

Edward Peake C of E (VC) Middle School

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This school is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and requires all staff to share this commitment.

JOB DESCRIPTION

Job Title: Special Educational Needs and Disabilities Co-ordinator (SENDCo)

Accountable to: Leader of Inclusion

Responsible for: Teaching Assistants, SEND Administrator

Main purpose

The SENDCo, under the direction of the Headteacher, Leadership Team and Governors 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 SENDCo will also be expected to fulfil the professional responsibilities of a teacher, as set out in the School Teachers' Pay and Conditions Document

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
- Maintain a thorough and up to date knowledge and understanding of the current SEND Code of Practice
- Work with the inclusion team to develop effective ways of bridging barriers to learning through:-
 - ❖ Assessment of needs
 - ❖ Monitoring of quality first teaching and pupil progress
 - ❖ Target setting, including the use of provision map
- Provide regular information to the Leader of Inclusion on the evaluation of SEND provision and the impact on improving outcomes

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 staff, parents, other schools, educational psychologists, health and social care professionals, and other external agencies to co-ordinate their contribution, provide maximum support and ensure continuity of provision.
- 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 SEN
- 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
- Review the education, health and care plan with parents or carers and the pupil
- 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
- Work with other members of the inclusion team, Pupil Premium Lead, Family Support Worker or Pastoral Support Team where the child has SEN or a disability.

Leadership and management

- Work with the headteacher 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 development 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
- Lead and manage teaching assistants working with pupils with SEN or a disability
- Lead staff appraisals and produce appraisal reports
- Review staff performance on an ongoing basis

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.

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 that the SENDCo will carry out. The postholder may be required to do other duties appropriate to the level of the role, as directed by the headteacher/leader of inclusion.

Headteacher/line manager's signature:

Date:

Postholder's signature:

Date: