

Adaptive Teaching at Hawkinge Primary School

General Strategies

Assessment

- Staff are aware of pupils' starting points so that expected progress can be measured across each key stage.
- Assessment is used to inform planning and interventions.
- Pupils have regular opportunities to assess their own performance
- The impact of interventions is critically evaluated. Alternative approaches are explored to establish whether they may result in better outcomes
- Adaptions to assessment arrangements are made as part of everyday practice. This is used to establish the learner's normal way of working. Arrangements could include rest breaks; use of a reader, scribe or laptop; extra time etc. Adapted resources are used in class and assessments.

Teaching and Learning

- A whole-school structured and systems-led approach (e.g. visual timetables, clear concise instructions with visual prompts, consistent approaches).
- Awareness and mindful of activities that may cause anxiety for pupils.
- Learners are given time to process information before being asked to respond.
- Tasks are broken down into manageable steps.
- The pace and order of activities is varied to maintain interest and attention of all pupils.
- Modelling is used to aid understanding.
- Key vocab is displayed with visuals.
- Alternatives to written recording are used routinely. Pupils have access to additional support with homework which is differentiated appropriately for pupils.
- Interactive whiteboards are used to effectively to promote engagement and to scaffold the lesson.
- Strategies are used to actively promote independent learning, e.g. through preteaching, appropriately differentiated resources
- Seating plans and groupings take account of individual needs
- Use of additional adults is planned to maximise their impact on learning. Pupils understand the role of additional adults in the classroom and are supported to develop independence.

Pastoral

- There is a calm and purposeful climate for learning where pupils feel they belong and that their contributions are valued.
- The classroom is a 'safe base' for all children
- Language used in the classroom demonstrates unconditional positive regard for learners
- PSHE is used to develop wellbeing and resilience.
- Peer-awareness and sensitivity towards difference (including SEND) are raised at a whole school level. Work is done with classes, groups and individuals regarding specific needs or conditions as appropriate.
- Pupil voice is encouraged and acted on.

Physical & Sensory Environment and Resources

- The physical accessibility of the building and individual learning spaces is assessed.
- Extra-curricular activities and educational visits are planned to fully include all pupils.
- Learners' sensory needs are known and taken account (e.g. seating arrangements and movement breaks.)
- Left and right-handed pupils are able to use equipment comfortably.
- Pupils who wear glasses and/or hearing aids wear them and are seated in the optimum position.
- Displays are meaningful and visually accessible to reduce sensory overload.
- Staff are aware of lighting in the room, e.g. use of natural light, glare from the board.
- Use of pale background and accessible font styles with good colour contrast on the interactive whiteboards.
- Resources are within easy reach of learners to promote independence.
- Learners have easy access to sensory equipment that they require, e.g. writing slopes, pencil grips, wobble cushions, fidget toys and ear defenders.
- Print size and font is appropriate. Coloured backgrounds and paper are used to reduce visual stress.
- ICT is used as an alternative and to promote independent learning.



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Provision – Examples of Strategies and Resources for Need Type

Communication and Interaction

- Begin each lesson with a short review/quiz of previous learning
- Alternative methods of recording (e.g. Cloze procedure, labelling, photos, Clicker incl. Clicker Talk)
- Word banks
- Pre-teaching vocabulary and key concepts
- Language Through Colour (for sentence structure, note-taking, word banks etc)
- Talking tins
- Peer/partner work (mixed ability)
- Adult support (group or 1:1 with opportunities to build independence)
- Visual aids/ Checklists and Task Boards
- Modelling, giving examples, step by step
- Use of 'real' objects (e.g. artefacts, money)
- Making links to other areas of learning
- Makaton/Symbol Communication
- Now and Next boards
- Role Play
- Simplify communication/instructions
- Social Stories
- Sensory/Brain Breaks
- Use of timers to structure tasks
- Highlight essential content
- Adjusting level of challenge (e.g. Blooms, Red Hot Challenge)

Social, Emotional and Mental Health

- Peer/partner work (mixed ability)
- Adult support (group or 1:1 with opportunities to build independence)
- Fidget Tools (provided by school)
- Offer a 'safe' and familiar task when emotions are heightened.
- Support verbal input with visuals (demonstration, images, objects, key words).
- Think carefully about lesson content in relation to learner's known previous life experiences.
- Giving responsibility for supporting someone else
- Provide regular opportunities for exercise.
- Use of timers to structure tasks
- Adjusting level of challenge (e.g. Blooms, Red Hot Challenge)
- Careful consideration of seating position

Cognition and Learning

- Begin each lesson with a short review/quiz of previous learning
- Differentiated curriculums including Bespoke curriculums e.g. individual RSE for SEND need;
 Setting (for English, Maths and Phonics) etc
- Word banks
- Language Through Colour (for sentence structure, note-taking, word banks etc)
- Shared and guided writing
- Russian Scaffolding
- Talking tins
- Peer/partner work (mixed ability)
- Adult support (group or 1:1 with opportunities to build independence)
- Visual aids
- Differentiated questioning (Blooms)
- Modelling, giving examples, step by step
- Alternative methods of recording (e.g. Cloze procedure, labelling, photos, comic strip, Clicker)
- Use of manipulatives/resources (e.g. Numicon, times tables squares, Multilink, differentiated maps, pre-drawn tables)
- Pre-teaching vocabulary and key concepts
- Working walls incl. visual supports/prompts
- Highlight essential content
- A.I. opportunities

Sensory, Physical Disability and Complex Medical Needs

- Tinted screens on laptops/computers
- Enlarged visual aids
- Coloured overlays and paper used to reduce visual stress
- Pencil grips/ specialist pens
- Writing slopes and 'Wobble' Cushions
- A.I. Opportunities
- Ear defenders
- Peer/partner work (mixed ability)
- Adult support (group or 1:1 with opportunities to build independence)
- Alternative methods of recording (e.g. Cloze procedure, labelling, photos)
- Adapted equipment (e.g. larger/lighter balls in PE, pre-cut resources, adapted scissors)
- Standing tables
- Highlight essential content