



SEND Policy

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SPECIAL EDUCATIONAL NEEDS AND DISABILITIES POLICY

Principles

Radius Trust is fully committed to the ideal of maximising the potential of pupils and students by meeting their individual needs. Every Radius Trust school adheres to the following principles:

- Pupils are entitled to have access to a broad, balanced and relevant curriculum. The curriculum must be well-matched and appropriately differentiated to their individual needs and underpinned by specialist approaches and strategies to address those needs.
- Pupils must have free access to the school buildings and facilities so that they can be treated equitably irrespective of their disabilities.
- Pupils are regarded and treated as unique individuals who must be given the opportunity to excel and experience achievement, which will be recognised and celebrated.
- Pupils benefit most when their individual needs and starting points are clearly identified in a proactive manner, so that programmes of intervention can be effectively planned implemented, monitored and reviewed.
- All teachers at Radius Trust schools are considered to be teachers of Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND), whose role is to plan and develop the curriculum to take account of individual differences and secure good progress.
- The pastoral and academic areas of the curriculum are managed in such a way as to ensure that the participation of pupils in their own learning is maximised and to enable them to fully achieve their potential.
- Working in partnership with parents, carers and families is key to supporting the needs of pupils.
- A multi-disciplinary and inter-agency approach involving the expertise and resources of outside partners is essential when working with pupils whose individual needs are additional and complex.

It is recognised that the 1996 Education Act, the Children and Families Act 2014 and the 2014 SEND Code of Practice are valuable sources of structure and guidance in developing systems and processes which will help to ensure that the needs of all pupils at Radius Trust schools are met.

Aims

Radius Trust will aim to:

- Ensure that all pupils receive appropriate teaching and support which takes into account their SEND.
- Ensure that tasks and activity are well-matched and differentiated where necessary and that teaching methods and practice are regularly reviewed to ensure that they remain appropriate and relevant to the needs of the individual.
- Involve pupils and families in decisions regarding education and the meeting of the pupils' needs, to support them to promote learning and development and planning for their future.
- Ensure that resources available to Radius Trust schools (including financial, staffing, technical and advisory) are deployed appropriately and effectively to meet pupils' needs.
- Liaise effectively with individuals and organisations who have an interest in, or are able to make a positive contribution towards, pupils' lives.
- Plan the provision of appropriate staff development and training to ensure that staff enhance and update their skills in meeting the needs of pupils with SEND.
- Ensure that the obligations of the school are met in respect of the Children and Families Act 2014 in accordance with the SEND Code of Practice.
- Work collaboratively with the multidisciplinary team such as therapists and medical professionals and agencies to support the development and wellbeing of the whole person.

Admissions

All Radius Trust schools are special schools, therefore all pupils will have an EHCP or Statement (historic). For further details, please refer to the Admissions Policy.

RELATED POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

Admissions Policy
Accessibility Statement
Equality & Diversity Policy