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SEMH

Universal

- A positive behaviour/relationship policy which is socially and emotionally adapted to meet the needs of all pupils and reviewed with staff at least annually
- Graduated approach with effective use of Assess, Plan, Do, Review.
- Ensure all staff comply with school policies which include whole system approaches such as:
 - Restorative approaches
 - Solution focussed approaches
 - Positive classroom management
 - Anti-bullying
 - Promoting good mental health
 - Developing a growth mindset
 - Character Education
- Take time to find pupil's strengths and praise these – ensure that the pupil has opportunities to demonstrate their skills to maintain self-confidence.
- Emphasis on positive praise.
- Give the pupil a classroom responsibility to raise self-esteem
- Use of calming strategies to support distraction or promote self-regulation e.g. calming music, colouring, mindfulness activities.
- Give breaks between tasks and give legitimate 'moving around' activities e.g. Brain Gym, wake up and shake up
- Opportunity to access outdoor space whilst supervised to support with self-regulation.
- Legitimise movement by getting pupil to take a message, collect an item, use a 'fiddle toy' if necessary
- Provide lots of opportunities for sensory based learning e.g. practical activities, experiential learning, multi-sensory resources
- Use interactive strategies e.g. pupils have cards/whiteboards to hold up answers, come to the front to take a role.
- Make expectations for behaviour explicit by giving clear targets, explanations and modelled consistently by all staff.
- Where possible, create a quiet area both for working and as a 'quiet time/calm' zone
- Use a visual timer to measure and extend time on task.
- Teach pupils how to use post-it notes for questions and ideas rather than interruptions (when appropriate)

- Ensure that tools/equipment are easily accessible and available for use
- Give a set time for written work and do not extend into playtime to 'catch up' – the pupil will need these breaks
- Use pupil's name and ensure you have their attention before giving instructions
- Chunk instructions and support with visual cues
- Make use of different seating and grouping arrangements for different activities
- Personalise teaching where possible to reflect pupils' interests
- Communicate in a calm, clear manner
- Keep instructions, routines and rules short, precise and positive
- Listen to the pupil, giving them an opportunity to explain their behaviours.
- Restorative approach with built in reflective time to provide post incident learning.
- Provide visual timetables, now and next and task lists – may need to be for a short period of time depending on the pupil
- Have a range of simple, accessible activities that the pupil enjoys to use as 'calming' exercises
- Ensure groupings provide positive role models
- Transition from whole class work to independent or group work is taught clearly signalled and actively managed
- Systems to support regulation and awareness of emotions.
- Use of Emotional Wellbeing Pathway and Toolkit
- Working for/reward systems with clear structures, positive visual representation and instant recognition.
- Structured choices clearly presented
- Support at unstructured times with consideration of varied spaces and resources available e.g. games table at lunch
- The provision of planned opportunities for pupils to learn social and emotional skills and build resilience
- Effective links between pastoral support, personal and social education, SEN and the curriculum
- Adaptation of teaching and learning both academically and socially and emotionally
- Opportunities' for repeated and overlearning.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Break down tasks into small manageable chunks. • Prior warning of change to routines and timetables. • Opportunities to develop positive staff /child relationships • Offering a child / young person opportunities to take on responsibilities e.g. class monitors, prefects, school council reps
<p>Targeted (SEN Support)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A range of additional intervention programmes - social skills, anger management, alternative curriculum arrangements • Pupil centred plan coproduced and reviewed with the pupil and parents/carer regularly. • Individual SEMH target setting and review process half termly. • Screened for SLCN, SpLD, MLD to ensure underlying needs are identified and addressed • Opportunities' for time tabled nurture groups and activities at key transition points, in order to build resilience. • Allocation of peer mentors, leaning / behaviour mentors - monitored and evaluated • Opportunity to access sensory regulation spaces/activities. • Identification of a key person/advocate within the school who they can have regular contact with in times of need • SEMH Screening tool to identify individual needs. • Regular targeted small group or individual support, making use of assessment tools (e.g. ELSA, Boxall, Thrive, etc.) to focus provision. • Sensitive use of additional adult to; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Promote participation and engagement - Support learning behaviours by modelling and mediated learning - Ensure risk assessment is addressed in all learning environments - Promote independence skills and develop social inclusion - Use of advocacy to promote independence skills • SEMH Support Service/Outreach – advice & recommendations. • Access to alternative learning environments that supports de-escalation strategies e.g personal desk, regulation station, identified agreed calming space. • Highly structured routines communicated with visual supports and prompts. • The school should consider the appropriateness of an Early Help Assessment for this learner as part of the graduated response

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Specialist	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A range of additional and different intervention / support programmes in liaison with external agency professionals. • Specific intervention programmes in small groups e.g. Social skills programme, Self-esteem programme, Anger management programme ○ A personalised plan/ provision plan or pastoral support programme which may include one or more of the following; strategies and interventions to address social skills, promote confidence, and build self-esteem, well-being, resilience, mental health • Access to a key member of school staff in the classroom with relevant training and/or experience who is emotionally available to the learner, able to remain attentive and to 'tune in' to their emotional and safety needs throughout the day • Consider alternative curriculum pathways e.g., vocational studies or life skills. • Therapeutic approaches to support change • Counselling programmes delivered by trained counsellor or mentor • Individual risk assessments to identify any dangers and inform when and how the learner needs extra support • A personalised timetable which is introduced in partnership with the learner, parents/carers and staff, and which may include withdrawal from some activities/lessons and offsite opportunities that focus on developing the learner's resilience and ability to engage in learning. <p><i>Please see the Progressive Provision Level Descriptors for guidance at this stage.</i></p>