

# **SEND Information Report 2015-16**

## Information for Parents

Spalding High School is a selective grammar school. It is committed to providing an education that ensures all students succeed and make the best of the opportunities and experiences available to them including those with SEND.

### **1. What kinds of special educational needs do we have at Spalding High School?**

#### Definition of SEND

*“A child or young person has special educational needs if he or she has a learning difficulty or disability which calls for special educational provision to be made for him or her.*

*A child of compulsory school age or a young person has a learning difficulty or disability if he or she:*

*(a) has a significantly greater difficulty in learning than the majority of others of the same age, or*

*(b) has a disability which prevents or hinders him or her from making use of facilities of a kind generally provided for others of the same age in mainstream schools or mainstream post-16 institutions.”*

**Children and Families Act 2014 Part 3  
Children and Young people in England with SEN or Disabilities.**

There are four broad areas of need:

- Cognition & Learning (C&L)
- Communication and Interaction
- Social, Emotional and mental health issues (S,E,MH)
- Sensory, Physical and Medical Needs

At Spalding High School we can make provision for a range of frequently occurring special educational need, for students with or without a statement of Special Educational Needs/ Education, Health and Care Plan (EHCP) for instance dyslexia, dyspraxia, Autistic spectrum Disorders and sensory difficulties: auditory and visual.

The admission arrangements for students without a statement of Special Educational Needs/ EHCP do not discriminate against or disadvantage disabled children or those with special educational needs. The admission arrangements for the school are available on the school website.

### **2. Provision: How does the school know if students need extra help and what should I do if I think my child may have special educational needs?**

Spalding High School works closely with SEND Cos and other key staff in primary schools, parents and the local authority to secure a successful transition for students identified with SEND. Further information about our provision and identification processes is set out in the SEND Policy and Local Offer. If a parent/carer thinks that their child may have special educational needs they should contact the SEND Manager/ SEND Co in the first instance.

### **3. The following section contains questions relating to the School’s policy for making provision for students with SEND whether or not they have an EHCP.**

**a. How does the school assess, review and evaluate the effectiveness of its provision for SEND students?**

Every student in the school has their progress and attainment tracked and monitored three times per year. This information is shared with parents and students via two grade cards and one full academic yearly report.

Subject teachers use their detailed knowledge and observation of students in the classroom together with assessment data to track and monitor individual student progress. If concerns are identified they liaise with the SEND Manager and/or Head of Year. Wave 1- differentiated support within the classroom may be required.

The Head of Year tracks and monitors individual students in their cohort across subjects. If they identify a concern they will raise the student for discussion and liaise with all subject staff to look at a more focussed provision. If a student does not make progress and there are still ongoing issues the subject teacher and /or the Head of Year will consult with the SEND Manager/ SEND Co for further advice and guidance.

Some students may continue to make inadequate progress, despite high quality teaching targeted at their area of weakness. For these students and in consultation with parents a more detailed assessment may be required to understand what additional resources and different approaches are needed to enable the student to make better progress. These will be shared with parents and an Individual Education Plan (IEP) drawn up. The IEP details the specific difficulties the student may have and also gives staff strategies to help support the student in class. This will be reviewed regularly and refined or revised if necessary. At this point we will have identified that the student has a special educational need because the school is making special educational provision for the student which is additional to and different from what is normally available. (Wave 2)

If the student is able to make good progress using this additional and different resource (but would not be able to maintain this good progress without it) we will continue to identify the student as having a special educational need. When any change in identification of SEND occurs parents will be notified.

If the student has an EHCP the School will meet with parents and students three times a year (this will include an annual review) to review progress and evaluate provision.

**b. What is the School's approach to teaching students with SEND?**

At Spalding High School high quality teaching, differentiated for individual students, is the first step in responding to students who have or may have SEND. Additional intervention and support cannot compensate for a lack of good quality teaching.

Teaching staff assess their students on a regular basis; they celebrate student successes and identify any difficulties that they may experience. They plan, implement and review a range of classroom strategies to support students and make sure that progress has been made. This is a continuous process.

The quality of teaching at Spalding High School is judged to be outstanding.

If a parent/ carer has concerns about their child's progress they may contact the subject teacher in the first instance and then the appropriate head of year.

The SEND Manager supplies the governing body with a SEND Report twice a year.

**c. How does the School adapt the curriculum and learning environment for students with SEND?**

A students' programme may be differentiated to meet individual needs including those with SEND. All differentiation is aimed at removing barriers to learning and ensuring the student reaches their full potential. The school will work flexibly to create an individualised approach programme.

**d. What additional support for learning is there available for students with SEND?**

There are a range of interventions for additional support which may be put in place dependent on individual need and these include:

- Highly individualised and differentiated approaches within the classroom.
- Support from subject clinics
- Lunchtime support e.g. Spelling Club/ Homework club
- Support from staff/ student mentor
- In Class resources e.g. Use of laptop/ coloured overlays

**e. How will my child be included in activities outside of the classroom?**

Where it is necessary, the School will use the resources available to it to provide support to enable safe participation of the student in the activity. Every effort will be made to make reasonable adjustments to enable the student with SEND to participate in trips visits and extracurricular activities.

**f. What support is available for improving the emotional, mental and social development of students with SEND?**

At Spalding High School we understand that an important feature of the school is to enable all students to develop emotional resilience and social skills, both through direct teaching e.g. PSHCE, tutor time and indirectly in daily interactions within the school community.

We provide the following opportunities for these skills to be developed:

- An extensive range of extra-curricular clubs and activities which take place at lunch time.
- Support from form tutors and pastoral support team
- Well Being Information Evening
- Art Therapist and School Counsellor referrals
- Access to School Nurse services
- Collaboration with external agencies
- Mentoring from Careers advisor

**4. What are the contact details for the SEND Co. and the SEND Manager?**

Currently the SEND Co at Spalding High School is Mrs M. Anderson. (Mrs Hebblewhite is undertaking the National Award for SEN Co-ordination). Mrs S. Broughton is our SEND Manager and should be contacted in the first instance. She is available on the school number 01775 722110 or alternatively the school email could be used: [enquiries@spaldinghigh.lincs.sch.uk](mailto:enquiries@spaldinghigh.lincs.sch.uk)

**What expertise and training do staff have in supporting children with SEND?**

Most recent training for all staff (September 2014) has related to the Children and Families Act 2014 and the new Code of Practice. Relevant staff have also received training on teaching students with hearing impairments and the use of a hearing loop. Previously staff have received training in

relation to Autistic Spectrum Disorders. All new staff receive SEND training as part of their induction.

The School responds to training needs as and when they arise.

**5. How will equipment and facilities to support children and young people with SEND be secured?**

Specialised equipment is sought from external agencies when it is required.

**6. What are the arrangements for consulting parents of children with SEND about, and involving them in, their education?**

Parents are encouraged to discuss any particular needs of their child when they first start at the school. This information is gathered via an entry questionnaire and Year 7 Induction Evening in July. All parents are invited to discuss the progress of their child once a year at Parents' Evenings. Individual Education Plans are reviewed three times a year and are sent home for parental information and comment. In addition to this, we have an open door policy and are happy to arrange meetings with parents to discuss any concerns throughout the year.

**7. What are the arrangements for consulting students with SEND about, and involving them in, their education?**

When a student has been identified as having special educational needs, the SEND manager arranges regular meetings with them to discuss their IEP so that they are consulted about, and involved in, arrangements for them as part of person-centred planning.

**8. What are the arrangements made by the governing body relating to the treatment of complaints from parents of students with SEND concerning the provision made at the School?**

We encourage parents to discuss their concerns with the subject teacher, Head of Year, the SEND Manager, SEND Co and Head Teacher to resolve an issue before making the complaint formally to the Chair of the Governing Body. If a formal complaint is to be pursued the normal arrangements for the treatment of complaints at Spalding High School is used, for complaints about provision made for Special Educational Needs.

**9. How does the governing body involve other bodies, including health and social services bodies, local authority support services and voluntary organisations, in meeting the needs of students with SEND and in supporting families of such students?**

The governors have regular meetings of the 'Pupil Support Committee'. Here governors discuss pertinent issues such as Safeguarding and pastoral support. Relevant support agencies are contacted as any needs arise.

**10. What are the contact details of support services for parents of students with SEND?**

SEND Information, advice and support can be obtained from a Lincolnshire group known as **Liase** (<http://www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/liase/about-us/>)

They can be contacted in the following ways:

Telephone - a 'call back' can be requested on 0800 195 1635

Email to [Liaise@lincolnshire.gov.uk](mailto:Liaise@lincolnshire.gov.uk)

**11. What are the arrangements for supporting students with SEND in transferring between phases of education or in preparing for adulthood and independent living?**

At Spalding High School we work closely with the educational settings used by the students before they transfer to us, in order to seek information that will make their transfer as seamless as possible. Students with special educational needs and disabilities and their parents are offered individual meetings with the SEND Manager and SEND Co at the July Induction evening. Staff pre-visit Primary schools to gather information and the pupils are invited to Induction days in the summer term. At key transition points, Key Stage 3 to Key Stage 4, Key Stage 4 to Key Stage 5 and leaving 6<sup>th</sup> form, SEND students are given individualised support and advice about their 'next steps'.

**12. Where is the Local Authority's local offer published?**

Lincolnshire's Local offer can be found at:-

<http://search3.openobjects.com/kb5/lincs/fsd/home.page>

Spalding High School's offer can be found at:-

<http://www.spaldinghigh.lincs.sch.uk/SendSchoolOffer.asp>

In addition to our SEND policy:

<http://www.spaldinghigh.lincs.sch.uk/media/SEN%202015.pdf>