

# SEN Policy



**CROWN HILLS  
COMMUNITY COLLEGE**  
*A Specialist Sports College*



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Policy Document

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## Compliance.

This policy complies with the statutory requirement laid out in the SEND Code of Practice 0-25 (September 2014) 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. Sept. 2014
- Schools SEN Information Report Regulations (2014) [www.sendgateway.org.uk](http://www.sendgateway.org.uk)
- Statutory guidance on supporting pupils at school with medical conditions, April 2014.
- The National Curriculum in England Key Stage 3 and 4.
- Safeguarding Policy
- Accessibility Plan
- Teachers Standards 2012

## Section 1.

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Qualified Teacher Status, August 2003.

PGCert. The Philosophy and Practice of Nurture Groups. August 2009.

PGCert. SENDCo National Award. August 2012.

Certificate of Competence in Educational Testing and Access Arrangements. May 2016.

National Professional Qualification for Middle Leaders, 2019.

The SENDCo is not a member of SLT. The SENDCo works closely Miss A Wright, the SLT link for SEND.

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Crown Hills College is an inclusive school. We value each student as an individual, and strive to deliver the best possible outcomes for each and every student, reflecting the Code of Practice.

*'Every teacher is a teacher of every young person, including those with SEND.'* SEND Code of Practice, 2014.

The SEND policy relates to the following policies in school:

- Anti-bullying policy
- Equality policy
- E safety Policy
- Safeguarding: Child protection policy
- Health and safety policy- documents for personal emergency evacuation procedures and for manual handling are produced for specific students where appropriate.
- Data Protection Policy
- Exams access arrangements policy and Word processing policy

## **Section 2.**

### **Aim.**

The Aim of the SEND department is to raise aspirations and expectations for all pupils with SEND. We aim to provide a whole school focus on outcomes for young people with SEND, to provide the best opportunities for transition into adulthood.

### **Objectives:**

- To identify and provide for pupils who have special educational needs and additional needs.
- To work within the guidance provided in the SEND Code of Practice, 2014.
- To operate a 'whole student, whole school' approach to the management and provision of support for Special Educational Needs.
- To provide a Special Educational Needs and Disability Co-ordinator, SENDCo, who will work within the SEN Inclusion Policy.
- To provide support and advice for all staff working with SEN students.

## **Section 3: Identifying Special Educational Needs.**

### **Categories of SEND:**

**The SEND Code of Practice identifies four broad categories of need:**

#### **Communication and interaction**

Children and young people with speech, language and communication needs (SLCN) have difficulty in communicating with others. This may be because they have difficulty saying what they want to, understanding what is being said to them or they do not understand or use social rules of communication. The profile for every child with SLCN is different and their needs may change over time. They may have difficulty with one, some or all of the different aspects of speech, language or social communication at different times of their lives.

Children and young people with ASD, including Asperger's Syndrome and Autism, are likely to have particular difficulties with social interaction. They may also experience difficulties with language, communication and imagination, which can impact on how they relate to others.

#### **Cognition and learning**

Support for learning difficulties may be required when children and young people learn at a slower pace than their peers, even with appropriate differentiation. Learning difficulties cover a wide range of needs, including moderate learning difficulties (MLD), severe learning difficulties (SLD), where children are likely to need support in all areas of the curriculum and associated difficulties

with mobility and communication, through to profound and multiple learning difficulties (PMLD), where children are likely to have severe and complex learning difficulties as well as a physical disability or sensory impairment.

Specific learning difficulties (SpLD), affect one or more specific aspects of learning. This encompasses a range of conditions such as dyslexia, dyscalculia and dyspraxia.

### **Social, emotional and mental health difficulties**

Children and young people may experience a wide range of social and emotional difficulties which manifest themselves in many ways. These may include becoming withdrawn or isolated, as well as displaying challenging, disruptive or disturbing behaviour. These behaviours may reflect underlying mental health difficulties such as anxiety or depression, self-harming, substance misuse, eating disorders or physical symptoms that are medically unexplained. Other children and young people may have disorders such as attention deficit disorder, attention deficit hyperactive disorder or attachment disorder.

Schools and colleges should have clear processes to support children and young people, including how they will manage the effect of any disruptive behaviour so it does not adversely affect other pupils. The Department for Education publishes guidance on managing pupils' mental health and behaviour difficulties in schools.

### **Sensory and/or physical needs**

Some children and young people require special educational provision because they have a disability which prevents or hinders them from making use of the educational facilities generally provided. These difficulties can be age related and may fluctuate over time. Many children and young people with vision impairment (VI), hearing impairment (HI) or a multi-sensory impairment (MSI) will require specialist support and/or equipment to access their learning, or habilitation support. Children and young people with an MSI have a combination of vision and hearing difficulties. Information on how to provide services for deafblind children and young people is available through the Social Care for Deafblind Children and Adults guidance published by the Department of Health.

Some children and young people with a physical disability (PD) require additional ongoing support and equipment to access all the opportunities available to their peers.

These four categories give an overview of the range of needs to be planned for. The purpose of identification is to work out what action the school needs to take, not to fit a young person into a category. It is important to consider the needs of the whole child as an individual.

A young person who is making slow progress, or who has low attainment may not be SEND.

There are a number of other factors to consider that may impact on progress and attainment:

- Disability (the Code of Practice outlines the 'reasonable adjustment' duty for all settings provided under current Disability Equality legislation- these alone do not constitute SEND).
- Attendance and punctuality
- Health and welfare
- EAL (English as an Additional Language)
- Being in receipt of Pupil premium grant
- Being a Looked After Child
- Being a child of a Service man/ woman.

### **Section 4: A graduated approach to SEND support.**

Class teachers are responsible and accountable for the progress and development of students in their class. All students should receive high quality teaching, which is differentiated to meet their needs.

For a student with identified SEND:

- The SENDCo provides information and advice to teachers relating to the four categories of need. For young people with high levels of need (EHCp or outside agency involvement) a Personal Profile card will be produced.
- Targeted interventions will be taught in small groups, or on a 1:1 basis, by the SEND department. In order to ensure that support is targeted and effective we have specific entry and exit criteria for each intervention. Progress is tracked on the provision maps.
- Teaching Assistant support is deployed strategically to ensure that the needs of students are being met in the classroom. Teaching Assistants may also deliver parts of the curriculum to small groups of young people under the direction of the class teacher. We work closely with outside agencies and professionals for advice and specialist assessment. Where outside agencies are involved with a student parents will be involved in this process. We use and implement the advice and strategies provided by the outside agencies to provide appropriate support.

These include:

- Educational Psychologist
- Learning, Communication and Interaction Support team
- Vision Support Team
- Hearing Support Team
- Speech and Language Therapist
- Primary School Social, Emotional and Mental Health Team
- Leicester Partnership School

Where students continue to make inadequate progress, despite high quality teaching, the following processes will be put into place:

- Individual class teachers make adjustments within their classroom to ensure all students are making progress.
- Key strategies are identified and implemented in the classroom.
- Teachers will differentiate work for individual students.
- Teaching assistants deployed to support in the classroom may be directed by the class teacher to offer additional support.
- The teacher may raise their concerns with key members of staff, including the SENDCo.
- The SENDCo, or member of the SEND department, may observe the young person in different lessons, and may complete school-based assessments.
- Parents/ carers will be contacted to discuss concerns.

Where a decision is made to place a student on the SEND register we will follow the 'assess- plan-do- review' cycle.

## **Section 5: Managing students on the SEND register.**

### **Education, Health and Care plan/ Statement of SEN.**

Students who have undergone Statutory Assessment will have an Education, Health and Care Plan (EHCp). When a student has an EHCp, we plan to deliver the support outlined in the EHCp, to enable the young person to achieve their long and short term outcomes.

We hold an Annual Review for every student with an EHCp using a person-centred approach, and all young people and their family are involved in the Annual Review process.

Students with an EHCp receive an allocated amount of funding from the Local Authority. This is determined by their level of need. The level of funding may change as needs change. Top-up funding can be applied for in exceptional circumstances.

Families may apply for and receive a personal budget in the EHCp, and this is discussed at the Annual Review.

These are the students with the highest level of need.

### **SEND support**

- **SEND support.** Any students who are identified as SEND who do not have an EHCp. These students will receive targeted support. Most needs will be met through good quality teaching, and differentiation. Support is targeted and planned according to need. Parents will be involved in planning provision for their child. Outside agencies may be involved with students at SEND support. We may apply for top-up funding from the Local Authority where additional support is necessary.

Students with an EHCp, or additional Element 3 funding, will have a Personal Profile Cards available to all staff. These plans will be maintained by the SENDCo, but it is the responsibility of class teachers to implement strategies in their classroom.

The Local Offer sets out what schools are expected to offer for students under the four categories of SEND. It is the responsibility of the SENDCo to ensure that we meet the standards outlined by the Local Offer.

The Local Offer can be accessed at:

[families.leicester.gov.uk/send-local-offer/](https://families.leicester.gov.uk/send-local-offer/)

Additional information regarding care and support services can be found at:

[mychoice.leicester.gov.uk](https://mychoice.leicester.gov.uk)

### **Provision:**

The SENDCo coordinates provision for students on the SEND register each year group based on individual needs and data. The SEND register provides details regarding the needs of each individual. Data is included within whole school systems to ensure access to information for all staff.

The SENDCo uses data to identify students for targeted interventions, and progress is monitored closely. In order to ensure that support is targeted and effective we have specific entry and exit criteria for each intervention. Progress data for students on the SEND register is collected and analysed as part of the whole school progress reviews by class teachers. Progress data is used to inform need for differentiation, support and intervention. Strategies for each area of need are provided to all staff which align to the values and the curriculum offer at Crown Hills.

Where students on the SEND register are not making expected levels of progress over a long period of time, the SENDCo will discuss this with outside agencies and request advice or further investigation. The SENDCo holds two Joint Planning Meetings each academic year to plan for on-going support with outside agencies.

The SENDCo works closely with the pastoral year teams, safe guarding and welfare officer, behaviour manager, EAL coordinator, and Exams officer. The SENDCo contributes to whole school meetings relating to teaching, learning, and the curriculum. The SENDCo contributes to the twice weekly whole staff bulletin to staff to share up to date information relating to SEND students.

From August 2023, Crown Hills will have a Social, Emotional and Mental Health Co-ordinator for students who will work closely with the SENDCo and others, to identify and provide interventions for students with SEMH needs. All interventions are targeted and monitored to ensure that

students' needs are met effectively. Interventions include a Nurture group, a Calm Clinic, and an anxiety group. Some students will be supported on a 1:1 basis. Student progress will be shared regularly with parents/carers, with class teachers and with the Pastoral Team in order to ensure a consistent approach to the students' needs.

### **Criteria for exiting the SEND register:**

When students transfer from KS2 to KS3 we review the SEND register. In order to do this we consider assessment data and transfer information from the primary school. Where a young person does not meet the criteria for SEND, they will be removed from the SEND register in liaison with parents. Students may be removed from the SEND register at parental request. Students who have made significant amounts of progress may also be removed from the SEND register.

## **Section 6: Supporting Pupils and Families**

Parents can read the Local Offer at: <https://families.leicester.gov.uk/send-local-offer>

There is a link to this on our school website.

The SEND Information Report for Parents is also available on our website.

We work closely with outside agencies, who can offer support to students and their families:

- Statutory SEND Service
- Assessment Coordinator
- Learning, Communication and Interaction Support Team (LCI)
- Speech and Language Therapy
- Visual Support Team
- Hearing Support Team
- Social, Emotional, and Mental Health Team (Primary)
- Leicester Partnership School
- Special Educational Needs and Disability Information Advice Support Service SENDIASS
- ADHD Solutions
- Common Assessment Framework (CAF)
- Education Welfare Officer
- Child and Adolescent Mental Health Service, CAMHS
- Health Services
- Connexions

### **Admission Arrangements:**

No student will be refused a place at Crown Hills College based on their SEND. Parents, previous schools, and outside agencies will be consulted about provision. Where a student has an EHCp, the school will be consulted by the Special Education Service to consider a placement.

### **Accessing Examinations:**

We have a process of identifying students who may require examination access arrangements to be put into place. Students will be assessed by the SENDCo in year 10, and applications will be made to the Joint Council for Qualifications for students with significantly low scores. The type of access arrangement will be dependent upon individual need, which is decided by the JCQ. The SENDCo delegates the organisation of different arrangements to a team of teaching assistants, who work closely with the Exams Officer.

## Transitions:

- The start of the school day

Students arrive in school through their designated entrance. They then go to line up with their year group. They are met daily by their form tutor, Head of Year, and Assistant Head of Year. This provides an orderly start to the day. Arrangements can be made for individual students, for example those who use LA transport.

- During the school day

Crown Hills College is a very large and busy school. The corridors become very busy in between lessons. There is a bell to signal the start and end of the school day, in between lessons, and at the end of break and lunch times. Alternative arrangements can be made for vulnerable students to support them in between lessons where appropriate.

- Key Stage 2 to Key Stage 3:

The SENDCo is invited to Annual Review meetings at feeder primary schools where parents express a preference for their child to attend Crown Hills College.

Any parent with a child on the SEND register is welcome to make an appointment to visit the SENDCo to discuss provision for their child. Or a phone call or meeting can be arranged.

During the Spring Term the SENDCo will meet with the SENDCo at our feeder primary schools to gather information about students on the SEND register. The SENDCo will also meet with outside agencies where necessary.

All SEND students are involved in the whole year transition events. In addition, the SENDCo arranges extra transition visits for vulnerable groups of students in the Summer term. Appropriate support will be put into place for transition visits.

- Key Stage 3 to Key Stage 4:

The Key Stage 4 curriculum begins in year 10. All students will choose their GCSE options during year 9. We offer alternative qualifications to meet the needs of students who find accessing the whole Key Stage 4 curriculum too challenging, and we can personalise timetables where necessary. This is done in liaison with parents and the students.

All students have access to further education and careers advice through the Life Skills curriculum and the careers officer in school.

- Key Stage 4 to Key Stage 5:

All students have the opportunity to participate in a work experience placement in year 10. We also offer some bespoke careers information through the Foundation Learning curriculum.

In Key Stage 4 all students will complete an application for post-16 provision, and we can support them with this process in school. The SENDCo will provide information for the College as part of the school reference. Students with an EHCp, or who are Looked After by the Local Authority, will



have a personal adviser from Connexions. The Connexions advisor will have an individual interview with the young person and attend their transition Annual Review.

All students are given information about College Open Days. All students will be provided with information about courses that will be appropriate for them.

A young person will continue to have an EHCp until the age of 25 where they remain in Education or Training. Transition arrangements for post-16 provision will be organised on an individual basis. Annual Reviews will held at College.

### **Section 7: Supporting pupils at school with medical conditions.**

The Office Manager and school nurse have responsibility for maintaining records for young people with a medical condition. Where a medical condition impacts on learning the SENDCo will arrange for additional provision to be put into place. A young person with a medical condition may require some exam Access Arrangements to be put into place, and these must be approved by the JCQ with medical evidence provided.

The school recognises that pupils at school with medical conditions should be properly supported so that they have full access to education, including trips and visits, 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 Equalities Act 2010.

A young person with an EHCp may have medical needs outlined in the plan. Provision will be given in accordance with the plan.

### **Section 8: Monitoring and Evaluation of SEND.**

The SENDCo is part of and contributes to the whole school monitoring process. This includes lesson observations, learning walks, work scrutiny, questionnaires, student interviews and results analysis. The SENDCo meets with the SLT Line Manager on a weekly basis.

The SENDCo also meets with the SEND Governor.

### **Section 9: Training and Resources**

SEND is funded through the delegated budget, and through Element 3 funding.

Identifying training needs:

- Training to meet the needs of a specific group of students.
- Training to improve practice for all staff.
- Training to deliver and implement specific interventions.
- The SENDCo meets with all new staff, PGCE students and NQTs as part of their induction programme to discuss the systems in place for SEND provision and practice, and to discuss the needs of individual pupils.
- The SENDCo attends regular SENDCo network meetings delivered by the Local Authority in order to keep up to date with local and national updates in SEND.

- The SENDCo is a member of the Secondary SENDCo hub, and meets termly with other secondary SENDCos to discuss local issues relating to SEND.
- The SENDCo holds a weekly meeting with the team of Teaching Assistants. This time is used to develop knowledge and good practice in working with young people with SEND.

## **Section 10: Roles and Responsibilities**

The role of the SEND Governor is to have a working knowledge of the SEND department and to oversee the work done by the SEND department.

SEND Teaching Assistants: We currently have team of level 3 and level 2 teaching assistants who are directly line managed by the SENDCo. The teaching assistants support students in class and deliver specific interventions.

From August 2023, we will have two SEMH support workers who will work with the SEMHCo to support students identified with SEMH needs and to provide intervention and support.

Designated Teacher with specific responsibility for Safeguarding: Mrs K. Bishop, Mr Y Patel, Mr J Wright, Mr C Bailey, Miss A Wright and Mr M Patel. Mr F Adam, Principal, has overall responsibility for child protection and safeguarding.

Assistant Principal with responsibility for behaviour: Mr M Patel.

Teacher with responsibility for Looked After Children: Mr Y Patel, Assistant Principal.

From August 2023, we will have a LAC mentor.

Staff responsible for meeting the needs of students with medical needs: The Officer Manager.

## **Section 11: Storing and managing information**

We have a policy on Information Management and Confidentiality.

All student files are kept in lockable storage. SEND information is only shared with outside agencies with parental consent. Students sign a data protection form to enable us to share information to apply for exam Access Arrangements.

Data is stored and destroyed according to our Data Protection Policy.

Student SEND records are maintained until the young person turns 30 years old. These are stored electronically, and are automatically deleted.

## **Section 12: Reviewing the policy**

This policy is effective from 1<sup>st</sup> September 2014.

The policy will be updated annually.

## **Section 13: Accessibility**

- We have an up to date accessibility plan.

- We identify barriers to learning through advice from outside agencies, and information from parents.
- Where adjustments are required for the learning environment, teachers are informed through Personal Profile Cards produced by the SENDCo.
- We promote inclusion of all students in all areas of the curriculum. After school clubs are open to all students. All students are able to attend educational trips and visits. To ensure this we ensure that travel arrangements are suitable, and the adult: student ratio is increased. All students are covered by the health and safety risk assessment.
- In order to ensure that all students have equal access to the school physical environment we have specialist equipment and furniture in school. Lift access can be provided to students who have a difficulty in accessing the stairs. Different arrangements can be made for accessing the dining room.
- Alternative arrangements can be put in place to support students during break and lunch times if required.
- Modified resources and materials can be provided for individuals.
- Resources can be modified for students with a visual impairment through the Visual Support Service where sufficient time is provided.
- Touch Typing is arranged for specific students.
- The ICT support team can personalise the computer screen for an individual.
- Timetables can be coloured coded, or visual timetables can be produced.
- Additional resources and materials can be purchased for an individual where appropriate.
- Additional resources for students with sensory impairments can be provided by appropriate support services.
- Developments in ICT equipment and software enable us to investigate different ways to access learning in different ways.

Where parents wish to contact staff to discuss any areas relating to accessibility they should contact the main office at Crown Hills College.

#### **Section 14: Dealing with complaints**

We have an up to date complaints policy.

If there are any complaints relating to the provision for pupils with SEND, these should be dealt with by the Principal in the first instance. The Chair of Governors may be involved if necessary. In the case of any unresolved complaint the Local Authority may be involved.

#### **Section 15: Bullying**

The school has an anti-bullying policy.

Bullying is reported to the Head of Year and Assistant Head of year who will deal with incidents in the first instance.

The whole school is involved in anti-bullying week to educate students about bullying. We can provide bespoke information relating to students with SEND where necessary.

A supervised lunch club for vulnerable students is available daily, this forms part of our lunch time duty rota.

Specific interventions can be delivered to promote the anti-bullying ethos and to create peer support networks, especially for young people with recognised SEND.

This policy has been written in conjunction with the college's Equality and Diversity policy (Equality Act 2010)

