

**SEND meeting update (HP/CFA/SW)
Summer term 2023-2024**

Heidi and Claire have shared termly update to the SSM Committee.

There are 48 students on the SEND register presenting a range of conditions (please see SEND update document), including recently registered Tourette's Syndrome (student in Year 10).

Normal Ways of Working register is increasing, with 72 students in need of support in addition to the students with SEND. Heidi and Claire are managing exam access arrangements well and are supported by the year leaders and by the SLT.

There is good working relationship, engagement and support from the Essex SEND County team.

We discussed relationship building strategies with parents of students with SEND (i.e., successful taster days, coffee mornings and parent WhatsApp groups).

SEND hub environment is working very well for students who need help, open door policy and welcoming atmosphere are positive changes and improvement in dedicated and effective support to staff and students (i.e., sensory space).

Year 10 (2) and Year 9 (1) student remain to be a key concern, ongoing support strategies have been discussed, HP/CFA go above and beyond in addressing a very complex presentation of needs. To note, an appointment has been arranged for a student in Y9 with the Educational Psychologist.

Provision map software use is in the process of development for KS3, (PPG data has been embedded in the system already), HP/CFA are working to transition KS3 data onto the system.

Effectiveness of communication for curriculum adjustments for students with SEND has been discussed and SIMS portal has been identified as a potentially useful technological tool to be used in the future.

Staff training is scheduled as an INSET day (focus: Exam Access Arrangements), 04/07/2024.

Future plans include an introduction of the Sixth Form SEND Prefect role.

HP's NPQ SENDCo training is planned to commence in October 2024 over a period of 18 months.

SW thanked HP and CFA for all the hard work, dedication and commitment to supporting staff, students with SEND and their families.

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