Cluster

Cluster SENCos

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Cluster bought in service:

- ➢ Educational Psychologist: C. Ducker (through CEPP)
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- ➢ School 2 school support from Fred Nicholson School

The Dereham Cluster of schools is totally committed in working together to improve learning for all and we are able to share resources, training and provision for children with SEND.

CLUSTER SUPPORT PLANNING MEETINGS

Cluster support planning meetings are held once a term to discuss pupils who are making very limited to no progress. If it is felt that a pupil would benefit from external assessment to help identify or clarify their barrier to learning then one or more of the services above are bought in.

ADDITIONAL FUNDING

Dereham Cluster of schools also receive funding from the Local Authority which is distributed as 'Top Up' funding for learners who require support that exceeds the first £6000 provided by the school. Cluster panel meetings are held 5 times a year to discuss pupils where additional funding is required in order to support their needs. These pupils are known as Higher Level Needs Pupils. Funding if allocated ranges from short time to long term (although this still needs reviewing on an annual basis through impact referrals).

CLUSTER MEETINGS

Cluster SENCO meetings are held every half term to evaluate cluster procedures and update on SEND news, training and services available to schools.

The role of the cluster SENCO is to act as a critical friend and support to SENCOs in participating schools. They are there to offer a different perspective, ideas or to signpost if they are aware of other services the school could engage, as well as being a fellow professional to discuss ideas with. Individual schools retain the responsibility for the provision for children with SEN and additional needs in schools, and the cluster SENCO is not responsive or accountable for the provision or outcomes for children in any school.