

## An Introduction to Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) at Saffron Valley Collegiate

### Parent Information

#### What is SEND?

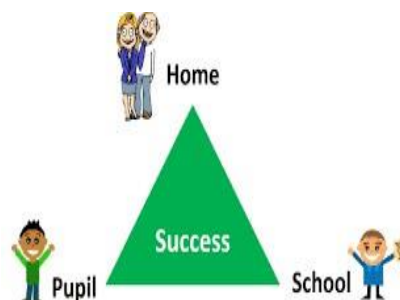
The SEN Code of Practice says a child or young person has a special educational need (SEND) if they have a learning difficulty or disability which calls for special educational provision to be made for them which is ***different from or additional to*** that normally available to pupils of the same age.

The Equality Act 2010 says a child is disabled if they have a physical or mental impairment which has a long term and substantial adverse effect on their ability to carry out normal day-to-day activities.

There can be a significant overlap between these two groups, who we refer to as pupils with **SEND**.

#### Working in partnership

- We involve children in decision making about their own support and learning
- We aim to develop pupil independence by identifying their needs and building a toolbox of strategies and tools for them to use
- We work in partnership with parents/carers and other professionals including Educational Psychologists, Speech and Language Therapists, Mental Health Teams including CAMHS, YOS and Social Care to actively seek to include their views when planning and reviewing support.



## Barriers to Learning

The number of pupils with special educational needs (SEND) increased to 1.7 million pupils in 2026, representing 20% of all pupils or 1 in 5. The number of pupils and young people with EHC plans increased to 639.000 in early 2026.

Typical needs identified may be with:

- Reading, writing or mathematics
- Understanding information
- Expressing themselves
- Social communication
- Organization and planning
- Processing new information
- Self-regulation
- Sensory processing
- Social, emotional and mental health needs

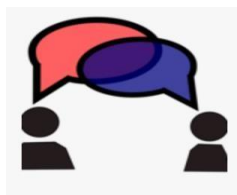
These difficulties can cause barriers to pupils' learning. We will assess your child to identify their strengths and the extra support they may need to help overcome and remove these barriers. We record this information in a **Learning Plan**.

As described in the SEN Code of Practice, we follow the **graduated approach** of assess, plan, do and review, to ensure support given is having a positive impact on progress and outcomes.



## Our Core Offer

- Quality First Teaching
- A personalised or adapted curriculum
- Access to specialist equipment, where required
- In-class support from a TA or BFL
- Group-intervention programmes
- One-to-one intervention programmes
- Special Access Arrangements for exams/tests
- Assessment from a specialist professional such as an Speech and Language Therapist or an Educational Psychologist
- Delivery of programmes set by specialist services, such as our Mental Health Team



## If you have any concerns

- Please speak to your child's tutor
- Speak to the Head of Provision
- Speak to the SENCO or contact the School Office to arrange a phone call or appointment
- Read our SEND Information Report,

## Our School SEND Policy

### At Saffron Valley Collegiate we aim to:

- Identify SEND and assess pupils 'needs
- Assess and review progress towards outcomes
- Support pupils moving between phases and preparing for adulthood
- Adapt the curriculum and learning environment to overcome and remove barriers to learning
- Provide additional support for learning
- Enable pupils to engage in all activities
- Support mental health and well-being
- Support emotional and social development
- Work with other agencies

**Our SEND policy is reviewed regularly.**

Copies of our **SEND Policy and Information Report** are available on our school website: <https://www.saffronvalleycollegiate.co.uk/page/?title=Policies&pid=78>

<https://localoffer.croydon.gov.uk/kb5/croydon/directory/results.page?localofferchannel=2>

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