# SPECIAL EDUCATIONAL NEEDS DISABILITY CO-ORDINATOR (SENDCo) Job Description

## **Core Purpose**

Strategic development of the school's Special Educational Needs (SEND) provision and oversight of the day-to-day operation of that policy with the aim of raising SEND pupil achievement.

#### Areas of responsibility and key tasks

- Put provision in place to ensure that progress of pupils with SEND improves relative to those without SEND.
- Ensure that the school carries out its statutory responsibilities regarding all students with an EHCP.
- Support all staff in understanding the needs of SEND pupils.
- Support departmental developments of SEND provision.
- Monitor progress towards targets for pupils with SEND.
- Analyse and interpret relevant school, local and national data.
- Liaise with staff, parents, external agencies and other schools to co-ordinate their contribution, provide maximum support and ensure continuity of provision.

### **Teaching and Learning**

- Support the identification of and disseminate the most effective teaching approaches for individual pupils with SEND.
- Work with staff to develop effective ways of removing barriers to learning through:
  - assessment of needs
  - monitoring of teaching quality and pupil achievement
  - target setting SSP's with a clear focus on the Provision Map
  - keeping accurate records
- Collect and interpret specialist assessment data to inform practice.
- Undertake day-to-day co-ordination of SEND pupils' provisions through close liaison with staff, parents and external agencies.
- Work with Senior Leaders, teachers, Heads of Years and pastoral staff to ensure all pupils' learning is of equal importance and that there are high and realistic expectations of pupils.

#### Leading and Managing

- Provide professional guidance to staff to secure good teaching for SEND pupils, through both written guidance and meetings.
- Lead on the line management process for SEND teachers and Support Assistants.
- Advise on and contribute to the professional development of staff, including whole school INSET provision.
- Provide regular information to the head teacher and governing body on the evaluation of SEND provision.

# Effective deployment of staff and resources

- Advise the head teacher and governing body of priorities for deployment of staff, and utilise resources with maximum efficiency.
- Maintain and develop resources, co-ordinate their deployment and monitor their effectiveness in meeting the objectives of school and SEND policies.
- Work with external agencies to maximise resources made available.

#### Other professional requirements

- Co-ordinate all Annual Reviews and reviews of EHCP's, Student Support Plans and/or PSPs, Early Help Assessments, other referrals where appropriate and attend/chair when necessary.
- Attend Year 6 Annual Reviews for primary pupils with statements to help facilitate continuity and progression through the development of a transition programme.
- Liaise with Year 5 pupils requiring advice about provision.
- Exercise a key role in assisting the head teacher and governors with the strategic development of SEND policy/provision.

Whilst every effort has been made to explain the main duties and responsibilities of the post, each individual task undertaken is not identified.

#### Line Manager:

Line Management responsibility for:

Time allocation:

TLR:

Performance Manager