

Sperrinview Special School

Multi-Sensory and White Room Policy

Rationale

The Multi-Sensory Room [MSR] and White Room are places where the senses are stimulated and where pupils are encouraged to explore and investigate the sources of stimulation. They are also facilities that can be used to reinforce learning that has taken place in other settings.

Aims

Through the use of the MSR and White Room we aim to:

- stimulate the senses
- enervate pupils
- aid relaxation
- relieve stress
- provide security
- invoke curiosity
- encourage exploration
- encourage investigation
- complement learning which takes place in other settings
- complement project work

Organisation

Classes are timetabled into these rooms at the beginning of each school year. Each session is to be recorded using the MSR/White Room Record sheet.

Roles and Responsibility

Classroom Assistants set up and close down the rooms at the beginning and end of each day. This is carried out by specific staff.

Teachers are responsible for planning sessions in the room and for ensuring that the room is properly prepared before use. They should also ensure that the room is left in an appropriate manner at the end of a session:

- Bank of switches left on [with exception of pinspot light and colour wheel]
- Sound system for walls left on
- Fibre optic tails untangled
- Projector switched off at back
- Other pieces of equipment turned off at socket
- Lights turned off
- Door left open

Mr Brian Duffy has overall responsibility for the rooms and his duties include:

- ensuring that the equipment is in working order
- ensuring that equipment is replaced as necessary
- timetabling for this resource
- arranging the rotas for opening and closing procedures
- purchase of equipment
- training staff in the use of equipment

The Principal has overall responsibility for the implementation of the policy.

Staff Development

- School based in-service as required.
- External courses where appropriate to the needs of the school.

Monitoring and Evaluation

Staff discussion and completed record sheets will be central to the monitoring and evaluation process.

Review

A sub-committee of the Board of Governors will monitor and evaluate the effectiveness of this policy as part of a timetabled, on-going process.

Signed: _____ Date: _____