



SEND POLICY

This policy will be reviewed by the Governing Body annually and will next be reviewed in September 2021.

This policy includes an Annex responding to Covid-19.

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SLT Link	SENCO
Governing Body Link	SEN Governor Jo Simons

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SCHOOL VISION AND ETHOS

Our Christian values are at the heart of the ethos of the school and through these we grow individually and as a community. The Story of the Good Samaritan underpins our 7 core values of:

- Honesty
- Forgiveness
- Empathy
- Courage
- Resilience
- Kindness
- Respect.

As a school we have a determination “*to be exceptional in all that we do*” and have an unrelenting commitment to provide:

- Exceptional learning experiences within an environment where students can thrive and learn.
- A caring community that provides students with first class advice, support and guidance, where Children are valued for their individuality and their potential is nurtured and developed.
- A wide range of opportunities that help develop exceptional Children with the skills, confidence and knowledge to make a positive contribution to the local and global community both now and in their future lives.
- Staff with an exceptional place to work, develop and inspire Children.

COMPLIANCE

This policy complies with the statutory requirements laid out in the SEND Code of Practice: 0 – 25 (July 2014) 3.65 and has been written with reference to the following guidance and documents:

- Equality Act 2010: advice for schools – (DfE May 2014)
- SEND Code of Practice 0 – 25 (July 2014)
- Schools SEN information Report Regulations (2014)
- Statutory Guidance on Supporting pupils at school with medical conditions September 2014
- Safeguarding Policy
- Accessibility Plan
- Teachers Standards 2012
- Joint Council for Qualifications (JCQ)
- Sexey’s School Disability Policy (Exams)
- Sexey’s School Exam Access Arrangements Policy

Special Educational Needs and Disability (SEND) - Sexey's School Information.

The Headteacher, Mrs Helen Cullen, has overall responsibility for SEND at Sexey's School.

The designated teacher responsible for coordinating SEND provision for children/ young people is: Mrs Rebecca Taylor, who can be contacted via email rtaylor@sexey.somerset.sch.uk or by telephone 01749 813393. This person, the SENDCO, is a member of the Senior Leadership Team (SLT).

The person coordinating the day to day SEND provision for children/ young people at Sexey's School is Mrs Rebecca Taylor (SENDCO).

This policy was developed in conjunction with parents, carers, students, governors, teachers, teaching assistants and the Senior Leadership Team.

Aims and Objectives

Sexey's SEND support is used to enable and empower our students so that they develop confidence and growing independence. We consider this culture of inclusion to be everyone's responsibility and it exists throughout the school both in the classroom and in boarding. It is driven by the high aspirations we have for all young people in our school to make a successful transition into adulthood, whether into employment, further or higher education or training, leading to a happy, fulfilled and productive life.

AIMS:

- To create an atmosphere of encouragement, acceptance, respect of achievements and sensitivity to individual needs, in which all young people can thrive;
- To identify individuals who need extra help and support;
- To enable each young person to take part and contribute fully to school life;
- To develop each individual's self-esteem and positive view of him or herself as a learner;
- To provide access to and progression within the curriculum;
- To involve young people in planning to address and monitor their special educational needs and /or disability;
- To work in partnership with parents to support their children's learning and health needs;
- To prepare young people for life beyond school;
- To provide quality training for staff in special educational needs and disability.

OBJECTIVES:

- To identify and provide for young people who have special educational needs and additional needs;
- To work within the guidance provided in the SEND Code of Practice, January 2015;
- To operate a person-centred, whole school approach in the management and provision of support for young people with special educational needs or disability;
- To employ a Special Educational Needs and Disabilities Coordinator (SENDCO) who will work with the academic and support staff within the bounds of the SEND policy;
- To provide support and advice to all staff who work with young people with SEND.

Categories of Special Educational Needs

The SEND Code of Practice: 0 to 25 (June 2014) identifies SEND under four broad areas of need (sections 6.28 – 6.35):

- I. Communication and interaction
- II. Cognition and learning
- III. Social, emotional, and mental health difficulties
- IV. Sensory and/ or physical needs

Young people may have needs in more than one category and we aim to ensure that individual plans match personal priorities and identified needs.

Sexey's School staff use a wide range of tools to assess the amount and level of SEND support required. Many of our students with additional needs are identified by their primary school teachers or Special Educational Needs Disabilities Coordinator (SENDCO). There is close liaison between the primary feeder schools, SEND team and the transition coordinator at Sexey's, followed by careful planning to ensure that learning differences are catered for.

We adopt a whole school approach to identifying needs. The testing of literacy attainment is carried out in the first half of term with all students and this information is used to identify those needing support, to monitor progress and to build up evidence for exam boards in case the student needs support in external examinations later on. Subject teachers regularly monitor students to ensure they are making progress and to look for any unexpected difficulties or slow progress. They will refer students to the SENDCO following Sexey's graduated response to SEND if high quality teaching and learning, along with classroom support isn't sufficient to overcome barriers to learning (Appendix 1). Teachers and Teaching Assistants identify any students with communication needs or those lacking in confidence and will refer these to SENDCO for formative assessment.

If a member of staff identifies a student is struggling, they may also refer the student to the SEND department using Appendix 2. The SENDCO, will then offer advice on strategies or suggest a specific intervention. Following consultation with families, external organisations may be brought in to carry out further assessment and to advise the teaching staff.

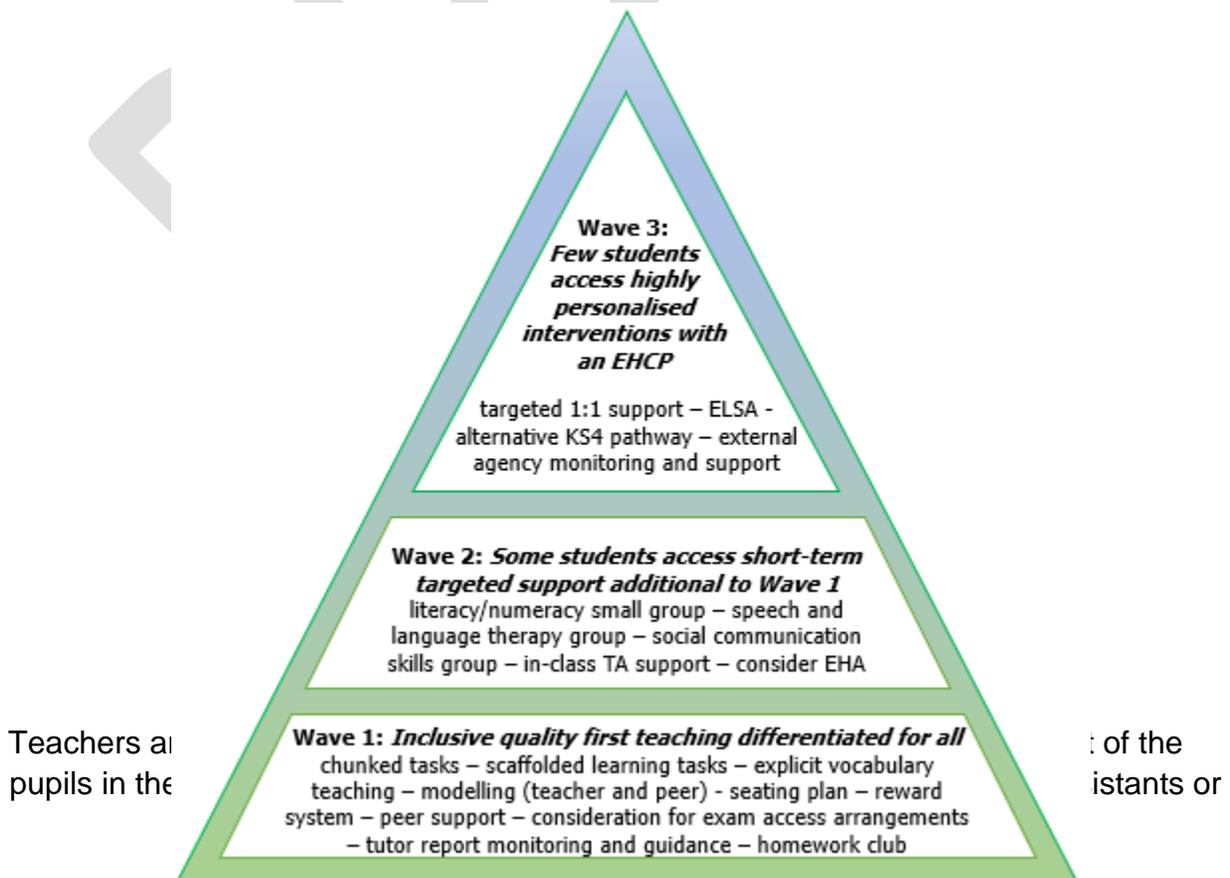
All staff at Sexey's listen to concerns of parents and carers and appreciate that they have a unique insight in to their children.

Learning needs are managed either by using additional support (SEND Support, Wave 2) or by having an Education, Health and Care Plan (SEND Support Wave 3). The majority of children/ young people with special educational needs or disability will have their needs met through a whole school approach and be placed on the SEND register at the level of 'Wave 1 High Quality Teaching' in compliance with the SEND Code of Practice 0 to 25 (January 2015).

We acknowledge that at Sexey's, all teachers are teachers of SEND and all pupils have access to a broad and balanced curriculum. Teachers set high expectations of every pupil. Our teachers are responsible and accountable for the development and progress of the students in their class, including where they access support from Teaching Assistants or specialist staff.

Graduated Response:

Waves of intervention model:



specialist staff. Universal Provision, differentiated for individual learners is the first step in responding to those who have or may have learning needs. This is known as a 'graduated response'.

We regularly review the quality of teaching for all students including those at risk of underachievement. Where it is clear that additional intervention is not resulting in progress, it is possible that a young person may have special educational needs. If a young person has been identified as having special educational needs, 'Assess, Plan, Do, Review' (APDR) learning plans will be created within Provision Map (Appendix 3) and shared with teachers; support and provision will be assigned on need.

Where SEND needs have been identified through assessment and/or diagnosis, the decision is recorded in the school records and the parents/carers are informed in writing that special educational provision is being made. The SENDCO will use the school's tracking system and comparative national data and expectations to monitor the level and rate of progress for young people identified with SEND.

Staff monitor the progress of all students to identify those at risk of underachievement. We recognise that needs are sometimes affected by other factors which are not educational but nevertheless impact on learning. These are identified as far as possible and addressed appropriately using additional processes and other strategies.

Example of other influences upon progress may include:

- Attendance and punctuality
- Health and welfare
- English as an Additional Language (EAL)
- Being in receipt of Pupil Premium Grant
- Being a Child Looked After (CLA)
- Being a child of Service personnel
- Disability where there is no impact on progress and attainment
- Behaviour where there is no underlying SEND
- Bereavement or other family circumstances

Managing Children with SEND at Sexey's School

Where a young person is identified as having SEND and/or a disability, Sexey's School adopts a process of "Assess, Plan, Do, Review". This method is detailed in the SEND Code of Practice: 0 to 25 (January 2015) sections 6.45 to 6.56. The principle is firmly embedded in working closely with parents/ carers and children to agree, action and monitor individual progress over time so that special educational needs for all children are addressed appropriately, effectively and with good outcomes.

In addition to the normal reporting arrangements, parents are informed about the progress if they are following additional programmes or interventions. Contact is achieved through email or telephone and regular parents' evenings. Students are actively encouraged to take ownership of their own learning and target-setting. For students with Education Health and Care Plans (EHCP), Person Centred Planning and

Review meetings take place so that families, and young people are involved in deciding next steps and parents/ carers are advised on how to help support learning outside of the school.

The SENDCO is responsible for maintaining and updating records and plans in partnership with subject teachers. If a student fails to make progress the SEND team will be asked to identify further strategies or interventions. Information will be captured using person-centred approaches including creating a personalised Pupil Passport (Appendix 4) to share the young person's views on how they prefer to have their needs met. A central provision map is also used as a snapshot of what a young person is receiving that is 'additional to' or 'different from' what is widely available.

If the SENDCO identifies that Sexey's School is unable to fully meet the needs of a student through our own provision arrangements, external advice is gained through our colleagues in Education, Health or Social Care. A joint framework for working or Common Assessment Framework (CAF) process will be used and this will always be in collaboration with parents and carers and the young person's wishes and views will be actively sought. **(See sections 6.36 to 6.56 and 6.58 to 6.78 of SEND Code of Practice January 2015)**

Coming off the SEND Record

A young person will be removed from the SEND Record if it is deemed that they have made sufficient progress over a period of time and are able to access the curriculum successfully. It is possible that some students may require support for particular aspects of their learning which may be due to their underlying learning needs. All students will be monitored and their progress tracked so that staff will be alerted to potential learning needs. For some young people, it is possible that they will dip in and out of additional support throughout their school experience; parents will be consulted at each stage if support is provided or when it will cease.

Some students with particular needs, usually long-lasting, may develop skills and strategies which help to minimise the impact of their difficulty to a level which the need can be met through quality first teaching. An example of this might be a student with dyslexia, who has had support and achieved a functional level of literacy and now uses Assistive Technology and therefore has become a confident and independent learner as a result and is making good progress. In this case, additional support may no longer be necessary, even though the student requires Examination Access Arrangements (EAA). Hence, this student would not need to be on the SEND register even though teachers would still need to be informed that the student had dyslexia.

A young person with an EHC Plan will follow the statutory guidance for ceasing an EHC Plan as set out in the Code of Practice. The ceasing of an EHC Plan is determined by the local authority where the young person no longer requires the special education provision as specified in the EHC Plan. However, his or her progress will continue to be monitored by using the school's tracking systems.

Supporting Pupils and Families SEN information and the Local offer

Sexey's School presents SEN information in three ways:

1. By information placed on the school website which can be found under the 'Learning' Section; 'SEND Student Support'.
2. By following the link to the local authority's Local Offer Website www.somersetchoices.org.uk/family/information-and-advice/education/ using the search engine to find our school or other Somerset Schools. The local offer website holds a directory of facilities and resources available from many services within Somerset.
3. Through information contained in this policy which is also published on the school website.

All information can be provided in hard copy and in other formats upon request.

Admission Arrangements

Sexey's School uses the local authority arrangement for School Admissions and is a fully inclusive school. The agreement is mindful of national requirements supporting all young people including those who are disabled, in a fair and non-discriminatory way, when securing admission to school. In addition to this Sexey's makes appropriate reasonable adjustments to accommodate those who are disabled. Where adaptation is required to support physical or medical needs, Sexey's liaises with the local authority education services, health services and parents/ carers to ensure that appropriate arrangements are made to meet the individual medical conditions. More information can be found in the Local Offer information held on the local authority's website at www.somersetchoices.org.uk/family/information-and-advice/education/.

Transition Arrangements:

Sexey's school is committed to ensuring that parents / carers have confidence in the arrangements for young people on entry to our school, in the year to year progression and at the point of exit and transition to the next school.

Staff will discuss these arrangements with parents / carers and agree the information that should be passed to the next phase of education in collaboration with our Independent Careers Advisor, Mrs Wendy Watson. The SEND team at Sexey's school has transition into adulthood at the heart of all that we do. Therefore, there is a focus on developing independence and confidence. In the main, TAs do not sit next to students unless there is a specific reason to do so. In this way, students learn to use initiative and develop confidence in asking for support rather than becoming dependent on an additional person, which does not reflect adult life.

Prior to starting, there is close liaison between our feeder schools, SENDCO and Head of Year 7. The SENDCO attends transition reviews. We hold a transition day just for our SEND students joining us in Year 7. The date is confirmed with our local feeder

schools to ensure all who are joining us can attend. It usually takes place the week before the Somerset Year 6 Transition Day. Students coming from out of catchment are also invited. There are additional parents' meetings and individual meetings with the SENDCO.

During their time at Sexey's, students with Education Health and Care Plans (EHCP) are supported to think about their long-term goals and they will have annual Person Centred Reviews with their parents / carers. These help school staff and people at home to think about the 'whole person' and what we need to do to help them be successful in the next stage in their lives. This process is usually an empowering experience as it gives a degree of control that can sometimes be missing in the life of a young person with additional needs.

Young people for whom a request for assessment is made for an EHC plan will be assessed using the SEND Code of Practice: 0-25 9 (DFE January 2015) and if appropriate, issued with an EHC Plan. Students may also receive additional funding to support their needs if they meet the requirements for Band 2 or above.

Supporting Pupils at School with Medical Conditions

The school recognises that pupils at school with medical conditions should be properly supported so that they have access to education, including school trips and physical education. The school has a medical needs policy to help provide further guidance to all staff. Some children with medical conditions may be disabled and where this is the case the school will comply with its duties under the Equality Act 2010.

Some students may have special educational needs (SEN) and may have an Education, Health and Care Plan (EHCP) which brings together health and social care needs, as well as their special educational provision and the SEN Code of Practice (2015) is followed.

Accessibility

The school has an Accessibility Plan (Appendix 5) that is monitored, reviewed and reported upon annually to the Governing Body in compliance with legal requirements. We are mindful of the duties under the Equality Act 2010 as amended in September 2012 to provide Auxiliary Aids and Services where appropriate as detailed in 'The Equality Act 2010 and schools- (May 2014)'. We comply with the requirement to support young people with disability as defined by the Act.

- Assistive Technology
- Physical Environment (lift, wheelchair access)
- Differentiated access to the curriculum
- Examination Access Arrangements

Sexey's School publishes its Accessibility Plan on the school website.

See Sexey's School Sexey's School Disability Policy (Exams) for further information on exam accessibility.

Further information about our school's accessibility can be found on the local authorities Local Offer website; this can be found at

www.somersetchoices.org.uk/family/information-and-advice/education/

Exam Access Arrangements (EAA)

Students identified by teaching staff as potentially requiring extra support for exams are assessed by the SENDCO in the summer term of Year 9. If new students join the 6th form, they are assessed in their first term. The SENDCO completes any paperwork required and makes an application through the JCQ for Exam Access Arrangements (EAAs). Students and Parents are required to sign to agree to the EAA awarded to them. These arrangements must be the candidates '*normal way of working*' wherever possible. Should a student choose-not to use their EAA they will be asked to sign a declaration, this effectively means that the EAA is no longer their normal way of working and therefore will be removed. See Sexey's School Disability Policy (Exams) and Sexey's School Exam Access Arrangements Policy for further information on EAAs and accessibility.

Monitoring and Evaluation of Special Educational Needs and

Disability

Provision for young people is monitored and evaluated through

- Monitoring classroom practice
- Gathering views of individual young people
- Teacher monitoring
- Teaching Assistant views
- Parent/ carer's feedback
- Tracking of student data and results including at data drops
- Residuals
- Termly monitoring of procedures and practices by the SEND Governor
- Using school data to ascertain effectiveness and value for money.

Qualitative measures are considered as well as examination results (such as how prepared a young person feels to move on to the next stage of education, or how they are in school).

Sometimes a student fails to make expected progress in spite of our best endeavours and where this is the case the SENDCO, in collaboration with the young person and family, other staff and/or external services, will look at the case in detail to gain an understanding of what the barrier to learning is so that additional provision can be put in place.

Training and Resources

The SEN Budget is made up of 3 components. Element 1 funding is the basic per-pupil entitlement (i.e. school place). Element 2 is the notional SEN budget to help make special educational provision meet the needs of children with SEND (£6000 per student). Element 3 funding is the High Needs Funding which can be applied when an EHCP application is made. This is only for students whose needs cannot be met alone by Element 2 funding.

In order to maintain and develop the quality of teaching and provision to respond to the strengths and needs of all pupils, all staff are encouraged to undertake training and development. Training needs of staff are identified through the school's self-evaluation process.

All teachers and support staff undertake induction on taking up a post and this includes training with the SENDCO to explain the systems and structures in place around the school's SEND provision and practice and to discuss the needs of individual pupils.

The SENDCO is currently completing the NASENCO award and is a member of National Association of Special Education Needs. The SENDCO regularly attends the Local Authorities SENDCO network meetings and is part of the Somerset SENDCO Forum, in order to keep up to date with local and national updates in SEND.

Roles and Responsibilities

SEND Governor: The Governor with oversight of the arrangements for Special Educational Needs and Disabilities is Jo Simons.

SENDCO: Mrs Rebecca Taylor oversees the SEND Team (Personalised Learning Space (PLuS) and line management of the Higher Level Teaching Assistant (HLTA) and Teaching Assistants (TAs).

Miss Karla Wilson – HLTA and SEND Administrator

Mrs Janice Carr – TA across the curriculum

Mrs Claire Gingell – TA across the curriculum

Miss Sian Newland – TA across the curriculum

Mrs Olga Sikora – TA across the curriculum

Mr Toby Wagstaff – Apprentice TA (Maths specialism)

All members of the SEND team, which is referred to as PLuS (Personalised Learning Space) can be contacted via email or by telephone 01749 813393.

Mrs Helen Cullen (Head Teacher) is Designated Safeguarding Lead and Mrs Clare Wilson (Pastoral Manager) is Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead.

Mr Philip Clackson (Assistant Head Teacher Pastoral) is the CLA coordinator.

Mrs C Lesley, Health and Wellbeing Manager, is responsible for managing the school's responsibility for meeting the medical needs of pupils in collaboration with Mrs Rebecca Taylor (SENDCO).

Storing and Managing Information

All data including data stored electronically is subject to Data Protection Law.

All paper records will be held in line with the school's policy / protocol on security of information. All people working with a particular student will have access to records or reports, but the originals will be kept securely and confidentiality will be maintained.

Reviewing the SEND Policy

The SEND policy is reviewed annually by parents, carers, students, governors, teachers, teaching assistants and the Senior Leadership team.

Dealing with Complaints

It is hoped that all situations of concern can be resolved quickly through discussion and early action. However, if a parent / carer feels that their concern or complaint regarding the care or welfare of their child has not been dealt with satisfactorily, an appointment can be made by them to speak to the SENDCO who can assist in resolving any concerns.

Sexey's School publishes its Complaints Policy on the school website.

Links to other related policies:

- Supporting Children at School with medical conditions
- Accessibility Plan
- Equality / Equality information and objectives
- Safeguarding
- Anti-bullying
- Sexey's School Sexey's School Disability Policy (Exams)
- Sexey's School Exam Access Arrangements Policy

Amendments:

September 2015

SENDCo name amended to Mrs Pam Howes

Department name amended from Learning Support to Student Support at Sexey's (S³)

SEND Governor name amended to Mrs Jan Whittaker December 2016

Staffing amended to include Mrs Janice Carr June 2018

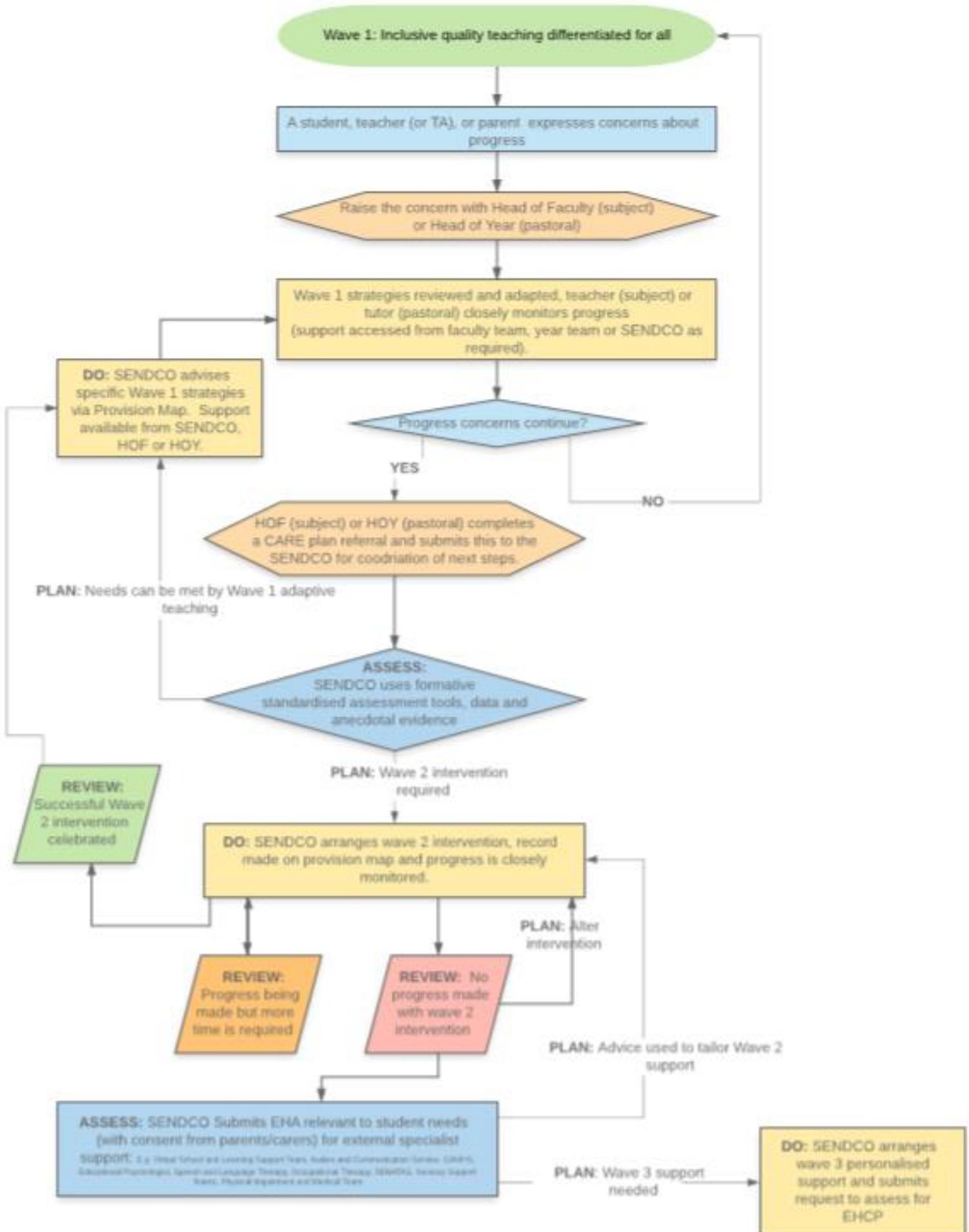
September 2020:

SENDCO name amended to Mrs Rebecca Taylor (contact details also amended)

SEND Governor name amended to Jo Simons
Department name amended from Student Support at Sexey's (S³) to Personalised Learning Space (PLuS)
Staffing updated including changes to roles/ responsibilities
Location of SEND information on school website updated
Wave Model updated
Personalised learning profiles amended to Assess, Plan, Do, Review Learning Plans
One Page Profiles amended to Pupil Passports
Key Stage 3 Coordinator amended to Head of Year 7
EAA Assessor amended from external assessor to SENDCO
SENDCO's NASENCO qualification status updated
Inclusion of Sexey's School Graduated Response Flowchart as appendix
Updated referral form as appendix
Updated Learning Plan (APDR) as appendix
Updated pupil passport as appendix
Link to Accessibility Plan added to appendix
Annex: Covid-19 Response added to policy

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Appendix 1: Sexey's Graduated Response to SEND



Appendix 2: SEND Referral



SEND Support Referral

(Referrer to complete red parts of referral only)

Young Person

First name		Surname		Date of birth	
Date Started		Boarder			

Person making referral

Name of referrer		Job title		Date of referral	
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SEN Need		Last SEN review date	
Next SEN review date		Attendance %	
Behaviour Points		Achievement Points	

Students views

What is going well in school? (subjects, relationships etc)	What am I proud of? (Achievements and success)	What do I find hard and prevents me from learning? (Barriers to success)	How do I like staff to help and support me?

C oncern - Why are you referring? What formal/informal support has the child in the past? What is currently in place?

A ims - what are the intentions you are aiming for? What is the student aiming for?	A ctions - intervention agreed by SEND team, <u>student</u> and parents/carers.

Results - 6-week review by staff in ITAC review – What has been the impact of this support? What evidences the impact? How does the student feel about this?

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Evaluation - what went well, what could have been done differently, what needs to happen next?

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Appendix 3: Assess, Plan, Do, Review Learning Plan

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Assess Plan Do Review (APDR) for XXX

Stage: X

Date of birth: XXX Gender: M Tutor group: XX Year group: X

Teacher: XXX Start date: XXX Review date: XXX Plan number: X

SEN needs:

- XXX
- XXX

Gifted & talented: X First language: X Free school meals: X Medical needs: X In care: X Ethnic background: Pupil Premium: X EAL: X

Armed forces: X Year 7 catch up: X Attendance: XX.X%

**STUDENT
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Progress by Subject

Target and Current Grades

Subject	Target Grade (E1-9)	Current Grade (E1-9)
Art		
Computing		
Drama		
English		
French		
Geography		
History		
Maths		
Music		

PE

Religious Studies

Science

Assess

Areas of strength:

XXX

XXX

XXX

Areas of concern:

XXX

XXX

XXX

Plan (Example)

Area of concern	Target	Success criteria	Strategies & Provisions	Key staff
Concentration	To respond to challenging tasks with a 'have a go' attitude of increased motivation.	Increased evidence of promptly starting tasks. Increased motivation witnessed and/or reported. Evidence of trying a task before seeking support.	Provide a chunked checklist for longer tasks. Give clear time targets. Allow use of drafting. Remind student that you would like to see an attempt before seeking support.	Subject teachers All relevant TAs
ASD (Autistic Spectrum Disorders)	To develop conversational skills with peers and widen social experiences.	Student initiates conversations with peers. Student takes turns in conversation. Student follows conversation and responds appropriately.	Provide a structure for pair/ group conversation. Provide opportunities for conversation within the classroom. Explicitly model responding to peers in a conversation.	Subject teachers Parents All relevant TAs
Summary		XXX		
Parent / Guardian contribution		XXX		
Pupil contribution		XXX		

Appendix 4: Pupil Passport

Date: XXX

STUDENT
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STUDENT
NAME

Date of birth: XXX
Year group: X
Tutor group: XX

Reason for Passport:

- EHCP
- Autistic Spectrum

Things I am good at and enjoy:

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My aspirations for the future:

Things I am proud of:

How I would like you to help me with my learning:

Things I would prefer you didn't do when teaching me please:

Things you need to know about me to help you planning your lessons and setting me work:

Boarder Status:

Appendix 5: Accessibility Plan

This policy links to the accessibility plan which can be found by following the link below.

<http://www.sexeyes.somerset.sch.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/01/Accessibility-Plan-2020-23.pdf>

Annex: Response to Covid-19

This Annex to the SEND policy sets out the arrangements in place to support our children with SEND during the Covid-19 partial school closure starting from 20th March 2020 and the full reopening of schools in September 2020.

Vulnerable Children and Eligibility

Vulnerable children include those children and young people up to the age of 25 with an Education, Health and Care Plan (EHCP).

Those with an EHCP will be risk-assessed in consultation with the Local Authority and parents to decide whether they need to continue to be offered a school place in order to meet their needs, or whether they can safely have their needs met at home.

From 20th March 2020 to 1st June 2020 Government advice stated that every child with an EHCP who “can be safely cared for at home” should remain at home.

From 1st June until schools reopening in September 2020 Government advice stated that children with an EHCP whose needs can be “as safely or more safely” be met in the educational environment should be encouraged to attend school.

The risk assessments consider a number of different risks to each individual including:

- The potential health risks to the child/ young person from COVID-19, bearing in mind any underlying health conditions. This must be on an individual basis with advice from an appropriate health professional where required
- The risk to the child/ young person if some or all elements of their EHC plan cannot be delivered at all, and the risk if they cannot be delivered in the normal manner or in the usual setting
- The ability of the child/ young person’s parents or home to ensure their health and care needs can be met safely
- The potential impact to the child/ young person’s wellbeing of changes to routine or the way in which provision is delivered

The Coronavirus Act 2020 allows the Secretary of State, where appropriate, to temporarily lift the statutory duty on local authorities to maintain the precise provision in EHCPs, with local authorities needing instead to apply ‘reasonable endeavours’ to support these children and their families.

Supporting Remote Learning for Students with SEND

Teachers are responsible and accountable for the progress and development of the pupils in their class, including where pupils access support from teaching assistants or specialist staff. Remote learning tasks will continue to be differentiated by the teacher and supported by the teacher or TA (under the teacher’s direction).

The following arrangements are in place to support learners with remote learning:

- Students with an EHCP or in receipt of Wave 2 support have weekly contact with a member of the SEND TA team to offer support with remote learning. Contact is from a named keyworker.
- TAs attend live lessons via TEAMS and offer support to students with SEND by:
 - Responding to questions in the chat forum
 - Leading a smaller 'break-out' group for a specific task
 - Providing differentiated resources and support for independent tasks set via email or phone communication

Specific interventions that are 'additional to' or 'different from' what is widely available are not able to continue (or continue in the same format) during the period of school closure. Students and parents/ carers can access signposts for support on the school website including the Educational Psychology Service. Students using Texthelp software can continue using this on devices at home; guidance on how to install this is available on the school website and has been sent to relevant students via email.

For all parents/carers, key contact details are available on the school's website so that they are always able to reach school staff for support if needed. Where possible all meetings will be conducted by telephone or using video conferencing. Where this is not possible, essential meetings will be conducted outside, or in a room large enough to allow for social distancing.

Supporting the Return to School for Students with SEND

Any pupils with complex needs or who need close contact care will have the same support as normal as distancing is not possible here.

Staff will be rigorous about hand washing and respiratory hygiene.

Specialists, therapists, clinicians, and other support staff for pupils with SEND will provide assessments, interventions, and reviews as usual.

In-class support:

- TAs are assigned to year group bubbles for in-class support
- TAs will maintain social distancing (2m) between themselves and students as far as possible
- TAs will work to the side of a student rather than directly opposite
- TAs will not place themselves with a student for the duration of a lesson. TAs will move into the proximity of a student when there is a support need (TAs will monitor the classroom for verbal and non-verbal indicators that support is required)
- TAs will make use of mini whiteboards to model work rather than sharing the student's workbook/ worksheet

Intervention sessions (1:1 or small group) will be provided as normal with adjustments as outlined below:

- Intervention sessions will take place in PLuS (SEND area). Antibacterial wipes will be used to clean down shared workspaces at the end of each session
- Year group bubbles will be maintained when using PLuS
- Teachers and TAs will maintain social distancing (2m) between themselves and students as far as possible
- Teachers and TAs will work to the side of a student rather than directly opposite
- Teachers and TAs will make use of mini whiteboards (which will be sanitised after use) to model work rather than sharing the student's workbook/ worksheet

Exam Access Arrangement Assessments:

Students identified by teaching staff as potentially requiring extra support for exams who would have been assessed in the Summer term 2019-20 will be assessed in the Autumn Term 2020-21.

Supporting Social Time for Students with SEND

PLuS (SEND area) will not be open for groups of students to socialise before school, at break or lunch time until further notice. Students will be able to socialise in their year group social area. A member of the TA team will be available in each year group area for part of break and part of lunch.

Individual students can drop-in to PLuS during social time if they need adult support for a specific reason. Students may be asked to:

- Wait outside or come back later if there are already students using the space (e.g. if those students are in another year group or it would not be possible to socially distance) and their need is not urgent
- Return to their social area where there are members of staff on duty if they are in a large group
- Clean shared workspaces with an antibacterial wipe before they leave.