

CALSHOT PRIMARY SCHOOL

Inclusion Policy



'At Calshot we aim to provide the highest quality of learning and care for ALL children in a safe and enjoyable environment, nurturing personal values, in partnership with parents, carers and the wider community. We expect everyone in our school to strive to achieve their full potential.'

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School Aims and Implementation

Calshot Primary School aims to enable all children the opportunity to achieve their best academically, emotionally and socially through:

- Providing high quality learning to enable children to acquire the skills, knowledge and concepts relevant to their future;
- Promoting an ethos of care, mutual respect and support, where effort is valued and success celebrated;
- Enabling children to become active, responsible and caring members of the school and wider community.

The school works towards these aims by:

- Promoting high quality learning and exceptional attainment;
- Providing high quality curriculum entitlement and a high-quality learning environment;

Introduction

'Inclusion is seen to involve the identification and minimising of barriers to learning and participation, and the maximising of resources to support learning participation'

Index for Inclusion - Booth and Ainscow 2000

- Successful inclusion should result in every pupil feeling safe, confident and happy at school. Successful inclusion should see every pupil making the best progress of which they are able and enjoying their time at school - be that in lessons, during their play or lunchtimes or when involved in any of our extended school activities. Successful inclusion should promote every child's belief in themselves as a learner and valued member of our school community.
- Successful inclusive provision at Calshot Primary School is seen as the responsibility of the whole school community, permeating all aspects of school life and applicable to all our pupils.

Meeting Diverse Needs

At Calshot Primary School we recognise that in order to achieve the School Aims we must actively seek to recognise and meet the very diverse needs of our pupils by:

- Monitoring the achievement and well-being of all our pupils and the quality/nature of the learning opportunities they are offered.
- Tracking each child's academic, social and emotional progress and using the resulting knowledge to plan provision for the individual or groups of pupils.
- Correctly identifying and then seeking to overcome potential barriers to pupils' learning or their full participation in school life.
- Developing and deploying our resources to best reflect the various levels of need experienced by pupils.
- Taking care to ensure that vulnerable pupils, including those with additional or Special Educational Need or Disabilities are appropriately supported.

- Sharing any concerns we may have regarding a child with their parents or carers and then seeking to work together with them, for the good of the child.
- Liaising closely with professionals from other Children's Services or Health agencies involved in the care and support of pupils.
- Providing teaching and non-teaching staff with the support and training they need in order that their work promotes the best outcomes for each child.

Potentially vulnerable groups

There are a number of identified groups of pupils and families for whom this policy is particularly pertinent:

- Pupils with Special Educational Needs or Disabilities (SEND)
- Pupils whose home language is not English (EAL)
- Pupils who are Gifted, Able and/or talented (GAT)
- Pupils with physical or sensory impairments
- Pupils whose families may be Asylum Seekers or Refugees
- Pupils from Traveller families
- Pupils who might be subject to abuse or harassment, for whatever reason
- Pupils under the care of Social Services or pupils who may be in public care, or living with foster families
- Pupils who are young carers
- Pupils whose family are in crisis or under great stress
- Pupils at risk of significant harm
- Pupils with poor attendance
- Pupils who are at risk of disaffection and exclusion from school.

Promote and support inclusion

Responsibility for making Calshot Primary a truly inclusive school lies with the Head Teacher, Senior Leaders and the Governing Body of the School.

We aim to promote Inclusion at Calshot Primary through all of our policies, systems and practices.

School Leaders at all levels; including Governors, Head teacher and Deputy, and Subject Leaders, are responsible for ensuring that the curriculum; in its narrow and broadest senses, is personalised to match the needs of the pupils who attend the School.

The School currently uses the National Curriculum (2014), New Early Years Framework, Birmingham Local Authority Religious Education Scheme of Work, to support the staff, at all levels, in planning the formal curriculum. Literacy and Numeracy ITP's (Individual Teaching Plans) are used to monitor children with cognition and learning needs.

The School has a curriculum overview which is used by teachers to plan appropriate, differentiated activities for all pupils. This would include staff ensuring appropriate thematic links are made and developing learning to match individual needs.

School Leaders also ensure that the principles of Inclusion are applied to all activities which pupils engage in at school or on Educational Visits; this includes the variety of extended school activities that are offered, including break and lunchtime activities.

All members of the School Community are expected and encouraged to adopt behaviours which support the School's Inclusive ethos within both the explicit and hidden curriculum.

Special Educational Needs and Disability Co-ordinator (SENDCo)

The school has a SENDCo who takes the leading role in co-ordinating support and provision for children who are targeted or require specialist Special Educational Needs or Disabilities (SEND) provision; including support from outside agencies.

The SENDCo monitors, advises, evaluates and plans for the development of inclusive practice and provision for targeted or SEND pupils across the school.

Phase Leaders

The school has four Phase Leaders; for Nursery and Reception, Keys Stage 1, Lower Key Stage 2 and Upper Key Stage 2; who support the class teachers and SENDCo in providing the effective operational delivery of focused interventions in their particular phase.

Class Teachers

All pupils at Calshot Primary spend the majority of lesson times being taught alongside their class mates in their class base. Class teachers take the lead role in managing and creating the classroom environment.

Teachers have overall responsibility for the planning and delivery of lessons to their class. Teachers seek to provide pupils with learning opportunities which will allow all the pupils to access the subject taught, encounter appropriate challenge and promote progress. This differentiation is evidenced in their lesson plans though individual pupils may have targets particular to their own specific needs in certain areas or aspects of the curriculum. Such additional or different provision and its outcomes are recorded by the teacher by means of a School Support Plan. Parents are informed by their child's teacher of any additional or different provision being made for their child.

Teachers take the lead role in monitoring the attainment, learning, behaviour and well-being of pupils in their class.

Class teachers have a pivotal role to play in achieving positive and supportive relationships with and between pupils. Class teachers are central to successful liaison with parents and colleagues.

Teaching Assistants

Teaching Assistants (T/As) work with individual or groups of pupils during lessons to support pupils' learning and promote their well-being. The work of a T/A is directed by the teacher during lessons.

Advice and training for specific work or duties may also come from an outside specialist, for example - a Speech and Language Therapist or they may be directed by other teaching staff within the school, for example the Deputy Head Teacher, English Lead or SENDCo

To address very specific needs, pupils may be withdrawn for short periods during class times to work individually. Alternatively some work may occur alongside others within a small group, when the need is common to all.

In order to best utilise their support for pupils' learning, the deployment of Teaching Assistants within the school is strategically managed by Senior Leaders in consultation with Phase Leaders and Class Teachers.

Special Educational Needs or Disabilities (SEND)

A child or young person has special educational needs if he or she has 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 or disability if he or she—

- i. has a significantly greater difficulty in learning than the majority of others of the same age, or
- ii. 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 or mainstream post-16 institutions.

A child or young person does not have a learning difficulty or disability solely because the language (or form of language) in which he or she is or will be taught is different from a language (or form of language) which is or has been spoken at home.' (Child and Families Act 2014 s20)

Identification of Special Educational Needs or Disabilities.

Identification of SEND may have occurred prior to a pupil's enrolment at school. If this is the case then school will seek appropriate advice and support from the relevant school and external agencies. This then informs the provision that is put in place for the pupil at Calshot Primary School

When a concern is evident the class teacher or SENDCo will liaise with parents/carers to ensure all are aware and can plan the best ways forward together. This may involve the teacher adapting certain aspects of their classroom practice or requesting that the parent/carer seek the advice of the GP. Should standard provision not suffice to overcome the concern and a significant and/or persistent difficulty remains apparent, the pupil will be deemed as having Special Education Needs.

Upon identification of such difficulties the school will seek to put in place additional educational provision. This may be long or short-term dependent upon the nature of the special need and the progress made by the pupil.

There are four broad areas that give an overview of the difficulties a pupil may have. However it is important to note that a pupil's needs may cross one or more of the following:

- Communication and interaction
- Cognition and learning

- Social, emotional and mental health difficulties
- Sensory and/or physical needs

The SEN Code of Practice (2014) describes a 'graduated response' to identifying and removing barriers to learning in order to put effective special education provision in place

The kinds of interventions within this 'graduated response' are as follows:

- a) Universal - Known as OAG (Ordinarily Available Guidance) in Birmingham. All pupils will benefit from:
 - High quality learning through the provision of high quality teaching; both formal and informal.
 - Formal learning and teaching that is differentiated to need and enables the vast majority of pupils to make good or better progress.
 - On-going and timely assessments which inform any further provision needed.
- b) Targeted Support - Some pupils may benefit from:
 - Small-group intervention for pupils who may be expected to 'catch up' with their peers as a result of the intervention.
 - Interventions where progress is monitored by the HT, DHT, SENCO, Class teacher and the adult leading the intervention through the school tracking system. If a pupil has not made the required progress then the appropriate referral will be made to outside professional support (see below).
- c) Specialist Support - A few pupils may benefit:
 - Specific targeted intervention for individuals. These pupils may have specific and/or exceptional needs that require the support from outside professionals. We will then incorporate appropriate advice and recommendations into any education plans for the pupil.

Outside Agencies who help us achieve inclusive practice and meet specific needs

In achieving provision which will meet the wide range of pupils' differing needs at Calshot Primary School, we are supported by a number of specialised health or educational bodies.

Those agencies most commonly involved in supporting pupils are:

Health

The Speech and Language Therapy Service to Schools (SALTs)

The Occupational Health Therapy Service for Pupils (OTs)

The School Nursing Service/ Compass Mental Health Team (NHS)

Language, Learning and Strategic Support Service (LLSS)

The Educational Psychology Service (EPS)

The Behaviour Support Team (BST)

The Communication and Language Team (CAT)

Services for the Hearing or Visually Impaired

Dyslexia Team

Physical Support Team (PST)

Before making a referral to a specialised service the school consults with parents or carers. An exception to this practice occurs when the school has information which indicates that a pupil may be at risk of harm. In such circumstance we undertake our statutory duty by making a referral to the Children and Young People's Services.

The school then takes instruction from that team on how to proceed - whether to make a Child Protection referral and whether to inform parents/carers of that referral.

In a minority of cases and only when a pupil presents with needs which are so 'exceptional' as to necessitate a very high level of additional support, the school will make representation to the Local Authority to apply for an EHC plan (education, health and care) or SSPP (SEND Support Provision Plans).

Subject to Annual Review, the funding is awarded to the school on behalf of the pupil to meet the costs of the necessary additional provision for the pupil.

Parents/carers and the pupil (as appropriate) are invited to each Annual Review meeting to discuss their pupil's progress and the support which they receive. The SENCO and Class Teacher attend this meeting and we invite all professionals involved in supporting the pupil.

The SENCO takes the leading role in securing, reviewing and managing provision for pupils who have exceptional needs.

The majority of SEN pupils will have their needs met through mainstream provision.

Parents are entitled to ask the Local Authority to conduct an Education, Health and Care (EHC) needs assessment. If it is felt that this is necessary the LA will follow the statutory guidelines and produce a EHCP Plan.

SENDCo

Is responsible for:

Liaising with class teachers and those leading interventions to ensure pupils transfer learning from interventions into their learning in class.

Monitoring interventions and support their delivery.

Monitoring school support plans and contributing to evaluations and the development of new ones.

Sharing good practice and expertise amongst other staff.

English as an Additional Language (EAL)

Definition and Rationale

- The term EAL (English as an Additional Language) is used to refer to pupils whose main language at home is other than English.

EAL pupils, from complete beginners to those with considerable fluency, will have varying degrees of difficulty in accessing the full curriculum and in achieving their full potential.

Research has shown that those new to English will acquire conversational fluency in two years, but will need a minimum of five years to achieve competence in academic English. Such pupils will need language support if they are to reach their full potential.

Therefore our main aim is for all EAL pupils to become confident in speaking, listening, reading and writing to enable them to access the curriculum and communicate effectively with their peers and other adults.

The provision of this support fulfils the requirements of the Race Relations Act of 1976 which seeks to promote Equality of Opportunity and to eliminate discrimination in the provision of education.

Provision for EAL pupils

Ensuring good EAL practices throughout the school.

Ensuring appropriate resources are available for staff and EAL pupils.

Liaising and sharing monitoring with EAL TA.

Liaising with TA to ensure that mid-phase admission EAL pupils are identified in a timely way.

Gifted, Able and Talented

Gifted pupils

Gifted refers to students who achieve, or have the ability to achieve, significantly above average in one or more of the National Curriculum subjects other than art, performing arts or physical education.

Able pupils

'Able pupils' refers to students who achieve, or have the ability to achieve, above average in one or more of the National Curriculum subjects.

Talented pupils

Talented refers to those students who achieve, or have the ability to achieve, significantly above average in art, performing arts, physical education or in areas requiring visual-spatial skills or practical abilities (these could include a range of non-traditional areas).

- Identification

We use a range of strategies to identify more able and very able pupils. The identification process is on-going and begins when the pupil joins our school and involves staff, pupils, parents and carers.

Data taken into account will include:

- Information from parents and carers
- Information from previous teachers or pre-school records
- Discussions with pupils
- Identification by staff using professional judgements, classwork and test and assessment results.

Pupils gifted in English may be identified when they

- Demonstrate high levels of fluency and originality in their conversation.
- Use research skills effectively to synthesise information
- Enjoy reading and respond to a range of texts at an advanced level
- Use a wide vocabulary and enjoy working with words
- See issues from a range of perspectives

- Possess a creative and productive mind and use advanced skills when engaged in discussion
- Work confidently on objectives for year groups higher than their own
- Achieve levels in end of year tests above those expected for their year group.

Pupils gifted in Mathematics may be identified when they

- Explore a range of strategies for solving a problem
- Are naturally curious when working with numbers and investigating problems
- See solutions quickly without needing to try a range of options
- Look beyond the question in order to hypothesise and explain
- Work flexibly and establish their own strategies
- Enjoy manipulating numbers in a variety of ways
- Work confidently on objectives for year groups higher than their own

Teaching, Learning Curriculum and Organisation

As appropriate, teachers will provide differentiated activities and a range of support and resources for gifted and talented pupils.

Ongoing assessment against year group objectives and National Curriculum Levels are maintained and used formatively to set new curriculum targets for individuals so that they can achieve at the highest level and always aim to make further progress. Pupils are involved in this process.

In addition and especially at the end of Key Stages, extension activities that are more demanding of their abilities or enrichment activities that provide new and different ways of working will be provided.

Opportunities for Gifted, Able and Talented pupils to work on various projects.

If appropriate teachers would approach local secondary schools for resources and or advice to support pupils.

Staff Development and Training

The school makes use of local staff training and whenever possible staff to attend local courses and conferences.

-. Leadership and Management

The Head teacher and Governors will monitor the effectiveness of this policy on a regular basis.

Policy ratified in Full Governing Body meeting

