

## Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) Information Report

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Stelling Minnis Church of England Primary School is committed to offering a primary education of the highest quality to each child. The school deliberately sets out to create the right environment for all pupils, to allow them to develop in the way and at the pace appropriate to them. As a controlled Church of England School, we provide a secure, happy and stimulating learning environment where Christian faith leads our way. We aim to foster a true and lifelong desire to learn by presenting children with a wide and challenging curriculum set firmly within the guiding principles of Christian values, which we teach and model through all aspects of school life. Our specific Christian values are Love, Respect and Perseverance.

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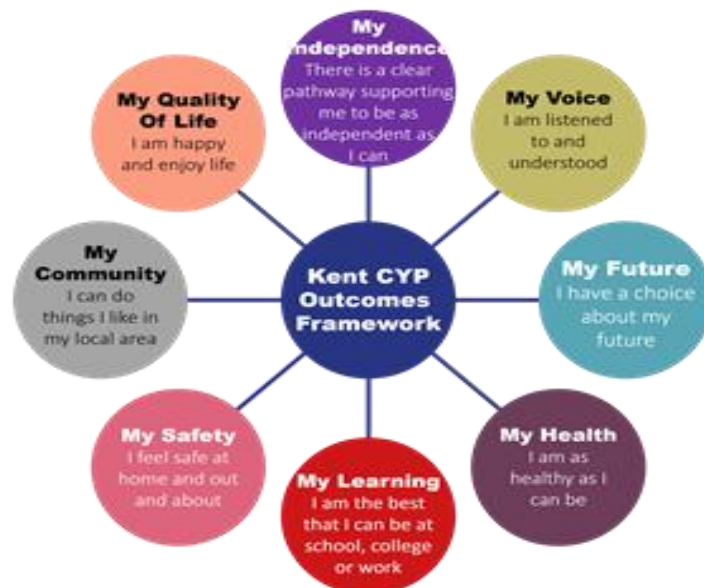
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# Kent SEND Information Report

Dear parents and carers,

The aim of this Information Report is to explain how we implement our SEND policy. In other words, we want to show you how SEND support works in our school.

As educational professionals, we are all working towards the ultimate goal of growing independent young people as they prepare for adulthood. All provision and support we provide is working towards achieving the Kent Children and Young People (CYP) Outcomes Framework:



If you want to know more about our arrangements for SEND, read our SEND policy alongside this Information Report.

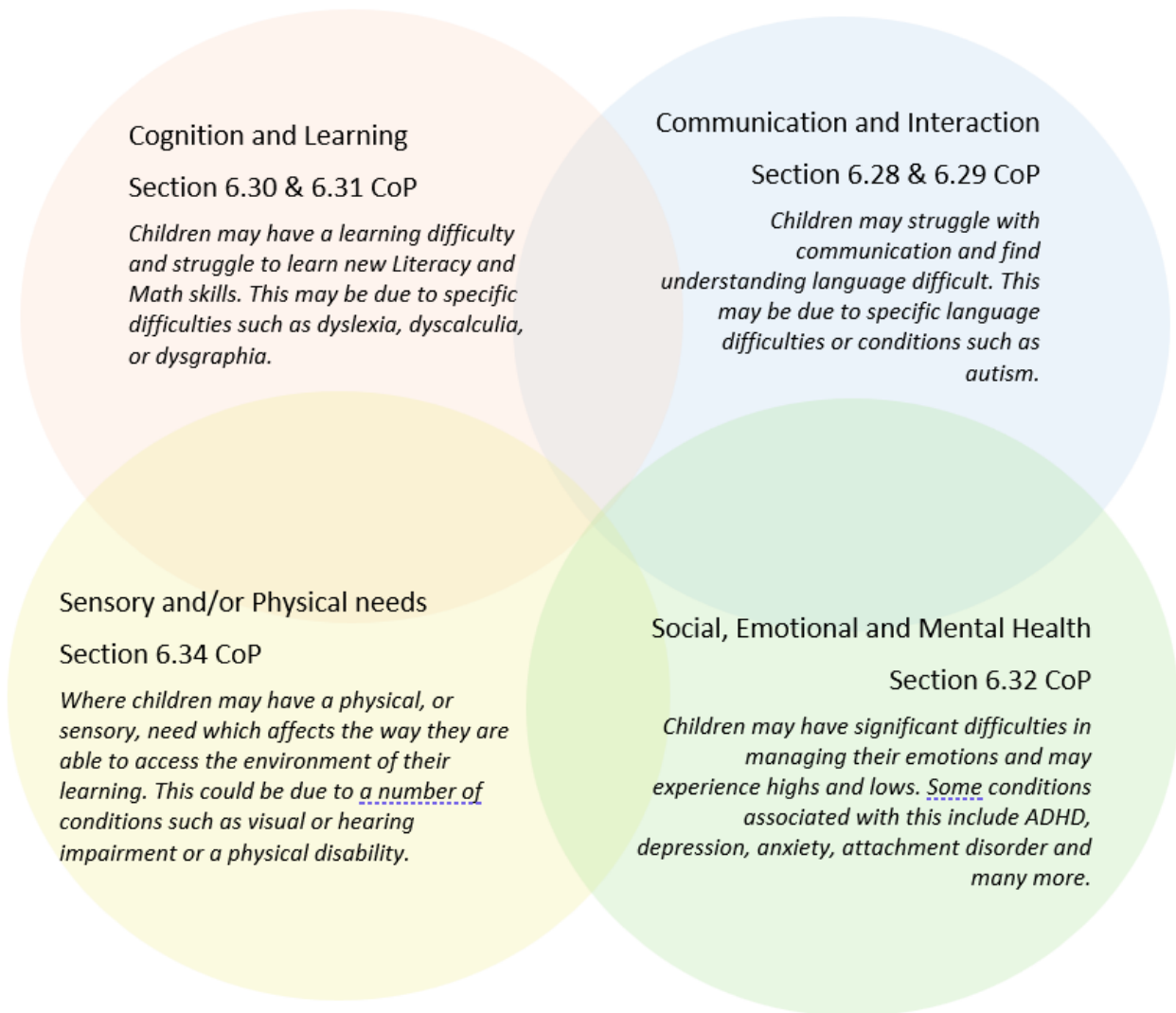
You can find our SEND policy on our website

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**Note:** If there are any terms we've used in this information report that you're unsure of, you can look them up in the Glossary at the end of the report.

## 1. What types of SEND does the school provide for?

Our school provides for pupils with the following needs (as outlined in the SEND Code of Practice 2015):



Often you will find that children's needs overlap and they are rarely confined to one area of need, which is why it is important to gain a holistic overview of your child.

More information about the Areas of Need can be found in the Special educational needs and disability code of practice: 0 to 25 years (link below).

[SEND Code of Practice January 2015.pdf \(publishing.service.gov.uk\)](#)

## 2. Which staff will support my child, and what are their key responsibilities?



At Stelling Minnis all staff are responsible for supporting the needs of pupils with SEND. Our staff are committed to regular, high-quality training to ensure that they have the knowledge and skills to better meet a wide range of pupil needs.

Below outlines key staff who will be supporting your child. *Please note that this list is not exhaustive.*

Mrs Brown: EYFS teacher & Acting SENCo

Mrs Gifford: Squirrel class teacher (KS1)

Miss Titmarsh: Otter class teacher (Year3/4)

Mrs Hutchings: Badger class teacher (Year5/6)

Mrs Buss: Acting Headteacher & Acting SENCo

Our teaching assistants:

Ms Lee, Mrs Ledley, Mrs Campbell, Mrs Mumford, Mrs Melville, Mrs Cannell, Mrs Hanford and Mrs Gifford

### Our Special Educational Needs Co-ordinator, or SENCO

*Our acting Special Educational Needs Co-ordinators are Mrs Hannah Brown and Mrs Rachel Buss.*

### Class teachers

All of our teachers receive in-house SEN training, and are supported by the SENCO to meet the needs of pupils who have SEN.

This year we have also attended PROACT SCIP training from an outside agency.

## Teaching assistants (TAs)

We have a team of TAs, including one higher-level teaching assistant (HLTA) who are trained to deliver SEN provision.

We have teaching assistants who are trained to deliver interventions such as Sensory circuits, Little Wandle SEN phonics, Attention Autism, Write from the Start

In the last academic year, TAs have been trained in Attention Autism, PROACT SCIP, mental health champions

## External agencies

Sometimes we need extra help to offer our pupils the support that they need. Whenever necessary we will work with external support services to meet the needs of our pupils with SEND and to support their families. These may include:

➤ Child and adolescent mental health services (CAMHS)

➤ Virtual Schools Kent (VSK)

➤ Education welfare officers

➤ Educational psychologists

➤ Occupational therapists

➤ Therapeutic practitioners

➤ Behaviour coaches

➤ Safeguarding services

➤ School Liaison Officer

➤ School nurses

➤ SEND Inclusion Advisor

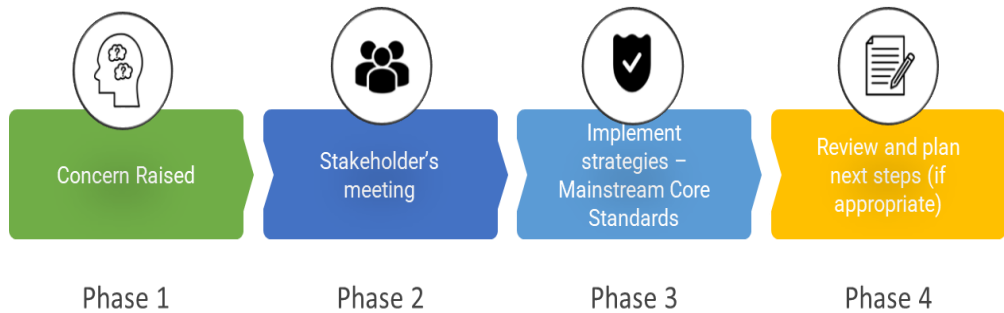
➤ Specialist Teacher Service

➤ Speech and language therapists

➤ Voluntary sector organisations



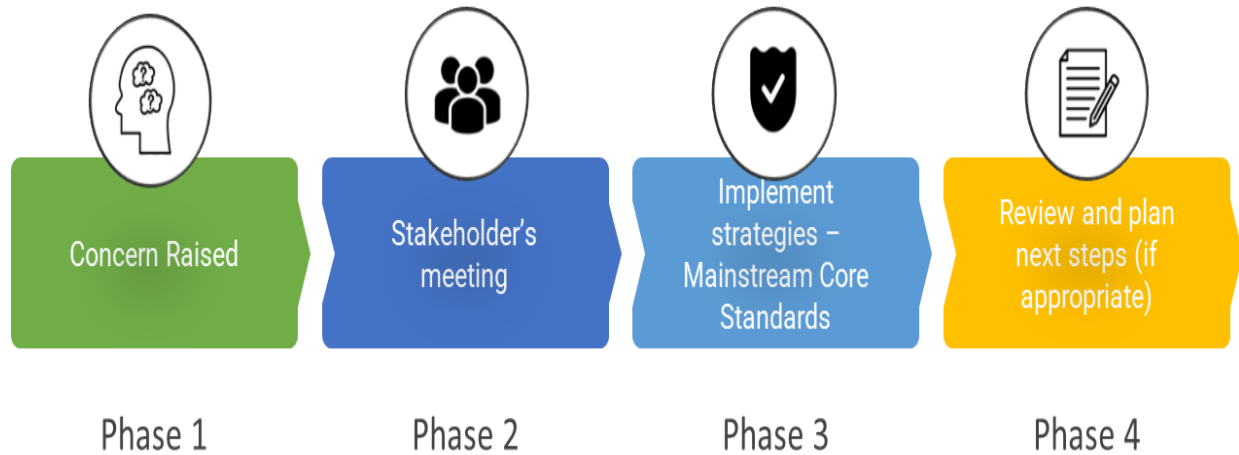
## 3. What should I do if I think my child has SEND?



<p><b>Phase 1</b></p>	<p>The first step of contact is the class teacher. You can contact them via the school office, email or dojo to arrange a meeting. In many instances, the class teacher will be able to make adjustments to ensure your child's needs are appropriately supported through quality provision.</p>
<p><b>Phase 2</b></p>	<p>Where the needs of the child cannot be met through routine adjustments, and they need additional or different provision, the class teacher will liaise with our SENCo. We will meet with you and together we will decide what outcomes to seek for your child and agree on next steps. We will make a note of what's been discussed and add this to your child's record.</p>
<p><b>Phase 3</b></p>	<p>We will implement the agreed strategies and monitor these over a set period of time. These are likely to be universal strategies set out in the mainstream core standards. A copy of this can be found here: <a href="https://www.kelsi.org.uk/_data/assets/pdf_file/0005/117257/Special-educational-needs-mainstream-core-standards-guide-for-parents.pdf">https://www.kelsi.org.uk/_data/assets/pdf_file/0005/117257/Special-educational-needs-mainstream-core-standards-guide-for-parents.pdf</a>. This will initiate the 'Graduated Approach' where support will be continually reviewed. See next page for more details.</p>
<p><b>Phase 4</b></p>	<p>If we decide that your child needs SEND support, we will formally notify you and your child will be added to the school's SEND register. They will receive additional support and this will be reviewed using the assess, plan, do, review model.</p>

## 4. What happens if the school identifies a need?

The same process is followed if a concern is raised by the school.



Our class teachers are responsible for the monitoring of all pupils, including pupils that have been identified as having SEND. They also review those who are not making the expected level of progress in their schoolwork or socially. This might include reading, writing and maths assessments. Additionally, this could be social and emotional difficulties.

If the teacher notices that a pupil is having difficulties, they try to find out if the pupil has any gaps in their learning. If they find a gap, the school will provide appropriate support. Pupils who don't have SEND usually make progress quickly once the gap in their learning has been filled.

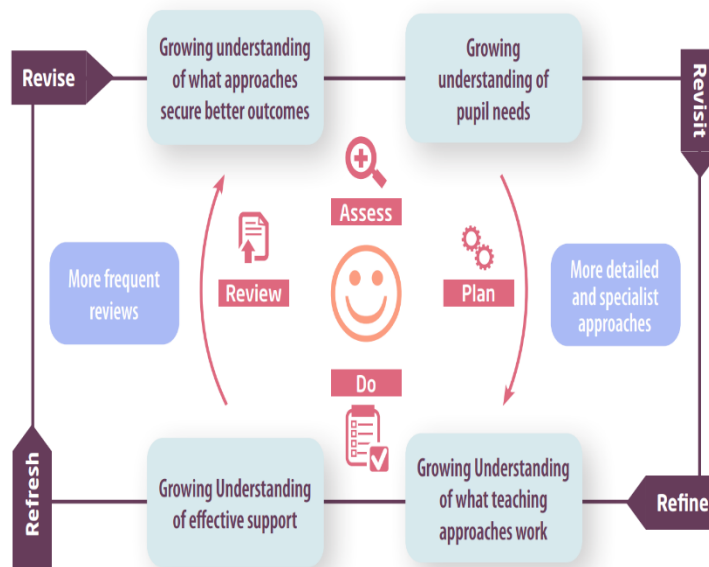
If the pupil is still finding it difficult to make the expected progress, the teacher will talk to the SENCO, and will contact you to discuss the possibility that your child has SEND, and the school will follow the graduated approach (see previous page).



## 5. How will the school measure my child's progress?

We will follow the 'graduated approach' to meet your child's SEND.

The graduated approach is a 4-part cycle of **assess, plan, do, review**.



<b>Assess</b>	If from our routine assessments and observations, we feel your child is not making the expected level of progress, despite high quality teaching and additional interventions, we will ask for you and your child's input, as well as getting help from external professionals where necessary.
<b>Plan</b>	In discussion with you and your child, we will decide what outcomes we are hoping to achieve. We will make a plan of the support we will offer your child to help them meet those outcomes. We will make a record of this and share it with you and all relevant school staff.
<b>Do</b>	We will put our plan into practice. The class teacher, with the support of the SENCO, will be responsible for working with your child on a daily basis, and making sure the support we put in place is having the impact we intended.
<b>Review</b>	We will assess how well the support we put in place helped the pupil to meet the outcomes we set. We will use our improved understanding of your child's needs to improve the support we offer; this may mean the Plan, Assess, Do, Review cycle continues.

## 6. How will I be involved in decisions made about my child's education?

We provide annual reports on your child's progress as a whole school. If your child is placed on the SEN register you will be notified, and the SENCo will additionally monitor their progress alongside the class teacher. For those children with SEN or disabilities that require a significantly higher level of support, the class teacher and SENCo will create a personalised plan, to track progress towards their agreed outcomes. We will review their personalised plan with you on three separate occasions. Autumn term during parent consultation with the class teacher, Spring during parent consultation with the class teacher and in Summer term with the SENCO.

A member of staff who knows your child well will meet you to:

- Set clear outcomes for your child's progress
- Review progress towards those outcomes
- Discuss the support we will put in place to help your child make that progress
- Identify what we will do, what we will ask you to do, and what we will ask your child to do

The SENCO may also attend these meetings to provide extra support.

We know that you're the expert when it comes to your child's needs and aspirations. So, we want to make sure you have a full understanding of how we're trying to meet your child's needs, so that you can provide insight into what you think would work best for your child.

We also want to hear from you as much as possible so that we can build a better picture of how the SEND support we are providing is influencing your child outside of school.

If your child's needs or aspirations change at any time, please let us know right away so we can keep our provision as relevant as possible.

If you have concerns that arise between these meetings, please contact the class teacher via the office, email or dojo.

## 7. How will my child be involved in decisions made about their education?

The level of involvement will depend on your child's age and individual needs. We recognise that no two pupils are the same, so we will decide on a case-by-case basis, with your input.

We may seek your child's views by asking them to:

- Attend meetings to discuss their progress and outcomes
- Discuss their views with a member of staff who can act as a representative during the meeting
- Complete a visual representation of their views and aspirations



## 8. How will the school adapt its teaching for my child?

Your child's teacher is responsible and accountable for the progress and development of all the pupils in their class.

High-quality teaching is our first step in responding to your child's needs. We will make sure that your child has access to a broad and balanced curriculum in every year they are at our school.

We will adapt our approaches and how we teach to suit the way the pupil works best. There is no 'one size fits all' approach to adapting the curriculum, we work on a case-by case basis to make sure the adaptations we make are meaningful to your child and are guided by the Mainstream Core Standards.

These adaptations may include:

- Adapting our approaches, for example, giving longer processing times, pre-teaching of key vocabulary, reading instructions aloud, etc.



- Adapting our resources and staffing



- Using recommended aids, such as laptops, coloured overlays, visual timetables, larger font, etc.



- Teaching assistants or support staff will support pupils appropriately depending on their presentation of need



- Scaffolding lesson materials

### **We may also provide the following interventions:**

Sensory circuits, Little Wandle SEN phonics, Attention Autism, Write from the Start

These interventions are part of our contribution to Kent County Council's local offer.

## 9. How will the school evaluate whether the support in place is helping my child?

We will evaluate the effectiveness of provision for your child by:

- Reviewing their progress towards their goals each term
- Reviewing the impact of interventions after 8 weeks
- Using pupil questionnaires
- Monitoring by the SENCO
- Using provision maps to measure progress
- Holding an annual review (if they have an education, health and care (EHC) plan)



## 10. How will the school ensure my child has appropriate resources?

It may be that your child's needs mean we need to provide additional resources such as:

- Additional resources to support their learning
- Adaptations to in-class support
- Further training for our staff
- External specialist expertise

Where appropriate, we will consult with external agencies to get recommendations on what will best help your child access their learning and use our best endeavours to ensure these are supplied.

## 11. How will the school make sure my child is included in activities alongside pupils who don't have SEND?



The expectation is that all schools provide an inclusive provision for all pupils. It may be necessary for some pupils to receive interventions in addition to a broad and balanced curriculum.

All of our extra-curricular activities and school visits are available to all our pupils, including our before and after-school clubs.

All pupils are encouraged to go on our school trips, termly visits to the farm and our residential trip in Badgers. Your child may need parental support during these trips and this will be discussed with you in a timely manner.

All pupils are encouraged to take part in sports day, school plays/special workshops unless it would be upsetting for the child. This would be a decision that is taken with parental involvement.

No pupil is ever excluded from taking part in these activities because of their SEN or disability and we will make whatever reasonable adjustments are needed to make sure that they can be included.

## 12. How does the school make sure the admissions process is fair for pupils with SEN or a disability?



➤ At Stelling Minnis Primary School we take an inclusive approach to admissions. Children in care or previously looked after children are given first priority due to their vulnerability. Where children have SEN or a disability the school will look to how they can make necessary adaptations to meet their needs and make the school accessible. We will work with parents and carers and external professionals as appropriate to support the admissions process.

## 13. How does the school support pupils with disabilities?



➤ We work with external professionals and families to find ways to adapt our school environment to be accessible to pupils with disabilities.

See our Accessibility Plan for more information:

[https://www.stelling-minnis.kent.sch.uk/web/policies\\_procedures/658796](https://www.stelling-minnis.kent.sch.uk/web/policies_procedures/658796)

You are disabled under the Equality Act 2010 if you have a physical or mental impairment that has a 'substantial' and 'long-term' negative effect on your ability to do normal daily activities.

## 14. How will the school support my child's mental health and emotional and social development?

We provide support for pupils to progress in their emotional and social development in the following ways:

- Pupils with SEND are encouraged to be part of the school council, and to stand as representatives for the school
- Pupils with SEND are supported to be a part of all aspects of school life, and to feel successful in their learning and friendships
- Pupils with Social, Emotional and Mental Health needs (SEMH needs) are supported through planned provision incorporating advice from mainstream core standards, to develop their emotional literacy, and strategies to promote positive mental health
- We provide extra pastoral support for listening to the views of pupils with SEND, and a nurture space where pupils can go to express themselves and feel calm and supported.
- We have a 'zero tolerance' approach to bullying.

## 15. What support is in place for looked-after and previously looked-after children with SEND?



Our Headteacher and SENCO work in collaboration with all of our teachers, external agencies including Virtual Schools Kent (VSK), and carers and families, to understand how a looked-after or previously looked-after pupil's circumstances and their SEND might interact, and what the implications are for teaching and learning.

Pupils who are looked-after or previously looked-after will be supported in much the same way as any other child who has SEND. However, looked-after pupils will also have a personal education plan reviewed in yearly EPPLAC meetings to support progress towards agreed outcomes. We will make sure that this plan and any SEND support plans or EHC plans are consistent and complement one another.



## 16. What support will be available for my child as they transition between classes or settings or in preparing for adulthood?

### Between years

To help pupils with SEND be prepared for a new school year we:



- Ask both the current teacher and the next year's teacher to meet and review the pupil's learning needs ahead of transfer.
- Schedule lessons with the new teacher towards the end of the summer term to support the development of pupil-teacher relationships.

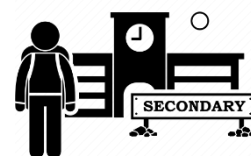
### Between schools

When your child is moving on from our school, we will ask you and your child what information you want us to share with the new setting.

The SENCO of the secondary school will come into our school for a meeting with our SENCO. They will discuss the needs of all the pupils who are receiving SEND support.

Pupils will be prepared for the transition by:

- Practising with a secondary school timetable
- Learning how to get organised independently
- Plugging any gaps in knowledge



## 17. What support is available for me and my family?

If you have questions about SEND, or are struggling to cope, please get in touch to let us know. We want to support you, your child and your family.

To see what support is available to you locally, have a look at Kent's local offer:

<https://www.kelsi.org.uk/special-education-needs/send-information-hub>

National charities that offer information and support to families of pupils with SEND are:

- [IPSEA](#)
- [SEND family support](#)
- [NSPCC](#)
- [Family Action](#)
- [Special Needs Jungle](#)

## 18. What should I do if I have a complaint about my child's SEND support?

Complaints about SEND provision in our school should be made to the class teacher in the first instance. They can further be referred to our SENCo and Headteacher. Details of our complaints policy can be found at:

[https://www.stelling-minnis.kent.sch.uk/web/policies\\_procedures/658796](https://www.stelling-minnis.kent.sch.uk/web/policies_procedures/658796)

If you are not satisfied with the school's response, you can escalate the complaint. In some circumstances, this right also applies to the pupil themselves.

To see a full explanation of suitable avenues for complaint, see pages 246 and 247 of the [SEND Code of Practice](#).

If you feel that our school discriminated against your child because of their SEND, you have the right to make a discrimination claim to the first-tier SEND tribunal. To find out how to make such a claim, you should visit: <https://www.gov.uk/complain-about-school/disability-discrimination>

## 19. Supporting documents

- *Equality Information and Objectives Policy*
- *Child protection and safeguarding policy*
- *Behaviour Policy*
- *Accessibility Plan*
- *Attendance and punctuality policy*
- *SEND policy*
- *SEN & Disabilities Code Of Practice 2015*
- *Mainstream Core Standards*



## 20. Glossary

- **Access arrangements** – special arrangements to allow pupils with SEND to access assessments or exams
- **Annual review** – an annual meeting to review the provision in a pupil's EHC plan
- **Area of need** – the 4 areas of need describe different types of needs a pupil with SEND can have. The 4 areas are communication and interaction; cognition and learning; physical and/or sensory; and social, emotional and mental health needs.
- **CAMHS** – child and adolescent mental health services
- **Differentiation** – when teachers adapt how they teach in response to a pupil's needs
- **EHC needs assessment** – the needs assessment is the first step on the way to securing an EHC plan. The local authority will do an assessment to decide whether a child needs an EHC plan.
- **EHC plan** – an education, health and care plan is a legally-binding document that sets out a child's needs and the provision that will be put in place to meet their needs.
- **First-tier tribunal/SEND tribunal** – a court where you can appeal against the local authority's decisions about EHC needs assessments or plans and against discrimination by a school or local authority due to SEND
- **Graduated approach** – an approach to providing SEND support in which the school provides support in successive cycles of assessing the pupil's needs, planning the provision, implementing the plan, and reviewing the impact of the action on the pupil
- **Intervention** – a short-term, targeted approach to teaching a pupil with a specific outcome in mind
- **Local offer** – information provided by the local authority which explains what services and support are on offer for pupils with SEND in the local area
- **Outcome** – target for improvement for pupils with SEND. These targets don't necessarily have to be related to academic attainment
- **Reasonable adjustments** – changes that the school must make to remove or reduce any disadvantages caused by a child's disability
- **SENCO** – the special educational needs co-ordinator
- **SEN** – special educational needs
- **SEND** – special educational needs and disabilities
- **SEND Code of Practice** – the statutory guidance that schools must follow to support pupils with SEND
- **SEND information report** – a report that schools must publish on their website, that explains how the school supports pupils with SEND
- **SEND support** – special educational provision which meets the needs of pupils with SEND
- **Transition** – when a pupil moves between years, phases, schools or institutions or life stages