



THE ROWANS SCHOOL

LEARNING ENRICHMENT POLICY

Introduction – Principles and Objectives

Learning Enrichment at The Rowans School exists to help all children achieve their learning potential, whether or not they have a specific learning difficulty and/or disability.

We believe that thinking in terms of learning enrichment, stresses the notion that support must, and should, be available for all children during their time at The Rowans School. The need for support may be short-term, as a result of absence or a difficulty with a particular subject, or long-term for those with a disability, a specific learning difficulty or simply a less conventional learning style.

In Learning Enrichment, we attempt to preserve and develop our children's self-esteem and motivation. We also aim to encourage a desire to learn by not simply responding to a learning difficulty in terms of remedy, but by enhancing learning and using the children's stronger skills to support and develop the weaker skills.

Learning Enrichment helps staff and parents to develop a greater awareness, as well as understanding of, specific learning difficulties and disabilities. It supports staff and parents to provide, where appropriate, differentiated learning strategies to help maximise the learning potential of all children.

We believe that if all children are to achieve their full potential, they must have total access to the curriculum.

The Learning Enrichment department operates with an "open door" policy for children, staff and parents.

This policy is intended to address the relevant recommendations of the Equality Act 2010, the new SEND Code of Practice (0-25) 2014, the Children and Families Act 2014 and related documents and legislation, as well as the guidelines outlined in the School's Accessibility Policy.

This policy is placed in the Staff Policies folder, the School's website and sent to the Governing Body. It is reviewed annually.

Learning Enrichment Staff and their Responsibilities

The role and the names of the staff with specific responsibilities within the LE [Learning Enrichment] department are:

- The Governing Body – Mr Darren Johns
- Head Teacher – Miss Elizabeth Spratt
- SENCo and Learning Enrichment Teacher – Mrs Alex Crook

Provision for pupils who require some additional support during their education at the school is the responsibility of all staff. However, the Governing Body, the Head Teacher, the SENCo/Learning Enrichment teacher carry some additional responsibilities.

A. All Staff:

All teaching staff are responsible and accountable for the progress and development of the pupils in their class, including where pupils receive support from teaching assistants and/or specialist staff. They are responsible for setting suitable learning challenges, responding to the pupils' diverse needs, for overcoming potential barriers to learning and for monitoring progress. All staff are involved in the implementation of the school's Learning Enrichment policy and are fully aware of the procedures for the identification, assessment and making provisions for our pupils with Learning Enrichment needs.

B. The Governing Body

The governor with a responsibility for SEND, liaises with the SENCo when necessary, receives an annual report from the SENCo and reports back to the Governing Body.

C. The Head Teacher

At the weekly child forums, staff formally inform her if a child fails to progress within expectations and/or appears to be struggling with the demands both in, and out, of the classroom. In addition, the Head Teacher operates an "open-door" policy whereby staff can raise awareness of any cause for concern regarding a pupil.

The Head Teacher line-manages the SENCo/Learning Enrichment Teacher.

D. The SENCo

The SENCo is responsible for the day to day management of all Learning Enrichment provisions in the school. This involves the following:

1. following up on all causes for concern
2. operating and maintaining the Learning Enrichment (LE) Register
3. overseeing and maintaining the records of all pupils with LE needs
4. prepare and write Individual Support Plans (ISP)
5. liaise with external support agencies, such as Speech & Language Therapists and Educational Psychologists
6. coordinating regular reviews of LE Provision as well as pupils' targets and progress
7. provision of support during the admissions process: Observed Play Session (OPS)
8. provision, and contribution to, staff inset-training
9. provision of training for parents via parents' workshops
10. maintain and contribute to the LE Policy
11. support, and contribute to, all other school policies
12. liaising with the Governing Body as/when required
13. write an annual summary report for the Governing Body

E. The Learning Enrichment (LE) teacher

The LE teacher is responsible for providing specialist support to pupils who require some additional specialist support either in class, in small group sessions or in specific one to one lessons. The LE teacher liaises with class-teachers when LE support can best take place and prepares a timetable for these pupils.

Admissions – Entry Procedures

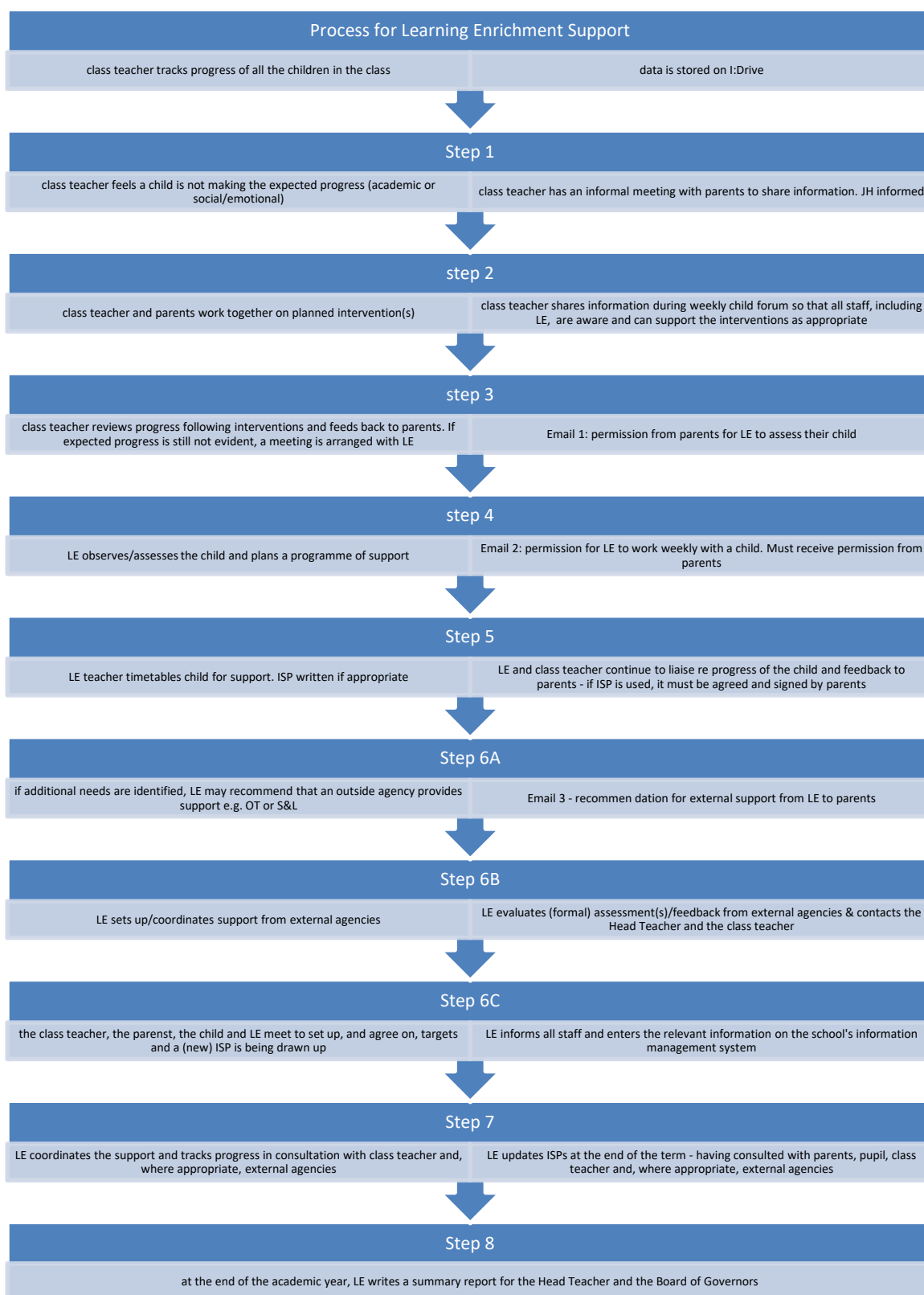
Learning Enrichment provides advice and support to ensure that all reasonable adjustments have been put in place for children with SEN, a Disability and/or any medical needs.

For more detailed information please see the Admissions Policy on the Rowans School website.

Curriculum, Targets and Integration Strategies

In order that children with Learning Enrichment needs have full access to the curriculum, they follow a fully integrated teaching programme. This means that children are supported to participate fully in the class curriculum, the School's extra-curricular activities and the School's pastoral provisions. All teaching staff are responsible and accountable for the progress and development of the pupils in their class, including where pupils receive support from teaching assistants and/or specialist staff. They are responsible for setting suitable learning challenges, responding to the pupils' diverse needs, for overcoming potential barriers to learning and for monitoring progress.

Should there be an indication that a pupil is not making progress within line of expectations the following procedure will be followed:



Where deemed appropriate, the LE teacher will provide lessons on a one to one basis or in small groups. Support may also be given in class. LE lessons will be scheduled on a week by week basis to accommodate for any weekly changes to the class timetable.

At all times, pupils are encouraged to explore and develop learning strategies and techniques which enable them to fulfil their potential. After consultation with the child, his, or her, parents and appropriate staff, the child will be given appropriate strategies to support his or her specific learning styles. These strategies are recorded in the child's Individual Support Plan (ISP). The ISP is filed in the Learning Enrichment folder on the hub and is reviewed on a termly basis.

To ensure that the individual learning needs of our children are identified at the earliest opportunity, class teachers carry out a number of timed base-line assessments during the course of the academic year to identify any children who struggle to communicate their knowledge and ideas both in writing and orally, under time constraints.

Individual Support Plans (ISP) are written by the SENCo/Learning Enrichment teacher, after consultation with the parents, the pupil, all relevant teaching staff and the Head Teacher. The ISPs hold the following information:

- names & dates of any formal assessments
- dates of any previous ISPs
- level of SEN/disability/medical needs/EAL/A,G + T
- list of areas where the pupil does not yet meet expected criteria or indeed well exceed the expected criteria
- details of level of intervention and targets
- additional classroom strategies
- review date

External Support Services

Occasionally a pupil may require, or be recommended, to seek the expertise and support from a specialist, such as an educational psychologist, an occupational therapist, a speech and language therapist or a medical consultant. In such circumstances, the liaison between the specialist, the pupil and his or her family, is driven by the family with any costs in relation to such arrangements being borne by the parents. However, parents are encouraged to keep the School informed and share feedback and/or formal specialist (assessment) reports with the School. The School will always liaise with any specialist support services, provided the parents have given written permission to the Head Teacher.

Internal Tests and Assessment

During internal assessment and class tests, the School will seek to provide special arrangements for those children who have identified Learning Enrichment needs, to ensure that they have full access to their tests and assessments and are able to show their skills and knowledge in an appropriate manner. Pupils, who present with a temporary learning need on an assessment or test day, will also be supported.

Parents

Parents are encouraged to work in close partnership with the School at all times and this includes communications with the SENCo/LE teacher. The SENCo/LE teacher operates an "open door" policy. However, if a parent has a concern about the (academic) progress of his/her child, the School encourages parents to contact, in the first instance, the class teacher or the Head Teacher, depending on the nature of the concern. It is School policy to work very closely with parents and children, at all times, in order to resolve any causes for concern as soon as possible.

Pupils

The SENCo/LE teacher operates an “open door” policy and pupils are always welcome to seek some support from her. In addition, it is a principle of the school that a pupil is consulted at each stage during his/her need for specific learning support.

Staff

The SENCo/LE teacher informs and updates Class teachers on an on-going basis via pupil files within the Learning Enrichment domain in the I:Drive, in face to face meetings and formally during the weekly staff meetings.

The SENCo/LE teacher provides regular staff training as part of the whole school Inset-training programmes.

The SENCo/LE teacher participates actively in the Induction Programme for new staff. All new staff have at least one training session allocated to Learning Enrichment, where they meet with the SENCo/LE teacher and are introduced to how she works. Great emphasis is given to the use of Learning Enrichment information; the importance of security and confidentiality of all Learning Enrichment information, where and how this information can be found and how this information should be communicated with parents, children, colleagues and other professionals.

Reporting

The SENCo/LE teacher maintains regular contact – via a telephone call, and email and/or a meeting with the parents of pupils receiving support from Learning Enrichment as and when this is appropriate. Formal reviews take place at the end of each term, where progress and targets will be evaluated and updated.

The SENCo/LE teacher reports regularly to the Head Teacher with updates on LE Register, progress of pupils and the partnership with parents.

The SENCo/LE teacher writes an annual summary report for the Governing Body and the Head Teacher.

Transfer

When a pupil receives some additional support from Learning Enrichment, the SENCo/LE teacher will closely liaise and co-operate with other schools when the pupil applies to sit an entrance exam to those schools. When the pupil leaves the School and transfers to the next school, confidential papers, such as specialist reports and/or ISPs, will only be transferred after a written consent from the parents has been received.

Resources:

The Learning Enrichment Department is given an annual budget to meet the demand for most resources. However, there may be an occasion where the school is unable to meet such a demand. For more details, please see the School’s Reasonable Adjustment Policy.

There are occasions where a pupil wishes, or needs, to bring in his/her own resources.

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