the information may be required during the academic year.

7. Admissions and Accessibility

Greatstone Primary School is aware of its obligations under the Equality Act 2010 and complies with non-discrimination provisions and admissions processes.

The admission arrangements for a pupil without an EHCP do not discriminate against or disadvantage disabled children or those with special educational needs.

8. Our school approach to SEN provision

The school will assess each pupil's current skills and levels of attainment on entry, which will build on previous settings and Key Stages, where appropriate. Teachers will make regular assessments of progress for all pupils and identify those whose progress:

- Is significantly slower than that of their peers starting from the same baseline.
- Fails to match or better the child's previous rate of progress.
- Fails to close the attainment gap between the child and their peers.
- Widens the attainment gap.

DfE/DOH SEND Code of Practice: 2015, 6.17

This may include progress in areas other than attainment, for example, social, emotional and mental health needs.

When deciding whether special educational provision is required, the school will start with the desired outcomes, including the expected progress and attainment using the school's graduated approach, and the views and the wishes of the pupil and their parents. The school will use this to determine the support that is needed and whether the school can provide it by adapting the universal offer, or whether something different or additional is needed.

8.1 The kind of special educational need for which provision is made

At Greatstone provision is made to support pupils with additional needs irrespective of whether a pupil has an education health and care plan in conjunction with The Continuum of Provision and Need and using the Graduated Approach.

At Greatstone we will ensure our 'best endeavours' to meet the needs of pupils with an Educational Health and Care Plan (EHCP) with the following kinds of special educational need: Cognition and Learning Difficulties, Communication and Interaction, Sensory and/or Physical Needs and Social, Emotional and Mental Health needs. Decisions on the admission of pupils with an EHCP are made by the Local Authority.

The range of special needs currently being met include: ADHD, anxiety, auditory processing difficulties, autism, dyslexia, emotional dysregulation, fine and gross motor delay, moderate learning difficulties, sensory processing difficulties, global development delay and speech and language difficulties.

8.2 The identification and assessment of pupils with special educational needs

In line with this SEND Code of Practice (DfE/DoH 2015) pupils at Greatstone are identified as either having no SEN, having SEN with support, or having a SEN with an Educational Health and Care Plan.

At Greatstone, progress is closely monitored throughout the year to review their academic progress three times per year. However, pupils with SEN may have more frequent assessments if needed.

Teachers carry out regular assessments to track progress and identify pupils who despite using high quality inclusive teaching strategies are:

- Working significantly slower than their peers who have the same starting point.
- Are unable to maintain or improve their progress rate
- Are unable to close the attainment gap in line with their peers or the gap is widening.

This may also include progress and development in areas other than academic attainment such as social, emotional, and physical.

To support pupils, the school use a range of assessments to review and monitor the broader developmental needs and progress of all pupils such as reading assessments such as the Year R baseline, phonics screening, language link, speech link, Boxall profile, BPVS, Lucid Rapid, Literacy Gold and Accelerated reader. These tests will enable the early identification of difficulties that a pupil may. Information collected from the testing will inform the appropriate intervention and provision to support progress and outcomes.

Teachers at Greatstone are responsible for classroom provision delivering a well sequenced and resourced curriculum and use high quality inclusive teaching strategies which are scaffolded, with adaptations made to meet a pupil's needs.

When teachers identify an area where a pupil is making slow progress or where they have concerns, they will follow the school's early identification of need's protocols as set out in section 7. Teachers will inform parents/carers at an early stage to make them aware and discuss the further supporting strategies that the teacher will use to help the pupil.

However, if progress does not improve the teacher will inform the SENCO to have an initial discussion about whether this lack of progress may be due to a special educational need. In this instance, the SENCO will, in consultation with the pupil's parents/carers, discuss further support. This may be internal from professionals such as Link Balance speech and language therapist, social prescriber, community pediatricians, specialist teaching service, KEPS (Educational psychologists).

The purpose of a more detailed assessment will identify what additional resources and/or different approach is required to enable the pupil to make better progress. These will be shared with parents/carers, written into SEN provision plans, which are regularly reviewed, refined, and revised. At this point the SENCO will have identified that the pupil has an additional need because the school is making provision for the pupil which is additional and different to what is normally available. Teachers will be informed throughout the process and training will be delivered to ensure the provision is of a high quality.

It is important to note as stated in the SEND Code of Practice (DfE/DoH,2015 6.23) that slower than expected progress and lower attainment does not automatically mean a pupil would be recorded as having SEN.

If the pupil is able to make good progress using this additional and different resource but would not be able to maintain this good progress without it, the school/academy will continue to identify the pupils having special educational need. If the pupil is able to make good progress without the additional or different resources, they will not be identified as having special educational needs. When any change of identification of SEN is amended, parents/carers will be notified.

The school will ensure that all teachers and support staff who work with a pupil with SEN or have an additional need are made fully aware of the provision that each individual pupil requires through access to key information and documents such as personalised plans, class provision maps, training and meetings with the SENCO.

8.3 Consulting with Parents

All parents of children are invited to discuss the progress of their children on two occasions a year and they receive a written report three times a year.

In addition, we are happy to arrange additional meetings as necessary. As part of our normal teaching arrangements, all students will access some additional teaching to help them catch up if the progress monitoring indicates that this is necessary; this will not imply that the pupil has a special educational need. All such provision will be recorded, tracked and evaluated on a class Provision Map.

If progress is not made following this provision, we will contact parents to discuss the use of internal or external assessments which will help us to better address these needs. From this point onwards the pupil will be identified as having special educational needs because a special educational provision is being made; the parent will be invited to all planning and reviews of this provision. Parents will be actively supported to contribute to assessment, planning and review.

In addition to this, parents of students with an Education, Health and Care Plan will be invited to contribute to and attend an annual review, which, wherever possible, will also include other agencies involved with the pupil. Information will be made accessible for parents.

9. Assessing, Monitoring, Reviewing and Evaluating Progress towards Outcomes

Every pupil has their progress tracked three times per year. In addition to this, students with special educational needs may have more frequent assessments of reading age, spelling age, etc. The assessments we use at Greatstone include YR baseline, Y1 Phonics Screening, Speech Link, Language Link, accelerated reader and SATs.

These tools are used to see if students are increasing their skill level in key areas. If a child is working at a pre-key stage level, we will assess the child's progress using a pre-key stage assessment at the end of each key stage. If children are working below year group expectations, we will use a tracking document called 21 steps which is recommended by

STLS. This will enable us to track the smaller steps of progress that the child is making and plan for next steps accordingly. Parents will be kept informed about their child's progress through parents' evenings which are held throughout the school year and additional meetings, if necessary.

If these assessments do not show adequate progress is being made, the SEND personalised plan will be reviewed and adjusted. These personalised plans are reviewed at least three times per year, with parents. Parents are encouraged to play an active role in creating the initial plans with the SENCO and reviewing plans thereafter.

At all times teachers and support staff who work closely with the pupil will be made aware of their needs, provision plan outcomes, key strategies, provision and approaches to support them throughout the school day. Any changes to provision will be communicated in a timely manner through the school's SEN protocols and processes as set out in the SEN Information Report.

This policy and SEN Information Report will be reviewed by Fiona Roberts (SENCO) and Jaclyn Kay (Head of School) every year. It will also be updated to reflect any changes to the information or statutory policy.

The policy will be approved by the governing body and available to read and refer to on the school's website.

10. Complaints about SEND Provision

We encourage parents to discuss their concerns with the class teacher initially and then the SENCO or a member of the Senior Leadership Team to resolve the issue before making a formal complaint. Please read our complaints policy in full, this can be found on the school website or you can request a copy via the school office.

If the complaint is not resolved after it has been considered by the governing body, then a disagreement resolution service or mediation service can be contracted. If it remains unresolved after this, the complainant can appeal to the First-tier Tribunal (Special Educational Needs and Disability), if the case refers to disability discrimination, or to the Secretary of State for all other cases.

There are some circumstances, usually for children who have an Educational, Health Care Plan, where there is a statutory right for parents to appeal against the decision of the Local Authority. Complaints which fall within this category cannot be investigated by the school.

To see a full explanation of suitable avenues for complaint, pages 246 and 247 of the SEND Code of Practice [SEND Code of Practice](#)

10. Glossary and SEND Acronyms

- **Access arrangements** – special arrangements to allow pupils with SEND to access assessments or exams
- **Annual review** – an annual meeting to review the provision in a pupil's EHC plan
- **Area of need** – the 4 areas of need describe different types of needs a pupil with SEND can have. The 4 areas are communication and interaction; cognition and learning; physical and/or sensory; and social, emotional and mental health needs.
- **EHC needs assessment** – the needs assessment is the first step on the way to securing an EHC plan. The local authority will do an assessment to decide whether a child needs an EHC plan.
- **EHC plan** – an education, health and care plan is a legally-binding document that sets out a child's needs and the provision that will be put in place to meet their needs.
- **First-tier tribunal/SEND tribunal** – a court where you can appeal against the local authority's decisions about EHC needs assessments or plans and against discrimination by a school or local authority due to SEND
- **Graduated approach** – an approach to providing SEND support in which the school provides support in successive cycles of assessing the pupil's needs, planning the provision, implementing the plan, and reviewing the impact of the action on the pupil
- **Intervention** – a short-term, targeted approach to teaching a pupil with a specific outcome in mind
- **Local offer** – information provided by the local authority which explains what services and support are on offer for pupils with SEND in the local area
- **Outcome** – target for improvement for pupils with SEND. These targets do not necessarily have to be related to academic attainment
- **Reasonable adjustments** – changes that the school must make to remove or reduce any disadvantages caused by a child's disability
- **SENCO** – the special educational needs co-ordinator
- **SEN** – special educational needs
- **SEND** – special educational needs and disabilities
- **SEND Code of Practice** – the statutory guidance that schools must follow to support pupils with SEND
- **SEND information report** – a report that schools must publish on their website, that explains how the school supports pupils with SEND
- **SEND support** – special educational provision which meets the needs of pupils with SEND
- **Transition** – when a pupil moves between years, phases, schools or institutions or life stages