

## **PENRYN COLLEGE**

### **Accessibility Plan**

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### **Definition of Special Educational Needs**

In this Policy, 'special educational needs' refers to a learning difficulty that requires special educational provision.

The SEN Code of Practice (DfE, 2014) says a child or young person has a learning difficulty or disability if he or she:

- a) Has a significantly greater difficulty in learning than the majority of others of the same age, or
- b) Has a disability which prevents or hinders him or her from making use of educational facilities of a kind generally provided for children of the same age in mainstream schools or mainstream post-16 institutions.

Children must not be regarded as having a learning difficulty solely because the language or form of language of their home is different from the language in which they will be taught.

### **Definition of special educational provision**

For children aged two years or older, educational provision which is additional to, or otherwise different from, the educational provision made generally for children of their age in schools and settings maintained by the LA, other than special schools, in the area.

Penryn College has adopted this Accessibility Plan in line with the College's Special Educational Needs Policy with the aim to ensure that our College is socially and academically inclusive, that all pupils have access to a full curriculum, and that all pupils are appropriately challenged.

Our Special Educational Needs Policy outlines the provision that our College has in place to support pupils with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND), and the College's publication of equality information and objectives explains how we ensure equal opportunities for all our students. Increased access to the curriculum, physical access to the College, and access to information are particular to students with SEND, and this Accessibility Plan provides an outline of how the College will manage this part of the SEND provision.

Please refer to our Special Educational Needs Policy for an outline of the full provision that our College has in place to support pupils with SEND.

### **1. Access to the curriculum, information and associated services**

Pupils with SEND will be given access to the curriculum supported by the College's specialist SEND provision and in line with the wishes of their parents and the needs of the individual.

Every effort will be made to educate pupils with SEND alongside their peers in a mainstream classroom setting. Where this is not possible, the SENCo will consult with the child's parents for other flexible arrangements to be made.

The College curriculum is regularly reviewed by the Headteacher together with the SENCo, to ensure that it is accessible to pupils of all levels and abilities, and supports the learning and progress of all pupils as individuals. This includes learning outside the classroom.

It is our aim to ensure that all resources and SEND provisions are being used effectively and efficiently within the College setting in order to support the taught curriculum and enable pupils to reach their full potential. The College does this by:

- keeping staff fully informed of the special educational needs of any pupils in their charge including sharing progress reports, medical reports and teacher feedback;
- providing regular training and learning opportunities for staff in all departments on the subject of SEND and SEND teaching; College staff should be up to date with teaching methods that will aid the progress of all pupils including those with SEND;
- making use of all class facilities and space;
- using in-class provisions and support effectively to ensure that the curriculum is differentiated where necessary;
- making sure that individual or group tuition is available where it is felt that pupils would benefit from this provision;
- any decision to provide group teaching outside the classroom will involve the SENCO in providing a rationale and focus on flexible teaching. Parents will be made aware of any circumstances in which changes have been made;
- setting appropriate individual targets that motivate pupils to do their best, and celebrating achievements at all levels;
- listening to pupils' views and taking them into account in all aspects of school life.

## **2. Sensory and physical needs**

The College has some of the following adaptations in place to meet sensory and physical needs and those not yet present are being planned for the future:

- appropriate seating, acoustic conditioning and lighting;
- adaptations to the physical environment of the College;
- adaptations to College policies and procedures;
- access to alternative or augmented forms of communication;
- provision of tactile and kinaesthetic materials;
- access to low vision aids;
- access to specialist aids, equipment or furniture;
- regular and frequent access to specialist support.

## **3. Reasonable adjustments**

The College will also make reasonable adjustments for individual students who need extra provision than that which is already in place to make sure that all students are involved in every aspect of school life, and that all barriers to learning are removed. These may fall under the following headings:

### **The building and grounds:**

- audio-visual fire alarms;
- assistance with guiding.

### **Teaching and learning:**

- a piece of equipment;
- extra staff assistance;
- an electronic or manual note-taking service (scribe);
- readers for pupils with visual impairments.

**Methods of communication:**

- a piece of equipment;
- the provision of a sign language interpreter, lip-speaker or deaf-blind communicator;
- induction loop or infrared broadcast system;
- videophones;
- readers for pupils with visual impairments.

This Accessibility Plan will be evaluated every 3 years to monitor its effectiveness and ensure that it covers all areas of accessibility that are needed in the College.