



**SEND Policy**



## 1. Purpose

- 1.1. The purpose of this policy is to ensure each and every young person is provided with the right learning environment to achieve positive outcomes.

## 2. Scope of Policy

- 2.1 This policy applies to all New Bridge Group stakeholders. Our environments, alongside the expectations of staff, are designed to promote maximum independence for all young people while providing the appropriate level of individual challenge and support

## 3. Reason for Review

- 3.1. This policy was reviewed as part of a policy framework audit.

## 4. Aim(s)

- 4.1. The aim of this policy is to clarify SEN access and entitlement and explain how the New Bridge Group meets the individual needs of its young people through the effective allocation of available resources.

## 5. Procedures and practice

### 5.1. Aim and objectives

- 5.1.1. The aim of all staff working within New Bridge Group is to provide an education/day provision appropriate to the specific needs of the young people, achieved by structured, well-planned and broadly-based programmes of work with regular review procedures as part of a continuous assessment process.
- 5.1.2. Our mission statement is very simple – ‘Learning Together, Learning for All, Learning For Life’.
- 5.1.3. An essential element of this provision is the emphasis placed upon close working relationships with professionals from other agencies who share in the assessment, planning, implementation and evaluation of young people’s needs. All adults are required to interact with our young people in a way which is designed to promote a positive attitude that is age appropriate to their learning needs and disabilities.

### 5.2. Curriculum

- 5.2.1. New Bridge Multi Academy Trust (MAT) provides a school curriculum that is designed to ensure all pupils have access to a multitude of creative offerings that meet their individual needs. This curriculum is designed through the New Bridge Group partnerships and schools that they work with to make sure the curriculum remains at the forefront and is innovative.
- 5.2.2. The curriculum at Foundation, Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 promotes key skills in literacy and numeracy with an emphasis on independence, behaviour, social and language development. All other subjects of the National Curriculum are also covered to ensure breadth and balance for pupils.
- 5.2.3. At Key Stage 3 pupils follow a rich and diverse curriculum that enables them to make appropriate choices as they move through into Key Stages 4 and 5 with the support of the New Bridge Group’s specialist facilitators.
- 5.2.4. At Key Stage 4 the young people move into a full option programme to continue on an academic route (with the support of the Group and it’s partners) with specialist pathway options such as Activ8 (Sports), Lumenus or Hortus.



- (Arts), Hortus (Horticulture) and Digit4ll (ICT). Alternatively, they can personalise their timetable to meet their individual needs and interests.
- 5.2.5. Key Stage 5 provides the pupils with the opportunity to move onto the MAT's innovative and highly acclaimed work programme, Bridging the Gap, which enables them to establish further independence.
  - 5.2.6. For further information please refer to the Assessment, Recording and Reporting policy and procedures.
- 5.3. Organisation
- 5.3.1. Each of the sites that form part of New Bridge Group will ensure that the staff teams are designed to meet the needs of the young people who fall within our remit.
  - 5.3.2. Where appropriate, young people may spend part of their time at a mainstream school, college or employment provider. Progress and achievement is carefully monitored by New Bridge Group to ensure that the balance of the provision is meeting the needs of each individual.
- 5.4. Nominated Governors and Trustees for Standards Boards monitor this on a termly basis. Supporting Pupils and Families
- 5.4.1. Local Offer - All information about provision within New Bridge Group can be accessed through Oldham's local offer found at [http://www.oldham.gov.uk/info/200368/children\\_and\\_young\\_people\\_with\\_special\\_educational\\_needs\\_and\\_disabilities](http://www.oldham.gov.uk/info/200368/children_and_young_people_with_special_educational_needs_and_disabilities)
  - 5.4.2. Admission to a school within the MAT is generally through a local authority referral and is fully explained in the Admissions policy.
  - 5.4.3. Admission to Horizons is through negotiation and discussion with the organisation. A fee is payable and most young people access the provision through assessment of need and grant of an individualised budget.
  - 5.4.4. All young people entered for external accreditation are carefully assessed following JCQ guidelines and appropriate reasonable adjustments are made and/or access arrangements are applied for and put in place to ensure candidates are not disadvantaged due to their disabilities.
  - 5.4.5. Transition visits take place throughout the year and are scheduled within the year planner for the organisation. We have a named member of staff that leads on this.
  - 5.4.6. Please refer to our Administration of Prescribed Medication policy.
- 5.5. Supporting Young People with medical conditions
- 5.5.1. To enhance the New Bridge Group staffing teams, colleagues from the Health Authority, Social Care and business community support families and young people as and when the need arises.
  - 5.5.2. New Bridge Group has a named Director of Care.
  - 5.5.3. Please refer to the Administration of Prescribed Medication policy.
- 5.6. Monitoring and Evaluation of SEND



- 5.6.1. New Bridge Group operates a program of performance management which includes lesson observations which run throughout the school year and are planned within the school planner.
  - 5.6.2. Our curriculum offer is reviewed from January to April each year.
  - 5.6.3. Pastoral Managers work with parents/carers and the young person to gain valuable information about all aspects of academic progress and pastoral care. Pastoral Managers may arrange a home visit to give a relaxed forum in which to raise any issues or concerns and to focus on the positives of the young person.
  - 5.6.4. The same opportunity is given to the young person and a conversation is also had with providers of care such as the Physiotherapists, Speech & Language Therapists, School Health Advisors and Social Services.
  - 5.6.5. As part of an ethos of continuing self-review, New Bridge Group has an annual planner which is actively promoted across the organisation.
  - 5.6.6. Parent questionnaires are sent out regularly and evaluated.
  - 5.6.7. Knowing our School and Knowing our Curriculum are two documents that are produced at the end of each academic year. They evidence the quality of provision across all areas of the organisation. This annual review also informs the leadership team of the next steps in our continual development and a yearly Group Focus is produced and acted on through the use of individual project plans.
- 5.7. Training, Professional Development and Resources
- 5.7.1. New Bridge MAT has a delegated budget which is managed by the Trustees and Governors. New Bridge Horizons has a delegated budget which is managed by the Directors.
  - 5.7.2. It is recognised that the most valuable resource is staffing and on-going training and development, and there is a commitment to use every available resource to retain and recruit skilled staff.
  - 5.7.3. In order to maintain and develop the quality of teaching and provision to respond to the strengths and needs of all young people, all staff are encouraged to undertake training and development
  - 5.7.4. All staff undertake induction on taking up a post and this includes a meeting with the Director of Training & Development and the HR Manager to explain the systems and structures in place around the organisation's provision and practice and to discuss the needs of individual young people.
  - 5.7.5. All staff are given the opportunity and encouraged to enhance their knowledge and skills as relevant to individual and developmental needs through on-going staff training and development. Strong links are maintained with other special and mainstream schools and shared training and development encouraged.
- 5.8. Roles and Responsibilities
- 5.8.1. New Bridge Group has a named Safeguarding Trustee.
  - 5.8.2. Heads of Site are the designated people for specific safeguarding responsibilities.



- 5.8.3. New Bridge Group employs a Director of Care who is responsible for managing the organisation's responsibility for meeting the medical needs of young people.
  - 5.8.4. Head of Sites of our schools are the named staff responsible for managing PPG/LAC funding.
  - 5.9. Storing and Managing Information
    - 5.9.1. Please refer to the Storing and Managing of Information Policy.
  - 5.10. Accessibility
    - 5.10.1. Please refer to the Accessibility Plan.
  - 5.11. Complaints
    - 5.11.1. Please refer to the Compliments and Complaints Policy.
  - 5.12. Bullying
    - 5.12.1. The organisation will not tolerate bullying in any form. All members of our organisation are entitled to be valued and accepted as individuals and feel positive about themselves and others. Further information is available in our Anti-Bullying Strategy.
  - 5.13. Equal Opportunities
    - 5.13.1. Each individual is respected for who they are, regardless of age, ethnicity, gender, social circumstances, ability/disability and sexuality.
    - 5.13.2. A wide range of teaching materials, approaches and technological aids are used to achieve this end. New Bridge Group ensures resources are available with a variety of role models/representations. Imaginative drama and role-play is also used to explore equality of opportunity, as well as the concept of access to achievement. For those young people from homes where English is the second language, every support is given through our designated EAL team. Further information is available in our Equal Opportunities policy.
  - 5.14. Health & Safety
    - 5.14.1. Computer and other electrical equipment, manual handling and PE equipment are checked regularly and repaired using appropriate technicians. For further information please refer to our Health & Safety policy.
  - 5.15. Safeguarding
    - 5.15.1. Information about safeguarding is available in our Child Protection policy and Vulnerable Adults policy.
- 6. Sources and references**
- 6.1. This policy complies with the statutory requirement laid out in the SEND Code of Practice 0-25 (July 2014) and has been written with reference to the following guidance and documents:
    - 6.1.1. Equality Act 2010: advice for schools DfE Feb 2013
    - 6.1.2. SEND Code of Practice 0-25
    - 6.1.3. Schools SEN Information Report Regulations (2014)



6.1.4. Statutory Guidance on supporting pupils at school with medical conditions  
April 2014

6.1.5. The National Curriculum in England Stage 1 and 2 framework document Sept  
2013

## **7. Other useful documents**

7.1.1. Safeguarding Policies

7.1.2. Admissions policy

7.1.3. Assessment, Recording and Reporting policy and procedures

7.1.4. Administration of Prescribed Medication policy

7.1.5. Storing and Managing of Information Policy

7.1.6. Accessibility Plan

7.1.7. Compliments and Complaints Policy

7.1.8. Anti-Bullying Strategy

7.1.9. Equal Opportunities policy

7.1.10. Health & Safety policy

7.1.11. Knowing our School

7.1.12. Knowing our Curriculum

7.1.13. Group Focus

7.1.14. Teachers Standard 2012

## **8. Monitoring**

This policy will be monitored through the Group's accountability framework.

