

Etone College

Special Educational Needs and Disability (SEND) Information Report

A child or young person has SEND if they have a learning 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:

- 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 or post-16 institutions

Guiding Principles:

Section 19 of the Children and Families Act 2014 makes clear that local authorities, in carrying out their functions under the Act in relation to disabled children and young people and those with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND), **must** have regard to:

- the views, wishes and feelings of the child or young person, and the child's parents, participating as fully as possible in decisions, and being provided with the information and support necessary to enable participation in those decisions
- the need to support the child or young person, and the child's parents/carers in order to facilitate the development of the child or young person and to help them achieve the best possible educational and other outcomes, preparing them effectively for adulthood

Admission arrangements for SEND pupils

Etone College provides a broad and balanced curriculum for pupils of all abilities. Whatever their ability, each child is encouraged to reach their potential. Recognising that some pupils require additional support, there is a range of support on offer to match each child's needs.

Pupils are admitted to Etone College at the age of 11 without reference to ability, race, aptitude or religion. The school's admission criteria (as set out in the Etone College Admissions Policy) is applied to all applications from the parents/carers of pupils with special educational needs and/or disability.

SEND Specialisms:

Etone College has three disabled toilets, located both on the main site and in the Sixth Form building. There is a lift in the Express and Sixth Form buildings. However, there are no other lifts in buildings, where lessons may be taught on two floors. Where a pupil may need access

arrangements this is considered in liaison with the Headteacher to support individual requirements.

Roles and Responsibilities:

Provision for pupils with SEND is a matter for the school as a whole. All members of staff have an important role as part of this process.

The **Governing Body**, in co-operation with the Headteacher, determines the school's policy and approach for pupils with SEND, establishes the appropriate staffing and funding arrangements and has oversight of the school's work.

The **Headteacher** has responsibility for the day-to-day management of all aspects of the school's work, including provision for all children with SEND. The Headteacher keeps the governing body fully informed and also works closely with the school's SEND team.

The **Special Educational Needs and Disabilities Co-ordinator** (SENDCO) works closely with the **SEND team**, Leadership and fellow teachers to plan the strategic development of the SEND policy and provision. The SEND team has responsibility for the day to day operation of the school's SEND policy and for coordinating provision for pupils with SEND, particularly through the *Wave 2* and *Wave 3* provisions (see appendix). The SEND policy is available on the school's website.

All teaching and support staff are fully aware of the school's procedures for identifying, assessing and making provision for pupils with SEND. All teachers are responsible for planning an inclusive curriculum and acting as the primary source of support for pupils with SEND. All teaching staff and **Teaching Assistants** (TAs) have training throughout the year on how to provide a wide curriculum and how to meet the learning and social needs of SEND pupils.

Arrangements for coordinating the provision of education for SEND pupils:

The SENDCO co-ordinates the work of the SEND team and that of external support services. The SENDCO takes the lead in the strategic development of the school's SEND policy and provision to meet the needs of SEND pupils.

The SEND Team undertakes the co-ordination of provision for SEND pupils. Each pupil at Wave 3 is allocated a lead Learning Support Assistant.

The identification and assessment of SEND pupils:

Etone College will admit pupils who have already been identified as having special educational needs and or a disability. A pupil may have been identified by their primary school as having SEND. The SENDCO will facilitate liaison between a pupil's primary school and the SEND team so that the pupil's SEND can be identified and discussed. This allows for

early intervention to be planned for in order to achieve a smooth and successful transition for SEND pupils.

Etone College is aware that any pupil admitted to Year 7 may have unidentified special educational needs and/or a disability, that children's special educational needs and disability may change over time and that the period of transfer and adjustment to a new school, which is crucial to all pupils, may hold a particular challenge for a pupil with special educational needs and or disability. To assist in the identification of SEND pupils, the school will assess all pupils' current levels of attainment on entry, using screening test results.

The process of transition between key stages is supported by the SEND team. From year 9 onwards, all SEND pupils are provided with a careers interview. Where appropriate, at the point of transition from key stage 4 to 5 or beyond to Further Education, the SEND team takes an active role in liaising with the learning establishment to which a SEND pupil moves.

At each transition point, pupils are guided by the SEND Department to support their academic progression and ambitions and prepare them for adulthood.

Assessment occurs throughout a pupil's time at Etone College, with their progress being measured by reference to:

- evidence from teacher observation and assessment
- a pupil's performance against the level descriptions within the National Curriculum at the end of a key stage
- standardised screening or assessment tools.

All teachers are responsible for referring a pupil to the SEND Team if they are concerned about a lack of progress. Intervention must first be made within departments. This is called *Wave 1 intervention* (see appendix)

Etone College is also responsive to expressions of concern about progress from parents, pupils and other professionals and will investigate all such referrals.

The curriculum for SEND pupils:

Etone College recognises its responsibility to provide all pupils with a broad and balanced curriculum by:

- setting suitable learning challenges
- responding to pupils' diverse learning needs
- overcoming potential barriers to learning and assessment for individuals and groups of pupils.

Extra-curricular provision for pupils with SEND

Etone College provides various opportunities outside school hours for SEND pupils, including Handwriting Club, Dyslexia Club and Spelling Club. This information is available to view on the website and is identified on the Extra Curricular Activities leaflet. In addition, access arrangements and staffing of school visits are carefully considered as part of the planning procedure to support SEND pupils.

Support for improving a child's emotional and social development:

At Etone College, all pupils are placed in a House to ensure their pastoral care. Within this pastoral care system, pupils receive support and guidance from a Form Tutor, whom they see each day, and a Head of House, who oversees their holistic care and academic progress. All children, including those with SEND, have the opportunity to join the school council and undertake a range of ambassadorial roles in and around school. Extra pastoral support programs are available for pupils to improve social and emotional development which are provided under Wave 2 (see appendix). Etone College is a 'telling school' where all pupils are expected, encouraged and supported to report any incidents of concern including bullying.

A graduated response to SEND:

The special educational needs and disability provision at Etone College is designed to help pupils to become independent learners. The school has adopted the model described in the Special Educational Needs and Disability Code of Practice 2014: 0-25 years (last updated May 2015).

There are three levels of intervention *Waves 1, 2 and 3* (see appendix).

Wave 1 (formerly School Action S.A.):

These pupils are supported within lessons and departments. Interventions that may be used are provided in the appendix.

If it is thought that a pupil may need further support to help them progress, then a teacher should inform their Director of Learning and the SEND Team.

The SEND team will then undertake a further assessment of the pupil's individual learning needs and consult parents/carers. If it is concluded that the pupil does require additional support to help his/her progress, then they will have opportunities for specific interventions, which may result in the pupil being moved to Wave 2.

Wave 2 (formerly School Action Plus S.A. +):

Wave 2 will be suitable for pupils who are still not progressing at Wave 1 or who have had intervention from agencies outside of school. Pupils at Wave 2 will have an “All About Me” document issued to staff.

Although developed with the help of outside specialists, the strategies to support the learning of Wave 2 pupils will be implemented as far as possible in the normal classroom setting. Please see the appendix for the interventions available at this stage.

Wave 3 Educational, Health and Care Plan (EHCP):

Pupils may not make adequate progress despite the help given through Wave 1 and 2. In these circumstances, the SENDCO, in consultation with the pupil, parents and any external agencies already involved, will consider whether to ask the Local Authority to initiate an assessment for an Education Health and Care Plan (EHCP).

Annual review of an EHC Plan:

Pupils will have an annual review of their EHC Plan. Pupils will be monitored through data tracking and an interim meeting throughout each year.

Complaints Procedures:

Etone College aims to work in partnership with parents/carers of children with special educational needs and/or disability and thereby avoid disputes. All complaints from parents of pupils with special educational needs and/or disability concerning the provision made at the school will be taken seriously and we will seek to resolve them amicably.

SENDCO Contact Details:

The SENDCO for Etone College is Mrs K Smith. She can be contacted at Etone College, Leicester Road, Nuneaton, CV11 6AA.

SEND Governor:

The SEND Governor for Etone College is Mr C Atkins. He can be contacted at Etone College, Leicester Road, Nuneaton, CV11 6AA.

Helpful Information:

The Local Authority offer can be found on the Warwickshire Local Authority website:
<https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/send>

SENDIAS:

Special Educational Needs and Disabilities Information Advice and Support Service or SENDIASS is a free, confidential and impartial service for parents and carers, children and young people (up to 25 years).

<https://www.kids.org.uk/warwickshire-sendias-front-page>