

St. Andrew the Apostle Catholic Primary School



Special Educational Needs Information Report

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The governing bodies of maintained schools and maintained nursery schools and the proprietors of academy schools must publish information on their websites about the implementation of the governing body's or the proprietor's policy for pupils with Special Educational Needs and/ or Disabilities (SEND). The information published should be updated annually and any changes to the information occurring during the year should be updated soon as possible.

This SEND Information Report has been compiled using the information required as set out in the Special Educational Needs and Disability Regulations 2014. Broad Areas of SEND The Special Educational Needs and Disability Code of Practice: 0 to 25 years (Statutory guidance for organisations who work with and support children and young people with special educational needs and disabilities), effective September 2014, details four broad areas of need as follows:

- 1. Communication and Interaction**
- 2. Cognition and Learning**
- 3. Social, Emotional and Mental Health Difficulties**
- 4. Sensory and/or Physical Needs**

1. Information about St Andrew the Apostle Catholic Primary School's policies for identification and assessment and provision for pupils with SEND.

We recognise that some of our children have a wider range of needs than others and these can be summarised into or more of the following categories:

1. Cognition and Learning
2. Communication and Interaction
3. Social, Emotional and Mental Health Difficulties
4. Sensory and Physical Needs

All of our pupils' needs are considered on an individual basis and, following professional advice, additional support, equipment and staff may be deployed. Our staff members have a wide range of skills that they bring to our teaching team. All staff members use these skills to support the identification of pupils with SEND. Information from a variety of agencies is also used to identify children with SEND including: family, health professionals and social care teams.

As a school, we actively sought advice from many outside bodies. These include, but are not limited to: Educational psychologist, school nurse, family support workers, special educational needs advisory and assessment team and speech and language therapists. The advice we receive is then followed in order to support the provision of children with SEND.

Pupils may be identified as having SEND if their development, in one or more of the four SEND categories, is:

- Noticeably different when compared to their peers who started from the same baseline.
- Significantly slower than their peers.
- Creating a gap between them and their peers.
- Requiring them to have additional support.

Provision is planned and delivered by all teaching staff. Where appropriate, teachers will seek support from teaching assistants, SENDCo and specialist teachers/agencies. All pupils' progress is monitored and tracked. This happens through the use of observations, formative and summative assessments, personalised support plans and regular review meetings with parents/carers. This information is then used to identify whether further support is needed from the SENDCo and then outside agencies. In exceptional cases, children may receive an Education, Health and Care Plan.

Interventions are implemented and reviewed by teaching staff on a half-termly basis to ensure they are allowing children with SEND to progress.

Class teachers continually assess all children's learning against national expectations and age-related expectations. Progress is tracked and

	<p>information regarding where children have progressed (and where they have not) is recorded. This informs whether extra support is required.</p> <p>As a school, we track children's progress from Reception to Year 6 using a range of formative and summative assessments including observations, Insights and NFER tests.</p> <p>Children who are not progressing with the rest of their cohort are identified. Teachers then discuss individual children with the SENDCo and next steps are put into place. This could include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A Personalised Support Plan • Intervention groups • Assessments from outside agencies • Consultation with the local authority's Educational Psychologist • Request for an Educational, Health and Care Plan
<p>Contacts</p>	<p>Our School SENDCO is Katharine Rice Head teacher: Jennifer Webster Chair of Governors: Emanuel Mufti SEND Governor: Lee Russell School contact number: 0151 288 8940 School email address: standrew@knowsley.gov.uk</p>
<p>What are special educational needs (SEN) or a disability?</p>	<p>At our school we use the definition for SEN and for disability from the SEND Code of Practice (2014). This states:</p> <p>Special Educational Needs: A child or young person has special educational needs if he or she has a learning difficulty or disability which calls for special educational provision to be made for him/her.</p> <p>A learning difficulty or disability is a significantly greater difficulty in learning than the majority of others of the same age.</p> <p>Special educational provision means educational or training provision that is additional to, or different from, that made generally for others of the same age in a mainstream setting.</p> <p>Disability: Many children and young people who have SEND may have a disability under the Equality Act 2010 - that is '...a physical or mental impairment which has a long-term and substantial adverse effect on their ability to carry out normal day-to-day activities'.</p> <p>This definition includes sensory impairments such as those affecting sight or hearing, and long-term health conditions such as asthma, diabetes, epilepsy, and cancer.</p>

<p>The kinds of special educational needs (SEND) for which provision is made at the school</p>	<p>Children and young people with SEND have different needs, but the general presumption is that all children with SEND but without an Education, Health and Care Plan (EHCP) are welcome to apply for a place at our school, in line with the school admissions policy.</p> <p>If a place is available, we will undertake to use our best endeavours, in partnership with parents, to make the provision required to meet the SEND of pupils at this school.</p> <p>For children with an EHCP, parents have the right to request a particular school and the local authority must comply with that preference and name the school or college in the EHC plan unless:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • it would be unsuitable for the age, ability, aptitude or SEND of the child or young person, • the attendance of the child or young person there would be incompatible with the efficient education of others, or the efficient use of resources. <p>Before making the decision to name our school in a child's EHCP, the local authority will send the governing body a copy of the EHCP and then consider their comments very carefully before a final decision on placement is made.</p> <p>In addition, the local authority must also seek the agreement of school where the draft EHCP sets out any provision to be delivered on their premises that have been secured through a direct payment (personal budget).</p> <p>Parents of a child with an EHCP also have the right to seek a place at a special school if it they consider that their child's needs can be better met in specialist provision.</p>
<p>How does our school know if children need extra help?</p>	<p>We know when a pupil needs help if:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Concerns are raised by parents/carers, external agencies, teachers, the pupil's previous school or the pupil themselves, regarding concerns relating to inadequate levels of progress or inclusion. • Screening, such as that completed on entry or as a result of a concern being raised, indicates gap in knowledge and/or skills. • Whole school tracking of attainment outcomes indicates lack of expected rate of progress. • Observation of the pupil indicates that they have additional needs.
<p>What should a parent do if it thinks their child may have special educational needs?</p>	<p>If parents have concerns relating to their child's learning or inclusion then please initially discuss these with your child's teacher.</p>

	<p>This then may result in a referral to the school SENDCO, Katharine Rice.</p> <p>Parents may also contact the SENDCO or the Head teacher directly if they feel this is more appropriate.</p> <p>All parents will be listened to. Their views and their aspirations for their child will be central to the assessment and provision that is provided by the school.</p>
<p>How will the school support a child with SEND?</p>	<p>All pupils will be provided with high quality teaching that is differentiated to meet the needs of all learners.</p> <p>The quality of classroom teaching provided to pupils with SEND is monitored through a number of processes that include:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. classroom observation by the senior leadership team, the SENDCO, external agencies2. ongoing assessment of progress made by pupils with SEND using PIVATS3. work sampling to ensure effective matching of work to pupil need4. teacher meetings with the SENDCO to provide advice and guidance on meeting the needs of pupils with SEND5. pupil and parent feedback on the quality and effectiveness of interventions provided6. attendance and behaviour records <p>Pupils with a disability will be provided with reasonable adjustments to overcome any disadvantage experienced in schools and increase their access to the taught curriculum.</p> <p>All pupils have individual targets set. Parents are informed of these via Send Support Plans and also at events such as Parents' Evenings.</p> <p>Pupils' attainments are tracked using the whole school tracking system and those failing to make expected levels of progress are identified very quickly.</p> <p>These pupils are then discussed in termly progress meetings that are undertaken between the class teacher and a member of the Senior Leadership team and if appropriate, the pupil themselves. Additional action to increase the rate of progress will be then identified and recorded that will include a review of the impact of the differentiated teaching being provided to the child, and if required, provision to the teacher of additional strategies to further support the success of the pupil.</p>

Where it is decided during this early discussion that special educational provision is required to support increased rates, parents will be informed that the school considers their child may require SEND support and their partnership sought in order to improve attainments.

Action relating to SEND support will follow an assess, plan, do and review model:

- 1. Assess: Data on the pupil held by the school will be collated by the SENDCO in order to make an accurate assessment of the pupil's needs. Parents will always be invited to this early discussion to support the identification of action to improve outcomes.
- 2. Plan: If review of the action taken indicates that "additional to and different from" support will be required, then the views of all involved including the parents and the pupil will be obtained and appropriate evidence-based interventions identified, recorded and implemented by the class teacher with advice from the SENDCO.
- 3. Do: SEND support will be recorded on a Send Support Plan that will identify a clear set of expected outcomes. Parents and the pupil will also be consulted on the action they can take to support attainment of the desired outcomes. This will be recorded and a date made for reviewing attainment.
- 4. Review: Progress towards these outcomes will be tracked and reviewed termly with the parents and the pupil. If progress rates are judged to be inadequate despite the delivery of high quality interventions, advice will always be sought from external agencies regarding strategies to best meet the specific needs of a pupil. This will only be undertaken after parent permission has been obtained and may include referral to:
 - 1. Local Authority Support Services
 - 2. Specialists in other schools e.g. teaching schools, special schools.
 - 3. Social Services
 - 4. Health partners such as School Nurse and Child & Adolescent Mental Health Service

For a very small percentage of pupils, whose needs are significant and complex and the SEND Support required to meet their needs cannot reasonably be provided from within the school's own resources, a request will be made to the local authority to conduct an assessment of education, health and care needs. This may result in an Education, Health and Care (EHC) plan being provided.

How will the curriculum be matched to each child's needs?

Teachers plan using pupils' achievement levels, differentiating tasks to ensure progress for every pupil in the classroom.

When a pupil has been identified as having special educational needs, the curriculum and the learning environment will be further adapted by the class teacher to reduce barriers to learning and enable them to access the curriculum more easily.

These adaptations may include strategies suggested by the Special Educational Needs Coordinator (SENDCO) and/or external specialists.

In addition if it is considered appropriate, pupils may be provided with specialised equipment or resources such as ICT and/or additional adult help.

All actions taken by the class teacher will be recorded and shared with parents.

English:

- Small group support in class through guided reading/ writing
- Individual daily reading to teaching assistant/ class teacher
- Delivery of a planned SpLD programme by skilled teaching assistants and overseen by specialist dyslexia assessor.
- Phonics based reading scheme
- Booster classes for Year 6 children

Mathematics:

- Small group support in class through guided teaching
- Withdrawal in a small group for 'catch-up' maths activities –
- Withdrawal by teaching assistant (or class teacher) for 1:1 support
- Withdrawal into target groups for intervention programmes aimed at developing numeracy skills
- Daily arithmetic and fluency lessons in addition to Maths lessons to allow for overlearning.

Foundation subjects:

- Small group-work within class (through guided teaching)
- Circle Time
- Withdrawal by a teaching assistant for 1:1 support

Social, Emotional and Mental Health:

The school offers a wide variety of pastoral support for pupils. This includes;

- All staff have received mindfulness training. This is used regularly within classes to support children's social and emotional development.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Learning Mentor offers support to those who need it. • A Personal, Social, Health and Economic (PHSE) curriculum that aims to provide pupils with the knowledge, understanding and skills they need to enhance their emotional and social knowledge and well-being. Please visit our website to see the topics that are included within this area of the curriculum. • Pupil and Parent / Carer voice mechanisms are in place and are monitored for effectiveness by the Governor for responsibility for this area. • Small group interventions to support pupil's well-being are delivered to targeted pupils and groups. These are identified on provision maps and aim to support improved interaction skills, emotional resilience and wellbeing. • Pupils who find outside class times difficult are provided with alternative small group opportunities within the school and action is taken to develop their social interaction skills. • The school has gained Healthy School status which evidences the work undertaken within the school to supports pupils' well-being and mental health.
<p>How will parents know how their child is doing?</p>	<p>Attainments towards the identified outcomes will be shared with parents termly through feedback regarding SEND support reviews but also through the school reporting system and Parents' Evenings.</p> <p>Parents are encouraged to arrange an appointment to discuss their child's progress with the class or the SENDCO at any time when they feel concerned or have information they feel they would like to share that could impact on their child's success. Please contact the school office who will arrange this appointment for you. The contact number is 0151 288 8940</p>
<p>How will parents be helped to support their child's learning?</p>	<p>Please look at the school website. It can be found at www.standrewapostle.co.uk and includes links to websites and resources that we have found useful in supporting parents to help their child learn at home.</p> <p>The class teacher or SENDCO may also suggest additional ways of supporting your child's learning. If you have ideas on support that you would like to have access to in order to further support your child's learning, please contact the SENDCO who will locate information and guidance for you in this area</p>
<p>How will the school evaluate the effectiveness of the SEN provision made for pupils?</p>	<p>The effectiveness of SEND provision will be measured using both qualitative and quantitative data. Qualitative data will gather the views of parents and pupils on how successful the provision has been in enabling them to attain their outcomes.</p>

	<p>Quantitative data will examine both progress and attainment levels compared to those achieved nationally for pupils with the same level prior learning level. St Andrew the Apostle Catholic Primary School use PIVATS to track small steps of progress.</p> <p>This data will be shared termly with governors and be judged by external moderators such as Ofsted.</p>
<p>Pupils with medical needs (Statutory duty under the Children and Families Act)</p>	<p>Pupils with medical needs will be provided with a detailed Individual Health and Care Plan, compiled in partnership with the school nurse and parents and if appropriate, the pupil themselves.</p> <p>All medicine administration procedures adhere to the LA policy and Department of Education (DfE) guidelines included within Supporting pupils at school with medical conditions (DfE) 2014 and identified in the School Medicine Administration Policy.</p>
<p>What specialist services are available at the school?</p>	<p>Specialist SEN Teacher - Zoe Atkins</p> <p>Specialist Diagnostic Assessor of Dyslexia - Katharine Rice</p> <p>The school has access to a range of specialist support that are identified above.</p>
<p>What training do the staff supporting children and young people with SEND undertake?</p>	<p>In the last two years school staff have received a range of training at three levels; awareness, enhanced and specialist.</p> <p>Awareness training has been provided to all staff on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How to support pupils with dyslexia and literacy difficulties. • How to support pupils on the autistic spectrum. • How to support pupils with behavioural difficulties. • How to support pupils with speech, language and communication difficulties <p>Enhanced training has been provided to Higher Level Teaching Assistants (HLTA) and the SENDCO</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • WELLCOMM • Emotional Literacy (ELSA) • Makaton <p>Specialist training has been provided to the SENDCO</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PGCE certificate in SpLD (Dyslexia)

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The school has regular visits from SEND specialist teachers and the Behaviour Support Team who provide advice to staff support the success and progress of individual pupils. • The NHS Speech Language Therapist visits to assess and plan support for targeted pupils. These programmes are then delivered by a trained Teaching Assistant. • The Governor with specific responsibility for SEND has completed the SEN Governor training.
<p>How will my child be included in activities outside the classroom including school trips?</p>	<p>Risk assessments are carried out and procedures are put in place to enable all children to participate in all school activities.</p> <p>The school ensures it has sufficient staff expertise to ensure that no child with SEND is excluded from any school provided activity.</p>
<p>How accessible is the school environment?</p>	<p>The following adaptations have been made to the school environment:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Disabled parking spot marked and located near to accessible path • Ramps at access points for classroom on ground floor. • One toilet has been adapted to ensure accessibility for visitors with a disability. • A medical room has been provided in order to enable a safe and private place. • Our Accessibility Plan (statutory requirement) describes the actions the school has taken to increase access to the environment, the curriculum and printed information is available via the school website.
<p>How will the school prepare/support my child when joining or transferring to a new school?</p>	<p>A number of strategies are in place to enable effective pupils' transition. These include:</p> <p>On entry:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A planned introduction programme is delivered in the summer term to support transfer for pupils starting school in September. • Parent/carers are invited to a meeting at the school and are provided with a range of information to support them in enabling their child to settle into the school routine. • The SENDCO meets with all new parents of pupils who are known to have SEND to allow concerns to be raised and solutions to any perceived challenges to be located prior to entry. • If pupils are transferring from another setting, the previous school records will be requested immediately and a meeting set up with parents to identify and reduce any concerns. <p>Primary:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The transition programme in place for pupils provides a number of opportunities for pupils and parents to meet staff in the new school.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The annual review in Y5 for pupils with a statement of educational need or an EHCP begins the process where parents are supported to make decisions regarding secondary school choice. • Parents will be encouraged to consider options for the next phase of education and the school will involve outside agencies, as appropriate, to ensure information provided is comprehensive but accessible. • Accompanied visits to other providers may be arranged as appropriate. • For pupils transferring to local schools, the SENCOs of both schools will meet to discuss the needs of pupils with SEND in order to ensure a smooth transition. • The records of pupils who leave the school mid-phase will be transferred within five working days of the parents notifying their child has been enrolled at another school.
<p>How are the school's resources allocated and matched to children's special educational needs?</p>	<p>The school receives funding to respond to the needs of pupils with SEND from a number of sources that includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1. A proportion of the funds allocated per pupil to the school to provide for their education called the Age Weighted Pupil Unit. • 2. The Notional SEND budget. This is a fund devolved to schools to support them to meet the needs of pupils with SEND. • 3. For those pupils with the most complex needs, the school may be allocated additional educational needs funding from the Local Authorities High Needs SEN Funding allocation <p>This funding is then used to provide the equipment and facilities to support pupils with special educational needs and disabilities through support that might include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1. Targeted differentiation to increase access to text (desk copies of information, work buddy, accessible text, IT e.g. read aloud software, different recording strategies, additional time etc..) • 2. In class, adult or peer support aimed at increasing skills in specific area of weakness (learning behaviours, organisation, etc) • 3. Out of class support (relationship building, social, emotional skill development,) • 4. Small group tuition to enable catch up (subject or targeted at additional need) • 5. Specific support, advice and guidance is provided to parents and families to improve pupil's readiness for learning (relating to pupil's difficulties in attendance, behaviour, physiological and emotional needs etc) • 6. Provision of specialist resources or equipment (use of ICT, sloping board, electronic versions of text etc) • 7. Partnership working with other settings • 8. Access to targeted before/after school clubs (breakfast, homework, clubs targeted at increasing resilience)

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 9. Access to the school nurse and wider health professional support (responding to mental and physical health issues, speech, language and communication needs, motor control and mobility needs) • 10. Access to support from in-school sources e.g. learning mentors, charities and community sources • 11. Implementation of strategies from support agencies e.g. Behaviour Support/Educational Welfare Support <p>In addition:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Pupil Premium funding provides additional funding for pupils who are claiming Free School Meals, who are in the care of the local authority or whose parents are in the Armed Services. The deployment of this funding is published on the school website. • If parents wish to discuss the options available for their child, they are welcome to make an appointment to see the class teacher, SENDCO or a member of the Senior Leadership Team.
<p>How is the decision made about how much support each child will receive?</p>	<p>For pupils with SEND but without a statement of educational need/EHCP, the decision regarding the support provided will be taken at joint meetings with the SENDCO, class teacher and parent who will follow guidance provided by the Governing Body regarding SEND Funding deployment. For pupils with a statement of educational need/EHCP, this decision will be reached in agreement with parents when the EHCP is being produced or at an annual review.</p>
<p>How will I be involved in discussions about and planning for my child's education?</p>	<p>This will be through:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • discussions with the class teacher, SENDCO or senior leadership team member • during parents evenings, • meetings with support and external agencies.
<p>Who can I contact for further information or if I have any concerns?</p>	<p>If you wish to discuss your child's special educational needs or are unhappy about any issues regarding the school's response to meeting these needs please contact the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Your child's class teacher • The SENDCO • The Headteacher <p>For complaints, please contact the School Governor with responsibility for SEND. Their name is Mr Lee Russell. They can be contacted via the school office on 0151 288 8940</p>
<p>Support services for parents of pupils with SEN include:</p>	<p>Information, Advice and Support Agency Network offers independent advice and support to parents and carers of all children and young people</p>

	<p>with SEND and will direct visitors to their nearest IAS service www.iassnetwork.org.uk</p> <p>For parents who are unhappy with the Local Authority or school responses to their child's SEND, parents may seek mediation from the regional mediation services.</p> <p>Parents and carers can also appeal to the Government's SEND tribunal if you disagree with the Local Authorities decisions about your child's special educational needs.</p> <p>You can also appeal to the tribunal if the school or council has discriminated against your disabled child.</p>
Information on where the Local Authority's Local Offer can be found.	www.knowsleyinfo.co.uk/categories/knowsley-local-offer-send
School complaints procedure / policy	https://standrewapostle.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2024/05/Complaints-Policy-Procedure.pdf

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