

Role Profile: SENCO/Teacher
Reporting to: Principal/Head of School
Responsible for: n/a

Important Functional Relationships:

Internal - Staff within Wave Mat Academy; Staff within the Academy

External - Headteachers and other school-based staff; Pupils and their Parents/Carers; FE Colleges and other Outside Providers; Other outside agencies, both statutory and non-statutory; Professional, Administrative and Clerical staff within Children, Schools and Families; Staff within other Council departments. Local residents/ community

Our Values:

- **Teamwork**

We recognise that when we work together effectively we are stronger and more consistent.

- **Empathy**

Consider the consequences of my decisions, large and small on those around me.

- **Inclusivity**

Everybody is treated fairly and equally no one is marginalised or left behind.

- **Respect**

We will ensure that we have due regard for the feelings, wishes, or rights of others in every action we take.

- **Positive**

It is our intention to stay constructive, optimistic and confident both for and with our young people and their families.

We believe that the values that we embody in Wave MAT empower young people to succeed, these are the values we are looking for when we seek new staff.

Main purpose

The SENCO, under the direction of the Principal, will:

- Determine the strategic development of special educational needs (SEN) policy and provision in the school
- Be responsible for day-to-day operation of the SEN policy and co-ordination of specific provision to support individual pupils with SEN or a disability
- Provide professional guidance to colleagues, working closely with staff, parents and other agencies
- The SENCO will also be expected to fulfil the professional responsibilities of a teacher



- Will practice and embed Wave values in all they do

Duties and responsibilities

Strategic development of SEN policy and provision

- Have a strategic overview of provision for pupils with SEN or a disability across the school, monitoring and reviewing the quality of provision
- Contribute to school self-evaluation, particularly with respect to provision for pupils with SEN or a disability
- Ensure the SEN policy is put into practice, and that the objectives of this policy are reflected in the school improvement plan
- Maintain an up-to-date knowledge of national and local initiatives which may affect the school's policy and practice
- Evaluate whether funding is being used effectively, and propose changes to make use of funding more effective
- Work collaboratively with other SENCO's within the Trust

Operation of the SEN policy and co-ordination of provision

- Maintain an accurate SEND register and provision map
- Provide guidance to colleagues on teaching pupils with SEN or a disability, and advise on the graduated approach to SEN support
- Advise on the use of the school's budget and other resources to meet pupils' needs effectively, including staff deployment
- Be aware of the provision in the local offer
- Work with early years' providers, other schools, health and social care professionals, and other external agencies
- Be a key point of contact for external agencies, especially the local authority
- Analyse assessment data for pupils with SEN or a disability
- Implement and lead intervention groups for pupils with SEN, and evaluate their effectiveness

Support for pupils with SEN or a disability

- Identify a pupil's SEND needs
- Co-ordinate provision that meets the pupil's needs, and monitor its effectiveness
- Secure relevant services for the pupil
- Ensure records are maintained and kept up to date



- Manage the Annual Review process, ensuring all stakeholders are heard
- Review the education, health and care plan with parents or carers, the pupil and relevant stakeholders, ensuring targets are pertinent, purposeful and achievable
- Communicate regularly with parents or carers
- Ensure that if the pupil transfers to another school, all relevant information is conveyed to it, and support a smooth transition for the pupil
- Promote the pupil's inclusion in the school community and access to the curriculum, facilities and extra-curricular activities
- Work with the designated teacher for looked-after children, where a looked-after pupil has SEN or a disability (where the SENCo is not the Designated Teacher)

Leadership and management

- Work with the Principal and governors to ensure the school meets its responsibilities under the Equality Act 2010 in terms of reasonable adjustments and access arrangements
- Prepare and review information the governing board is required to publish
- Contribute to the school improvement plan and whole-school policy
- Identify training needs for staff and how to meet these needs
- Lead INSET for staff
- Share procedural information, such as the school's SEN policy
- Promote an ethos and culture that supports the school's SEN policy and promotes good outcomes for pupils with SEN or a disability

Working with colleagues and other relevant professionals

- Communicate effectively with other staff members
- Understand their role in order to be able to work collaboratively with Principals
- Collaborate and work with colleagues and other relevant professionals within and beyond the Trust
- Develop effective professional relationships with colleagues
- Establishing constructive relationships and communicating with other agencies/professional



Whole-school organisation, strategy and development

- Contribute to the development, implementation and evaluation of the school's Five Year Plan, policies, practices and procedures, so as to support the school's values and vision

Health and safety

- For lone working, ensure that you have read the appropriate policy
- Keep yourself safe

Professional development

- Help keep own knowledge and understanding relevant and up-to-date by reflecting on own practice, liaising with your line manager, and identifying relevant professional development to improve personal effectiveness
- Take opportunities to build the appropriate skills, qualifications, and/or experience needed for the role, with support from your line manager
- Take part in the school's appraisal procedures

Personal and professional conduct

- Uphold public trust in the education profession and maintain high standards of ethics and behaviour, within and outside school
- Have proper and professional regard for the ethos, policies and practices of the Trust, and maintain high standards of attendance and punctuality
- Demonstrate Wave's Values, to develop and sustain effective relationships with the school community
- Respect individual differences and cultural diversity

Please note that this is illustrative of the general nature and level of responsibility of the role. It is not a comprehensive list of all tasks carry out. The postholder may be required to do other duties appropriate to the level of the role, as directed by the Principal, SLT or line manager.

The SENDCO will be required to safeguard and promote the welfare of children and young people, and follow school policies and the staff code of conduct.



Person specification

ATTRIBUTES	ESSENTIAL	DESIRABLE
Qualifications and training	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Qualified teacher status • National Award for SEN Co-ordination • Degree 	
Experience	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Teaching experience • Experience of working at a whole-school level • Involvement in self-evaluation and development planning • Experience of conducting training/leading INSET 	
Skills and knowledge	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sound knowledge of the SEND Code of Practice • Understanding of what makes 'quality first' teaching, and of effective intervention strategies • Ability to plan and evaluate interventions • Data analysis skills, and the ability to use data to inform provision planning • Effective communication and interpersonal skills • Ability to build effective working relationships • Ability to influence and negotiate • Good record-keeping skills 	



<p>Personal qualities</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Commitment to getting the best outcomes for pupils and promoting the ethos and values of the school • Commitment to equal opportunities and securing good outcomes for pupils with SEN or a disability • Ability to work under pressure and prioritise effectively • Commitment to maintaining confidentiality at all times • Commitment to safeguarding and equality 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •
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