

Special Educational Needs and Disabilities Report 2022-2023

At Dean Trust Rose Bridge, we believe in quality first teaching and that every pupil, regardless of need or disability, is entitled to a broad, balanced and differentiated curriculum. Striving to remove barriers to learning is paramount and all staff are committed to providing an educational experience that enables pupils to maximise their learning potential. Therefore, equipping pupils with the necessary tools, skills and knowledge to make a successful transition into adulthood, further education, training or work.

Objectives

- To identify, at the earliest possible opportunity, barriers to learning and participation for pupils with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND).
- To ensure that all staff have access to training and advice to support quality first teaching and learning for all pupils.
- To ensure that every pupil experiences success in their learning and achieves the highest possible standard.
- To enable all pupils to participate in lessons fully and effectively. ● To value and encourage the contribution of all pupils to the life of the school. ● To work in partnership with parents and carers.
- To communicate with the Governing Body to enable them to fulfill their monitoring role with regard to the SEND information report.
- To work closely with external support agencies, where appropriate, to support the needs of individual pupils.
- To work with schools and colleges to ensure successful transition.

What SEND needs are provided for at Dean Trust Rose Bridge?

Dean Trust Rose Bridge provides for children with SEND in line with the Equality Act 2010. This would be if they have a significantly greater difficulty in learning than the majority of their peers, or have a disability which prevents or hinders them from making use of educational facilities in mainstream schools or mainstream post-16 institutions.

There are four types of Special Educational Needs and Disability (SEND) as described in the SEND Code of Practice 2014:

1. Communication and interaction
2. Cognition and learning
3. Social, mental and emotional health difficulties

4. Sensory and/or physical needs

If a pupil is identified as having SEND, then their needs will fit into one or more of these categories. Pupils with medical conditions will have Individual Health Care Plans (IHCP) which specify the type and level of support required to meet their medical needs.

How does the school know if pupils need extra help with learning?

Special educational needs are communicated during transition, however some special educational needs are only identified during the second phase of education. Early identification is essential and Dean Trust Rose Bridge makes use of a variety of systematic diagnostic testing to identify possible special educational needs. Teachers are also trained in identifying needs and refer to the SENDCo, following a period of classroom support and evidence gathering. When deciding if a pupil needs provision that is 'extra' or 'different' the SENDCo considers all of the information gathered, including an early discussion with the pupil and their parents or carers. These discussions are structured in such a way that they develop a good understanding of the pupil's areas of strength and difficulty, the parent's concerns, the agreed outcomes sought for the child and the next steps.

If parents or carers have any concerns regarding their child, they are encouraged to discuss this with the school's SENDCo.

What should I do if I think my child has Special Educational Needs?

Please contact the SENDCo to arrange a meeting, or alternatively, you may discuss any concerns about their progress with their Head of Year or Pupil Support Manager, who will refer them to the SENDCo if necessary.

Mrs R. Kelly	SEND Co-ordinator
Mrs J. Burrows	iClass Lead
Mr F. Volante	Head of Year 7
Mr R. Shepherd	Head of Year 8
Mrs J. Rennox	Head of Year 9
Ms C. Lane	Head of Year 10
Mr P. Finnegan	Head of Year 11
Miss J. Raughter	Pastoral Lead
Miss N. Smith	Pupil Support Manager

Miss R. Moreton	Pupil Support Manager
Miss K. Johnson	Pupil Support Manager
Mrs M. Evans	Pupil Support Manager
Miss R. Tate	Pupil Support Manager
Mrs M. Coulton	Inclusion Lead

Contact

How will I know how my child is doing at school?

For those pupils with SEND, in addition to normal reporting arrangements, there are opportunities for parents to discuss progress with teachers, Head of Year, Pupil Support Managers, Learning Support Assistants (LSAs) and the SENDCo. If there are any concerns or questions the SEND team is always available for consultation by appointment.

Parents are encouraged to liaise with staff to share information via a home/school communication book or by direct contact with school. Teachers offer advice on how to support pupils at home and help with homework.

For all pupils with Education Health and Care Plans (EHCP), annual reviews with the young person, parents and staff supporting the pupil are arranged as part of the statutory procedure.

How will my child be informed about their progress and support?

All pupils are able to access support from the pastoral team who liaise closely with the SEND Team to offer extra support if necessary.

Identified SEND pupils are assigned an LSA mentor. A mentor involves the young person in their education by meeting with them throughout the year. Where necessary, communication with parents is also part of this process. This is to allow dialogue between home and school, and to allow parents to have an input into their child's education and progress.

The effectiveness of support provision put in place is reviewed at regular intervals throughout the year by the SENDCo and the school's Senior Leadership Team.

How will my child be supported?

All subject teachers are responsible for the outcomes of pupils in their lessons. They are responsible for making the curriculum accessible to all pupils through Quality First Teaching and will receive ongoing training about additional learning requirements.

The SENDCO will ensure that:

- All relevant information is distributed on pupils needs so that teachers have a good understanding of how to support your child in school.
- High quality training is provided to all staff so that teachers are equipped in meeting those needs.
- Teachers and LSAs meet to plan to meet a pupil's needs.
- The quality of teaching provision for pupils with SEND across the school is efficiently managed.
- There is high quality support in place in classrooms.
- There are regular intervention sessions for identified pupils
- Parents/carers are kept informed of any changes to the provision that is in place for their child.
- The following types of additional support are also available, all dependent on need:
 1. Small group curriculum provision. Where pupils with cognition and learning needs and moderate learning difficulties are placed in a smaller group of no more than 20 pupils.
 2. Additional adult support in the classroom. There are dedicated LSAs in the SEND department who support teachers in helping the learning of whole classes. Pupils with an Education and Health Care Plan (EHCP) will receive this support according to their needs.
 3. Small group withdrawal sessions. When pupils come out of some lessons for prearranged sessions with LSAs or external agencies for example, handwriting, reading, numeracy skills, organisation skills, social skills and life skills.
 4. One to one withdrawal sessions. When pupils come out of lessons for prearranged sessions with LSAs or external agencies. These interventions are personalised for the pupil and usually focus on wellbeing or emotional regulation.
 5. Turnaround. This is a modified curriculum group of up to 6 pupils for young people who struggle to manage their emotions and need extra support, this is a short-term intervention for a period of six weeks.

6. Intervention from external agencies. Targeted Educational Support Service/ Educational Psychology/ Speech and Language Therapy/ Sensory Support Service/ Hearing Service are at hand to support your child through recommendations and arrangements via the SENDCo.

What support will there be for my child's overall wellbeing?

All pupils are able to access the Pastoral Support Team in school who liaise closely with the SEND Team to offer extra support if necessary. The SEND team offers pupils the facility to spend time in the department for breakfast, breaktime and lunch if they prefer a quiet area. There is the opportunity for social interaction with peers with support from LSAs. Pupils are encouraged to share any concerns/anxieties with members of the team and there is close liaison with both parents/carers and teachers when necessary. Dean Trust Rose Bridge will support the emotional, mental and social development of pupils with SEND through listening to the views of pupils and their parents/carers.

For those with medical or physical needs Dean Trust Rose Bridge follows the statutory guidance for supporting pupils with these needs.

If a child has a medical condition school will liaise with all professionals working with the child and will follow their advice and strategies to support the child in school.

School has a designated member of staff to work with attendance issues alongside the appropriate agencies from the local authority.

How is the decision made about what type and how much support my child will receive?

Our provision is arranged to meet our pupils' needs within the resources available. This approach reflects the fact that different pupils require different levels of support in order to achieve age expected attainment. The SENDCo will consult with the pupil, staff and parents/carers as well as with support staff, to discuss the pupil's needs and what support would be appropriate.

There are always on-going discussions with parents/carers for any pupil who requires additional support for their learning. We ensure that all pupils with SEND have their needs met to the best of the school's ability, within the funds available. The budget is allocated on a needs basis. The pupils who have the most complex needs are given the most support. If the school feels that further support is needed they may involve other services to support the child's or family's needs; these include health and social care bodies, local authority support services and voluntary organisations.

How accessible is Dean Trust Rose Bridge for my child?

The school is on one site. There is currently one main building, with four areas of school on a second storey; one area has lift access. The site has disabled toilets on the ground floor. There is one car park on site. The car park has parking bays for disabled badge holders at the main entrance.

How will my child be included in learning activities both in and outside the classroom including school trips?

Dean Trust Rose Bridge makes their best endeavours to ensure that all pupils are able to participate in all activities. Appropriate differentiation through Quality First Teaching is provided in all lessons and arrangements are made for inclusion on all trips.

Wigan's local offer makes it easier for families to find out about the support that is available for children and young people with Special Educational Needs or Disabilities (SEND).

More information on Wigan's local offer can be found at:

<https://www.wigan.gov.uk/Resident/Education/Special-Educational-Needs-and-Disability/Local-Offer/index.aspx>

The family of a child with SEND has the right to request for their child to be educated in a mainstream setting. Wigan schools are supported to be inclusive. Wigan's Graduated Response document outlines guidance that they could provide to support schools. Schools have a duty to publish SEND information on their website which is updated annually. Outlined below are frequently asked questions in regards to how children with Special Educational Needs are supported at Dean Trust Rose Bridge: