



Rawmarsh Community School A Sports College

SEND INFORMATION REPORT 2023/24

RAWMARSH COMMUNITY SCHOOL

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RAWMARSH COMMUNITY SCHOOL POLICIES SEND SCHOOL INFORMATION REPORT February 2024

Rawmarsh Community School is a mainstream 11-16 school which is part of the Wickersley Partnership Trust.

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	Total	% of cohort
<i>Number of students on SEN register</i>	308	27.90%
<i>National Picture 2022-23</i>		18.2%
<i>Rotherham picture 2022-23</i>		24.4%
<i>Number of students with EHCPs</i>	36	3.27%
<i>National picture</i>		4.4%
<i>Rotherham picture</i>		4.6%

EHCP breakdown

<i>SPLD</i>	1
<i>MLD</i>	10
<i>ASD</i>	11
<i>SEMH</i>	10
<i>SLCN</i>	3

Primary areas of need	Total	Boys	Girls
<i>Social Communication and Interaction</i>	83	46	37
<i>Cognition and Learning</i>	143	82	61
<i>Social Emotional Mental Health</i>	139	72	67
<i>Physical</i>	9	7	2

Year group break down	Total	K	E
<i>Year 7</i>	96	89	7
<i>Year 8</i>	78	69	9
<i>Year 9</i>	70	63	7
<i>Year 10</i>	58	52	6
<i>Year 11</i>	68	60	8

This report outlines the framework for Rawmarsh Community School to meet its obligation to provide high quality education to all students. This must include all students with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND), and do everything it can to meet the needs of students with SEND.

Our intent for all students with SEND is to:

- Eliminate discrimination
- Remove barriers to learning
- Promote equal opportunities
- Enrich the experiences of students with SEND
- Foster good relationships between all students

Rawmarsh Community School will work with external agencies to ensure the following principles underpin this policy:

1. Involving children, parents and carers in decision-making
2. Identification of children's needs
3. Collaborative approach for children with SEND between education, health and social services
4. High-quality provision that meets the needs of all children with SEND
5. Choice and control for children and parents regarding their support and provision
6. Successful preparation for the next stage of education, employment and life

This policy was created in collaboration between the SENDCo and, in liaison, with the SLT, all staff and parents of students with SEND.

Our **mission statement** states:

"We want to send every young person into the world able and qualified to play their full part in it".

How does the school know if students need extra help with learning?

Most children and young people at Rawmarsh Community School will have their needs met through good classroom practice. However where concerns are raised Rawmarsh Community School has a rigorous plan, do, review cycle. Early identification is key and we aim to identify children who have any difficulties as soon as possible so that appropriate support can be given.

The SEN Code of Practice states: *"Class and subject teachers, supported by the senior leadership team, should make regular assessments of progress for all pupils. These should seek to identify pupils making less than expected progress given their age and individual circumstances. This can be characterised by progress which:*

- *is significantly slower than that of their peers starting from the same baseline;*
- *fails to match or better the child's previous rate of progress;*
- *fails to close the attainment gap between the child and their peers;*
- *widens the attainment gap."* (6.17)

“It can include progress in areas other than attainment – for instance where a pupil needs to make additional progress with wider development or social needs in order to make a successful transition to adult life.” (6.18)

There are four types of Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND), decided by the Department for Education:

1. *Communication and interaction*
2. *Cognition and learning*
3. *Social, emotional and mental health*
4. *Sensory or physical*

If a student has SEND, then their needs will fit into one or more of these categories. A school's provision for SEND is defined as support which is additional to or different from that which is available to all students.

At Rawmarsh Community School, we recognise that students make progress at different rates and not always in a steady linear pattern. Therefore, students are identified as having SEND in a variety of ways, including the following:

- Liaison with primary school/previous school
- The student performing significantly below expected levels
- Concerns raised by parent/carer
- Concerns raised by teacher
- Liaison with external agencies
- Consultations between class teachers and members of the leadership team where progress data is discussed
- Health diagnosis through a paediatrician
- Diagnosis of a neurodevelopmental disorder through CAMHS (Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services) If a student is identified as having SEND then their name will be added to the SEN register, but we recognise that students' needs may change over time and provision must reflect this. The aim of any additional provision is for the student to achieve age related expectations, so once they reach this threshold they may be removed from the school SEN register. If they fall behind again at any point, then they may be added to the register again.

What should I do if I think my child has special educational needs?

Contact either your child's form tutor to discuss concerns, your child's head of year or the SENCO (Hayley Mayfield) or the Non-Teaching SENCO (Rachael) directly to discuss any concerns you may have.

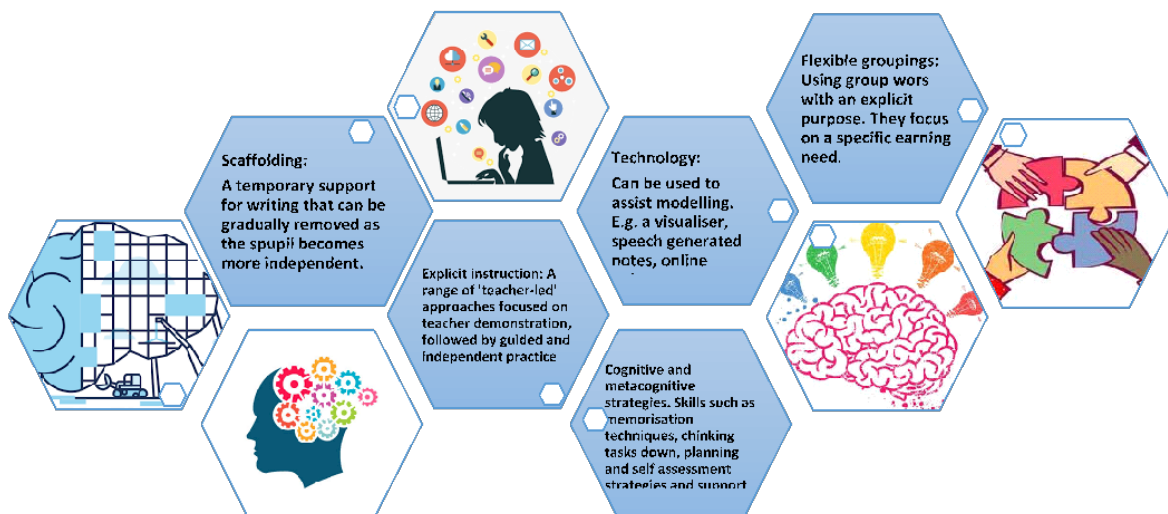
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Quality First Teaching: What are the school's approaches to differentiation and how will that help my child?

Quality First Teaching is at the heart of Rawmarsh Community School. We are committed to ensuring that all students have the best educational experience possible. We want all the students to grow into confident, caring and well-educated adults. We aim to send all young people into an ever-changing world able and qualified to play their full part in it

The foundations for this lie in the classroom. Quality first teaching is adapted and responsive teaching that will meet the individual needs of the majority of children in the classroom. It includes good planning of well-sequenced and manageable lessons and class work, coupled with effective pedagogical choices, and robust assessment for learning which was used to inform the next steps in the teaching sequence for children. Quality First Teaching aims to engage and support the learning of all children and places a strong focus on pupil participation in learning.

- Pedagogical content knowledge – how well teachers know the subjects they teach and how well they understand how pupils learn
- Quality of instruction – practices such as effective questioning and use of assessment, reviewing previous learning, and providing model responses
- Classroom climate – the quality of interactions between teachers and pupils, and teacher expectations



All teachers have a quality first teaching toolkit of strategies, adjustments and approaches to help remove barriers that, if left unchallenged, will limit the progress, engagement and development of students who access our curriculum. The toolkit also supports our students as they strive, at all times, for personal excellence by developing the 5 key skills for success: recall, interpretation, creativity, analysis, evaluation and divergent thinking.

3 strategies within the 'instruction' element of Quality First Teaching are:

- Modelling, in which a teacher thinks aloud to help pupils to understand underlying structures, processes and conventions
- Explaining, which helps pupils to understand abstract concepts and events that are outside their own experiences
- Questioning, which can help promote higher-order thinking skills and structure the development of pupil knowledge and understanding.

What SEND training have the staff had or are currently having?

All teaching staff receive regular training on meeting the needs of SEND students from school based specialist staff. New teachers to school receive training to ensure they are meeting the needs of all students. When necessary, meetings with individual teachers are held to give information on meeting the needs of specific students and individuals.

How is the decision made about what type and how much support my child will receive?

As part of a national effort to improve inclusivity in all educational settings, the 'Three Waves of Intervention' model was introduced. This three-tiered model provides a framework for teachers to follow in order to make their teaching more accessible and inclusive whilst reducing underachievement. Rawmarsh's graduated response details how additional support for children with special educational needs is expected to be delivered through three successive levels or 'waves'. These can be viewed at Appendix A.

Wave 1: Universal

This first step is simply Quality First Teaching. Wave 1 encourages teachers to thoroughly plan each lesson so that there are clear learning objectives alongside worksheets, exercises and other pedagogical choices to help them meet the learning outcomes.

Wave 2: Targeted - Additional Interventions

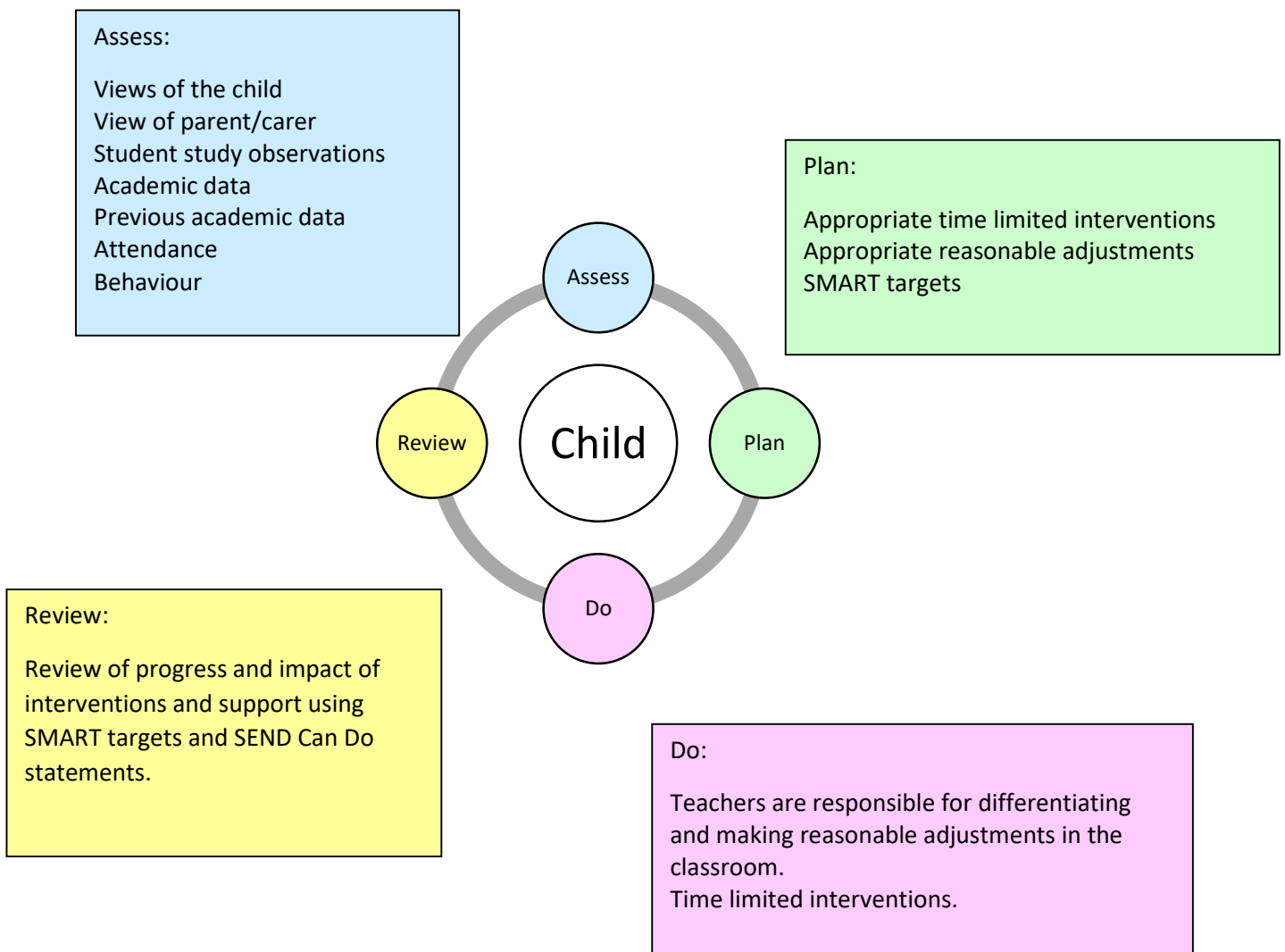
Wave 2 interventions are designed to support pupils who are nearly working at age related expectations but need some additional focused teaching to get there. Wave 2 interventions tend to be small group, time limited interventions. They are designed for pupils with the potential to 'catch up' and reach age related expectations by the end of the programme delivery. Class teacher need a full understanding of the intervention and how to integrate learning into the classroom. It should not be considered a stepping stone to Wave 3.

Wave 3: Personalised and bespoke interventions

Wave 3 interventions are highly individualised and based on detailed assessments. It is additional support for those with SEND who may have longer term needs and require individualised intervention. Wave 3 also covers students requiring a high level or exceptional support and highly personalised provision through an EHC Plan.

A cyclical approach of plan, do, review is applied by the SENCO and team to monitor student progress and implement further support through wave 2 and wave 3 interventions when appropriate. The SENCO and Non-Teaching SENCO consult with subject teachers, Heads of Faculty

and Heads of Year, as well as with support staff, to discuss the student's needs and what support would be appropriate. There are always on-going discussions with parents/carers for any student who requires additional support for their learning.



The SENCO and Non-Teaching SENCO use a provision map to set out the support your child is receiving and evaluate the success of any interventions.

How do we know if it has had an impact?

The school regularly reviews the progress of students' academic and social/emotional development. Evidence of an impact includes:

- We see evidence that the student is making progress academically against national/age expected levels and that the gap is narrowing – they are catching up to their peers or expected age level
- Evidence that students are making progress socially and emotionally
- The student is achieving or exceeding their expected levels of progress
- Verbal feedback from the teacher, parent and student
- Formal or informal observations of the student at school
- Students may move off the SEND register when they have 'caught up' or made sufficient progress.

How will I know how my child is doing and how will you help me to support my child's learning? What opportunities will there be for me to discuss my child's progress?

Communication with home is very important to the school and we try to promote good communication between all members of staff and parents/carers. Parents/carers can contact staff members directly by email or phone to discuss the progress of their students. Planned arrangements for communicating between school and home include:

Each year group has at least one parents' evening each year, when all subject teachers are available to meet with parents/carers and discuss progress and learning.

If your child has an Education, Health and Care Plan (EHCP) then there are legal requirements for at least one formal meeting each year (the Annual Review) organised by the SENCO and attended by parents/carers, teachers and outside agencies involved in the student's education where appropriate.

All parents/carers of students identified with an additional need are invited into the school to meet with the SENDCo or Non-Teaching SENDCo (by arrangement and on parents' request) on at least 2 occasions. Parents can request our presence at any meeting that they are invited to and, if appropriate, we will attend or send a report in lieu of attendance.

How does the school know how well my child is doing?

There are 2 data collections for Y7-10 and 4 data collections for Y11. The first Y11 collection is based on the end of Y10 mocks. Students are provided with a current grade at KS3 through the Can Do statement system. Parents are provided areas to work on with their child. At KS4, a current attainment grade and a predicted grade for the end of Y11 are inputted. Effort is also entered at each data collection. We intend to implement more frequent effort collections over the course of the year moving forward. Following a data collection a full report is sent home to parents. There are calendared 3 parent consultation evenings over the course of the year. These take place with the tutor to discuss effort, behaviour, attendance and other pastoral issues. We encourage parents to contact subject staff for subject specific information.

What specialist services and expertise are available at or accessed by the school?

We have excellent links with all support services provided within our Local Authority and their support is called upon when needed. All services involved with the school are regarded as being part of a working partnership whose aim is to provide high quality, holistic support which focuses on the needs of the child. The following services/agencies are available to school:

- Educational Psychology Service
- Hearing Impaired Service
- Visually Impaired Service
- Social Services
- Health Services
- Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services (CAMHS)
- Vocational Training Providers
- Others as deemed appropriate

How are the school's resources allocated and matched to children's needs?

The Curriculum Support Department receives an annual departmental allowance to cover the costs of materials, books and apparatus. It is the responsibility of the faculties within school to delegate sufficient resources to special needs within their own subject areas. Funding by the local authority for SEN is based on a formula which takes into account the number of students on roll and the prior attainment of pupils at the school. This funding is used to support all pupils with SEN whether or not they have an EHC Plan. The needs of individual students are assessed within the school's monitoring systems and resources are deployed according to need. Needs may be met by in class support or by intervention programmes delivered individually or to small groups on a withdrawal basis.

How will my child be included in activities outside the classroom including school trips?

All students are entitled to be included in all parts of the school curriculum and we aim for all students to be included on school trips through making reasonable adjustments. We will provide the necessary support to ensure that this is successful. A risk assessment is carried out prior to any off-site activity to ensure everyone's health and safety will not be compromised. In the unlikely event that it is considered unsafe for a student to take part in an activity, then alternative activities which will cover the same curriculum areas will be provided in school.

How accessible is the school environment?

The school has access to disabled toilets and changing facilities including a changing bed and staff are trained in moving and handling procedures. Lifts and ramps are available and lessons are timetabled on the ground floor where appropriate.

What support will there be for my child's overall well-being? What is the pastoral, medical and social support available in the school?

The Heads of Year team is responsible for drawing up Pastoral Support Plans (PSPs) for students at risk of exclusion from school due to attendance, behavioural and emotional problems. On a day to day basis pastoral staff support students and deal with issues relating to behaviour or emotional difficulties, address issues of bullying and misbehaviour both in and out of school, handle safeguarding issues and work with outside agencies to ensure students can access education.

The Safeguarding Officer and Deputy Safeguarding Officer deal with issues linked to students' welfare and safety. They ensure that the school's Child Protection policy is followed and are the point of contact for any member of staff who has a concern about a child's safety or welfare.

Counselling and Therapeutic service Students can access the school counsellor via referral from pastoral staff, SENCO or Non-Teaching SENCO.

Medical support. The school has a full time Lead First Aid Officer who is available on site. Student Care plans are shared with appropriate staff and the school participates in any review of these plans. Students who have long term illnesses that impact on their education are supported through the Learning Mentors and the Curriculum Support Department on an individualised basis, therefore parents are encouraged to contact the school to discuss any concerns they have.

Physical Support Staff are trained in moving and handling procedures and provide support in practical and physical lessons. Overhead hoists, ramps, lifts to access upper floors are available in some blocks.

How does the school manage the administration of medicines?

The school Lead First Aid Officer is responsible for the safe management of all medication that is received by the school. The Lead First Aid Officer will record all medication that is to be stored in the school First Aid Officer's room and ensure that it is stored appropriately. The Lead First Aid Officer will keep a record of all administered medication and will assign each student a school medication form which will be completed and signed every time the student has their medication.

How will the school prepare and support my child when joining the school and transferring to a new school?

The SENCO, Non-Teaching SENCO and the primary liaison officer for SEN work collaboratively with our primary feeder schools on enhanced transition packages. We collate comprehensive objective and subjective information on all vulnerable students and those with SEN and this informs our provision for their education at Rawmarsh. Parents of Year 6 students are invited to a transition parents evening and are given the opportunity to discuss any concerns and meet with members of the support team. Identified pupils are also offered extra transition support in the form of visits to the school and transition activities. All Y11 pupils receive information and guidance about Post16 options and support to access these options where necessary. Students that require additional advice are supported to identify early their career aspirations and support them to achieve these.

How are the school governors involved and what are their responsibilities?

The Governing body review the progress of SEND students as part of the whole school data review that takes place on an annual basis. This allows the Governing body to assess the success and impact of the school on SEND students. Furthermore, the Governor's Policy and Safeguarding committee meet once a term to review the school's policies and ensure they are fit for purpose.

What is the role of the local authority? The SEND Local Offer

A local offer gives children and young people with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) and their family information to help them find the right help and support in their area.

It has two main purposes:

- To provide clear, comprehensive and accessible information about the support and opportunities that are available.
- To make provision more responsive to local needs.

The Local Offer brings together information about education, health and care services, voluntary agencies, leisure activities and support groups in one place. It includes:

- **Education** – support in early years, schools and college, including transport
- **Health** – specialist clinics, support and advice for children and young people with medical needs.
- **Social care** – support for personal care and practical assistance, short breaks and personal budgets.
- **Transitions** – moving between phases of education and preparing for adulthood.
- **Education, Health and Care Plans (EHCPs)** – the statutory explained, including applying for a plan, transfers and reviews.
- **Information, advice and support** – where to get impartial and confidential information, advice and support.

It also allows children and young people with SEND, their families and service providers to get involved in reviewing and developing services and support in order to make the offer more responsive to local needs and aspirations.

Rotherham's local offer can be found here: <http://www.rotherhamsendlocaloffer.org.uk/>

What steps are taken to prevent any pupils being treated less favourably than other pupils?

We aim to:

- promote good inclusive practice and we ensure that all of our pupils are treated fairly and equally.
- make reasonable adjustments to ensure that disabled persons are not at a disadvantage. ensure that there are plans in place to enable full access to the site and to the curriculum for all pupils.

We will continue to work to:

- eliminate discrimination that is unlawful under the Disability Discrimination Act.
- eliminate harassment of those with a disability
- promote a positive attitude towards disabled persons
- encourage participation by disabled individuals
- take steps to take account of disabilities even if this involves on occasions treating disabled persons more favourably

How our school promotes inclusion:

- We work in partnership with families and outside agencies to maximise our pupils' educational opportunities.

- Effective links and practice with Healthcare professionals for support for pupils with identified medical needs.
- A team of support staff to support access to the curriculum for pupils with identified special needs.
- We ensure that classroom and extra-curricular activities encourage the participation of all pupils, including those categorised as having Special Educational Needs. Staff organise human and physical resources within the school to increase access to learning and participation by all pupils.

Our aim is for all learners to access a broad and balanced curriculum in a safe learning environment and there will be clarity of provision for them.

Our school aims to treat all its students fairly and with respect. This involves providing access and opportunities for all students without discrimination of any kind.

Schools are required under the Equality Act 2010 to have an accessibility plan. The purpose of the plan is to:

- Increase the extent to which disabled students can participate in the curriculum
- Improve the physical environment of the school to enable disabled students to take better advantage of education, benefits, facilities and services provided
- Improve the availability of accessible information to disabled students

[Accessibility Plan](#)

What should parents of students with an SEND do if they wish to make a complaint?

Talk to the school's Special Educational Needs Co-ordinator (SENCO) Hayley Mayfield

Follow the school's complaints procedure which is found on the school website.

Who can I contact for further information? Associate Head teacher Mark Conlin
mconlin@rawmarsh.org

Who should I contact if I am considering whether my child should join the school?

All admissions to school are handled by the Local Authorities Rotherham Admissions team.
<http://www.rotherham.gov.uk/schools>

The following linked policy documents can be found on the policies page of our school website.
<https://rawmarsh.org/our-school/policies/>

SEND policy

Accessibility plan

Safeguarding policy and procedures

Behaviour policy

Complaints procedure statement

Medical conditions

Admission arrangements

Equality information and objectives (public sector equality duty) statement