



Walkwood

Church of England  Middle School

SEND Information Report

Academic Year 2018-19

Walkwood Church of England Middle School is a fully inclusive mainstream school. At Walkwood Church of England Middle School, all pupils are valued equally, regardless of where their abilities lie, with the Academy being committed to developing 'the best in everyone'. All students are entitled to have access to a broad, balanced and relevant curriculum, which is differentiated to meet individual needs. We are committed to equal opportunities, with students being encouraged to achieve their full potential, whatever their academic or physical ability, through the provision of a balanced and challenging curriculum in both content and styles of learning.

“The core purpose of any Church school is to maximise the learning potential of every pupil within the love of God.”
SIAMS (*Statutory Inspection of Anglican and Methodist Schools*) 2012

Student of all ages and all abilities will:

- Be treated as individuals where their individual needs, interests and aptitudes are recognised.
- Be entitled to have an emerging or evident special educational need identified and assessed.
- Be provided with opportunities for continued growth and development so that they can increase their self-esteem and become confident.
- Receive a balanced curriculum in both content and style of delivery which allow them to make informed choices as they progress beyond the Academy.
- Be encouraged to achieve their full potential, whatever their abilities.
- Be encouraged to learn through a range of enjoyable and stimulating experiences in an atmosphere where students feel valued, encouraged and safe.
- Learn to take an increasing responsibility for their own learning and actions so that they will be equipped to deal with life after school. ² Be encouraged to see education as a life-long process to the benefit of all aspects of their life.

This SEND Information Report outlines information regarding the ways in which we provide support for all students with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND), in order to realise their full potential, make outstanding academic and personal progress and grow to be equipped for their future lives. Provision may change and develop over time.

Regulation	Question	Response
1. The kinds of Special Educational Needs for which provision is made at the school	What kinds of SEND do pupils have in your school?	<p>Children are identified as having SEND when they have a significantly greater difficulty in learning than the majority of children the same age or have a disability which prevents or hinders them from making use of education facilities of a kind generally provided for children of the same age in schools within the area of the Local Authority (SEND Regulations 2015).</p> <p>Students at Walkwood Church of England Middle School have a range of difficulties including Communication and Interaction; Cognition and Learning; Social, Emotional and Mental Health difficulties and Sensory or Physical difficulties.</p>
2. Information, in relation to mainstream schools about the school's policies for the identification and assessment of pupils with special educational needs.	How do you know if pupils need extra help?	<p>When your child first joins Walkwood Church of England Middle School, we use information from a range of sources to help identify SEND and other needs. These include information from parents/carers; first school teachers; end of year 4 levels; base line testing; subject teachers; specialist colleagues and external agencies.</p> <p>Our class teachers, Heads of Department and College Leaders closely monitor the progress and attainment of all students, including those who have or may have SEND. The continuous monitoring of students during their time at Walkwood Church of England Middle School will further identify pupils with a special educational need. This identification may come from tutors, subject teachers, support colleagues, College Leaders, outside agencies, parents/carers or the pupils themselves. If your child needs to be assessed we would use a range of assessments depending on the area of need. If it is thought a family needs support, we have good working relationships with outside agencies and a referral can be made to them.</p> <p>We follow a staged and graduated approach to identifying and assessing needs, using the 'Assess, Plan, Do, Review' model. The triggers for intervention could be the teacher's, support colleague's or others concern, underpinned by evidence, about a pupil who, despite receiving differentiated learning opportunities, does not make expected progress.</p> <p>All students with SEND are on the SEND register which are accessible to all staff. Staff use this information to inform their lesson planning, teaching and student learning activities. Targeted interventions are planned and delivered where appropriate. This may include small group or individual work across a broad range of activities.</p>
3a. How the school evaluates the effectiveness	How will I know that my child is making progress?	<p>All students, including those with SEND, are assessed on a regular basis, in accordance with Walkwood's Assessment Policy. Teachers formally assess and review progress and attainment 5 times a year which is communicated to parents/carers by a report that is sent home. Additionally, parents evenings are held once a year when there is an opportunity to discuss progress, attainment and next steps. All students</p>

<p>of its provision for such pupils</p>	<p>How do you evaluate provision?</p>	<p>with an Education, Health & Care Plan have an Annual Review.</p> <p>The school has a Quality Assurance process that assesses the effectiveness of Teaching and Learning for all students, including those with SEND and the outcomes of these evaluations are used to create and implement development plans for all aspects of school life. These are regularly reviewed through regular evaluation. Additionally, progress and attainment data for students is analysed for effectiveness and value for money.</p>
<p>3b. The school's arrangements for assessing and reviewing the progress of pupils with special educational needs</p>	<p>How do you check and review the progress of my child and how will I be involved?</p>	<p>The school will send home a report each year which will show your child's current and target levels as well as reporting on their effort, behaviour, homework and independent learning. Heads of Department, College Leaders and Inclusion staff will monitor and review your child's levels and pick up on any subjects where your child is not making the right amount of progress. We will then put an intervention in place. At the next reporting time we will check whether the right progress has been made. We give reports to the governors who check and review the work of all departments, including Inclusion.</p> <p>We welcome the involvement of parents/carers and want to keep you up to date and involved with your child's progress. We do this through parents' evenings; notes in planners; email; telephone calls; appointments made with individual teachers; Annual Reviews/bi annual reviews (for those on the SEND register).</p> <p>The school provides information for parents through newsletters; information on the website and VLE; Open/Information days; Parents Evenings and letters home. Learning Plans, outlining curriculum topics delivered per half term are published on the VLE for parents to access.</p>

<p>3c. The school's approach to teaching pupils with special educational needs</p>	<p>How do teachers help pupils with SEND?</p>	<p>Our teachers have high expectations of all students, including those with SEND. All teachers will be told about your child's individual needs and will adapt their lessons to meet these requirements. Teachers have experience and/or are trained in doing this. This may involve using different strategies, more practical/adaptation of resources and activities. This means your child can access the lessons fully. Within school there are a variety of staff roles to help us fully support your child. Where it is felt it is the right thing to do a student may be offered additional help and support, in which case you would be informed. There are a range of interventions and additional subject support which are available and should your child need this, it would be discussed with you.</p>
		<p>When your child is approaching the start of transition into High School, pupils with SEND will have extra visits arranged by the SENDCo if we think it is needed, all relevant information about the child is passed on to create a smooth transition.</p>
<p>3d. How the school adapts the curriculum and learning environment for pupils with special educational needs</p>	<p>How will the curriculum be matched to my child's needs? How accessible is the school environment?</p>	<p>Most of our students follow a traditional curriculum, however a small number of learners have a more personalised curriculum to match their individual needs, interests and abilities. This may include; additional literacy; nurture groups and intervention groups.</p> <p>Our school is a safe and accessible building and we do our best to make it welcoming to the whole community. All safeguarding procedures and risk assessments are in place and adhered to by all staff. We have a range of different facilities to help SEND students throughout our school including a lift to access all areas; disabled toilets; ramps; wide corridors and equipment to help with reading and writing.</p> <p>An Accessibility Plan is in place and available from our school website.</p>

<p>3e. Additional support for learning that is available to pupils with special educational needs</p>	<p>What social, before and after school, and other activities are available for pupils with SEND?</p> <p>How can my child and I find out about these activities?</p> <p>How will my child be included in activities outside the classroom, including school trips?</p>	<p>A large range of academic and hobby/interest clubs are available at Walkwood Church of England Middle School. They are open to all students, including students with SEND.</p> <p>Additionally, we run a range of activities to support SEND students including Sport Club, Homework Club, Lunch and Break Time Social Club.</p> <p>The Extra-Curricular timetable is available on the school’s website. SEND Clubs are by invitation only and these are outlined on the weekly parents’ newsletter ‘The Insider’.</p> <p>All children in the school are encouraged to take part in extra activities at break time, lunchtime and after school. Day and residential trips are open to all children and your child’s specific needs can be discussed if they wish to join such a trip.</p>
<p>3g. Support that is available for improving the emotional, mental and social development of pupils with special educational needs</p>	<p>What support will there be for my child’s overall wellbeing?</p>	<p>At Walkwood Church of England Middle School we take our pastoral responsibilities seriously. We pride ourselves on providing a high level of student support and guidance. One way we support our students is by assigning them to a form tutor who will (in most cases) remain with them as they progress up the school. This provides continuity and builds a strong relationship between tutor and students. There are additional members of staff who are able to provide pastoral support, these include: Pastoral Support Managers; Learning Support Assistant; College Leaders; Safeguarding Officer. We also have excellent relationships with a number of external agencies for example Early Help, Targeted Prevention Team, CAMHS, Educational Psychologist and Speech and Language Therapist</p>

<p>4. In relation to mainstream schools, the name and contact details of the SEN coordinator</p>	<p>Who should I contact if I want to find out more about how Walkwood Church of England Middle School supports pupils with SEND?</p> <p>What should I do if I think my child may have a special educational need or disability?</p>	<p>The Deputy Principal Inclusion and SENDCo is Rachel Perks. Contact details: Email office@walkwoodms.worcs.sch.uk or telephone 01527 543361.</p> <p>Speak to your child's tutor in the first instance.</p>
<p>5. Information about the expertise and training of staff in relation to children and young people with special educational needs and about how specialist expertise will be secured</p>	<p>What training have the staff supporting children and young people with SEND had or are having?</p>	<p>We have a Learning Support department that includes an internal MAB which is made up of the SENDCo, and several specialist HLTA and TA's. Within this team we have staff who have a range of experience and training covering various SEN needs including the National SENDCo Award Qualification; NVQ Level 2 & 3 Supporting Learners in Schools. The majority of staff are Level 1 trained in Autism.</p> <p>Training is provided to all staff, including teachers and TA's, as the need arises and there is ongoing training for all staff as well as opportunities to further develop skills. Staff who are new to the school follow an induction programme which includes training and information on SEND.</p>

<p>6. Information about how equipment and facilities to support children and young people with special educational needs will be secured</p>	<p>What happens if my child needs specialist equipment or other facilities?</p>	<p>As a school we can access a range of services including Visual and Hearing Impaired Team and Disability Team, via Babcock and Chadsgrove Teaching School. These services are contacted when necessary and appropriate, according to your child's needs. If you believe your child needs specialist equipment or other facilities, please contact Rachel Perks or discuss the issue at the next review/parents evening.</p>
<p>7. The arrangements for consulting parents of children with special educational needs about, and involving such parents in, the education of their child.</p>	<p>How will I be involved in discussions about and planning for my child's education?</p> <p>How will you help me to support my child's learning?</p>	<p>We need you to support us and your child by encouraging them to fully engage with their learning and any interventions offered by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Helping them to be organised for their day (including bringing the right equipment and books) • Full attendance and good punctuality • Completion of homework • Checking and signing planner • Attending parents' meetings • Attending any meetings specifically arranged for your child <p>We will support you by having regular communication and a range of workshops for parents to support learning and safety.</p>
<p>8. The arrangements for consulting young people with special educational needs about, and involving them in, their education</p>	<p>How will my child be involved in his/her own learning and decisions made about his/her education?</p>	<p>Students are encouraged to take part in Pupil Voice activities; regularly evaluate their work in lessons; attend review meetings; contribute to target setting and reviewing and reflect on their learning and achievements.</p>

<p>11. The contact details of support services for the parents of pupils with special educational needs, including those for arrangements made in accordance with section 32.</p>	<p>Who should I contact to find out about support for parents and families of children with SEND?</p>	<p>SENDIASS: http://www.worcestershire.gov.uk/info/20208/sendiaass SEN Worcester County Council: http://www.worcestershire.gov.uk/info/20107/special_educational_needs Early Intervention Family Support: http://www.worcestershire.gov.uk/EIFS Worcestershire Parent Partnership: http://www.worcestershire.gov.uk/directory_record/2687/a_guide_to_the_parent_partnership_services</p> <p>Bromsgrove and Redditch: http://www.autismlinks.co.uk/support-groups/group-support-west-midlands Redditch Deaf Club: http://www.ableize.com/Disabled-Groups-and-Clubs-by-County/Worcestershire/Redditch-Deaf-Club</p>
<p>12. The school's arrangements for supporting pupils with special educational needs in a transfer between phases of education or in preparation for adulthood and independent living</p>	<p>How will the school prepare and support my child when joining your school or transferring to a new school or post-16 provision?</p>	<p>We liaise closely with first and High schools and provide additional transition support both before your child starts and afterwards, if it is needed.</p>
<p>13. Information on where the local authority's local offer is published</p>	<p>Where can I find out about other services that might be available for our family and my child?</p>	<p>Local Offer Worcestershire: https://worcestershirelocaloffer.org.uk/</p>

Key Staff

Mrs R Perks: Deputy Principal – Inclusion/SENCo/Safeguarding Lead

Mrs J McAfee : Assistant to the Deputy Principal

College	College Leaders	Pastoral Managers
Abberley	Mr P Cockram	Mrs M Russell
Bredon	Mr C Hunt	Mrs H Hands
Cleeve	Mrs J Harris	Mrs S Phelan
Malvern	Ms T Tomes	Mrs D Langstone