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General Statement

At Sacred Heart Catholic Primary we provide a Catholic education promoting the academic, physical, spiritual and social development of each child. We aim to be a fully inclusive school striving to meet the needs of all our pupils irrespective of their differences. The staff and governors of the school have approved this inclusion policy.

Our school belief is that every pupil has an entitlement to develop their talents, skills and be challenged to reach their full potential. Educational experiences are provided which develop pupils' achievements and recognise their individuality. Diversity is valued as a rich resource, which supports the learning of all. In this school, inclusion recognises a child's right to a broad, balanced, relevant and challenging curriculum, which is appropriate to their individual abilities, talents, and personal qualities.

Definition of inclusion

Inclusion is an ongoing process that celebrates diversity and involves the identification and minimising of barriers to learning and participation that might be experienced by any pupils, irrespective of age, ability, gender, disability, race, ethnicity, language and social background, and the maximising of resources to reduce these barriers.

Aims:

We aim to make Sacred Heart a place...

- Where every member of the school community is valued and encouraged to develop their God-given potential .
- Where a worshipping community nurtures and supports each child in their journey of faith.
- Where school, home and parish work in partnership.
- Where every child has the opportunity to become a thinker, leader, organiser, communicator, explorer, creator, inventor, performer and artist.
- Where the line between learning and fun is invisible.
- Where every child is encouraged to be a successful learner, confident individual and a responsible citizen.
- Where friendships are made forever.
- Where children build skills for learning and life.



Objectives

- Ensure implementation of government and LEA inclusion recommendations.
- Ensure the school's inclusion policy is implemented consistently by all staff.
- Ensure any negative discrimination or prejudice is eradicated.
- Identify barriers to learning and participation, and provide appropriately to meet a diversity of needs.
- Ensure all pupils have access to an appropriately differentiated curriculum.
- Recognise, value and celebrate pupils' achievements, however small.
- Work in partnership with parents/carers in supporting their child's education.
- Guide and support all school staff, governors and parents in inclusion issues.

Inclusion Leader

The role of the Inclusion Leader is to monitor the inclusion policy; monitor and assess inclusive provision; identify barriers to learning and provide staff with appropriate strategies; share inclusive expertise with, and support the professional development of classroom teachers, HLTAs and TAs; work with staff to purchase appropriate resources; monitor pupils progress; liaise with parents; co-ordinate cross phase/ cross school transition and co-ordinate external specialist provision. All teachers are responsible for meeting the needs of all pupils in their class.

Inclusive provision

The school offers a continuum of provision to meet the diversity of pupils' needs. Although all classes are mixed ability and some are mixed age, class teachers have the flexibility to set smaller ability groups, within their class, for Literacy and Numeracy, for other subjects the work is differentiated. Additional in-class support is available in all classes, which is provided by HLTAs, TAs and MGSS. This additional support is targeted at individual and small groups of children who are catching up on their basic literacy, numeracy and communication skills.

Gifted and talented children have differentiated work as appropriate and they have access to laptops to work with a HLTA or TA in small groups. Every class has an Interactive Whiteboard and the school has access to a video conferencing unit. Children have access to laptops and Apple Mac alongside computers centrally located in the Internet Cafe.



The school has implemented Provision Mapping with each year group having its own map which tracks all children and the provision which is in place. Out of class intervention is available to pupils at Wave 2 and 3 through either 1:1 or small group support.

Each term the Inclusion Leader meets with staff (Phase Provision Meeting) in Early Years, KS1 and KS2 to discuss every child and whether they are receiving the most appropriate intervention strategy

The school has a Speech and Language Therapist working one day per week to work with children across the school. The school also has two Learning Mentor/Counsellors who are able to look at the barriers to learning individual children face and offer support where appropriate. Additionally the school has a Family Support Worker who is able to offer support to the whole family where necessary and an Artist in Residence who is able to offer Art Therapy or work with our most able, gifted and talented pupils.

A range of activities are available through after school clubs.

External Support

The school has close links with external support agencies such as Speech and Language and health services. Through the LEA we have access to services such as, Learning and Behaviour Support Services, gifted and talented, SEN and EAL. The school is also supported by the Educational Welfare Service, an educational psychologist and advisors.

When a child has input from a variety of agencies, e.g. Social Care, Health and Education, it is sometimes considered in the best interests of the child to process a Common Assessment Framework (CAF) file. This would enable parents to meet with all professionals working with their child and discuss an action plan to meet their needs. The Inclusion Leader and Learning Mentor have had the appropriate training to process the CAF and take the role of Lead Professional in the subsequent Family Support Meetings.



Assessment procedures

All children deserve to have their achievements recognised and the school's curriculum and assessment procedures reflect the different levels of attainment likely to be achieved.

The school fully embraces using a consistent nationally recognised assessment system, which relates to the Early Learning Goals, the P Scales, the National Curriculum levels and Assessing Pupil Progress. All teachers monitor and review pupil progress using this assessment procedure. In order to ensure accurate assessments are made, teachers annually moderate and standardise samples of work and achievements across the core subjects.

Underachievement and gifted and talented pupils are identified as early as possible through teacher referral and the use of test data.

The school's reward system of time team tokens, and certificates of achievement for outstanding work and performance, effort, and improved behaviour; contribute to raising pupil's self-esteem and motivation.

Professional development

The Deputy head teacher oversees the professional development of all the staff. They are kept fully informed about courses and other training opportunities. Staff are expected to disseminate and share their knowledge with other staff after attending a course.

Parent partnership

The knowledge, views and first hand experience parents have regarding their children is valued for the contribution it makes to their child's education. Parents are seen as partners in the educational process. All parents are welcome to contact the Inclusion Coordinator if they have any concerns with regard to inclusive educational provision. Parents are also encouraged to keep in regular contact with the school regarding their child's progress. A termly curriculum overview for parents is produced outlining which topic areas will be covered in each curriculum subject area. An initial 'Meet the teacher' meeting is held at the beginning of the school year. In addition parent workshops around inclusion and drop in sessions are offered at various times during the year.



Evaluating the inclusion policy

The inclusion policy will be reviewed annually at the end of the academic year. Policy evaluation will focus on: how far the aims and objectives of the policy have been met; how effective the inclusion policy has been in relation to the resources allocated; the attainment of pupils in judging 'value added' factors. In the light of the findings the policy is revised and amended accordingly.

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