

St John with St Michael CE Primary



SEND Policy

“The purpose of education for all children is the same; the goals are the same. But help that individual children need in progressing towards them will be different. Whereas for some, the road they travel towards the goal is smooth and easy; for others it is fraught with obstacles.”

(Warnock Report, 1.4)

OUR MISSION STATEMENT

We at St John with St Michael CE Primary School aim to promote the physical, mental, moral and spiritual development of the children in the light of the Christian Gospel.

This policy complies with the statutory requirement laid out in the SEND Code of Practice 2014 (0-25) and has been written with reference to the following documents:

- Equality Act 2010: Advice for Schools DfE Feb 2013
- Schools SEN Information Report Regulations
- Statutory Guidance on Supporting Pupils at School with Medical Conditions April 2014
- The National Curriculum in England Key Stage 1 and 2 Framework Document Sept 2013
- Safeguarding Policy
- Accessibility Plan
- Teachers Standards 2012

Roles and Responsibilities

The person responsible for managing SEND provision (SENDCo) in school is: Mrs Linda Oliver

SEN Governor: Miss Sarah Holmes

Designated Lead for Safeguarding: Mr David Toddington (Acting Headteacher)

Children Looked After (CLA) Lead: Mr David Toddington (Acting Headteacher)

Children with Medical Needs: Mrs Linda Oliver

Special Educational Needs and Disability Officer (SENDO) from the Local Authority:

This policy was created by the school's Special Educational Needs Coordinator (SENDCO) with the SEN Governor in liaison with the Senior Leadership Team (SLT) and staff and parents of pupils with SEND (Special Educational Needs and Disabilities).

At St John with St Michael School every teacher is a teacher of every child, including those with SEN.

At St John with St Michael School we are committed to working together with all members of our school community. We believe in achievement for all. We want all adults and children to participate in learning and we celebrate all members of our community. We strive to create an inclusive culture in our school and we aim to be responsive to the diversity of children's backgrounds, interests, experience, knowledge and skills, so that all children regardless of individual need make the best possible progress.

We value high quality teaching for all learners and actively monitor teaching and learning in school. We aim to create a learning environment which is flexible enough to meet the needs of all members of our school community. We monitor progress of all learners; adults continually assess, plan, do and review to ensure learning is taking place. Our whole school system for monitoring progress includes regular pupil progress meetings.

Some of our pupils may require additional support so that they can access the curriculum and make progress at their own level.

At different times in their school life, a child or young person may have a special educational need. The code provides a definition of SEN:

‘A child or young person has SEN if they have a learning difficulty or disability which calls for special educational provision to be made for them. A child of compulsory school age or a young person has a learning difficulty or disability if they:

have a significantly greater difficulty in learning than the majority of others of the same age; or have a disability which prevents or hinders them from making use of educational facilities of a kind generally provided for others of the same age in mainstream schools.’

If a child is identified as having SEN, we will work closely with them and their parents to provide provision that is additional to or different from the differentiated curriculum which is already in place. We work with children to overcome barriers to learning.

Aims of SEN provision:

- To identify pupils with SEN as early as possible and put relevant and purposeful intervention in place;
- To identify children who are underachieving and identify reasons for this;
- To support children to make the best progress of which they are capable;
- To maintain appropriate records and to monitor pupil progress;
- To provide full access to the curriculum in all areas;
- To work in partnership with children and parents;

Good practice for SEN children is good practice for all children

Identifying Special Educational Needs

Special Educational Needs and provision can be considered as falling into four broad areas:

1. Communication and Interaction
 2. Cognition and Learning
 3. Social, Mental and Emotional Health
 4. Sensory and/or Physical
- (SEN Code of Practice 2014)

At school we place significant emphasis on the early identification of pupils experiencing difficulties accessing learning and general school life opportunities.

The SENDCo liaises closely with other members of the leadership team and class teachers to analyse data and individually track children experiencing difficulties. Baseline information, EYFS information, SATs, PIVATS, standardised scores and specialist teacher screening and assessment are all used to identify

children who may require additional intervention in order to achieve. The purpose of identification is to work out what action school needs to undertake and not to fit children into a category.

At St John with St Michael we identify the needs of our children by considering the needs of the whole child and not just the special educational need.

We consider what is NOT SEN but may impact on progress and attainment:

- Disability (the Code of Practice outlines the 'reasonable adjustment' duty for all settings and schools provided under the current Disability Equality legislation – these alone do not constitute SEN)
- Attendance and Punctuality
- Health and Welfare
- English as an Additional Language (EAL)
- Being in receipt of Pupil Premium Funding
- Being a Looked After Child
- Being a child of a Serviceman/woman

The Code of Practice (2014) suggests that pupils are only identified as having SEN if they do not make adequate progress once they have had all the interventions / adjustments and good quality personalised teaching

Children will only be placed on the SEN Register if their needs are 'additional to' or 'different from' the quality differentiated teaching and learning opportunities. The SEN register is kept by the SENDCo in consultation with class teachers.

A Graduated Approach to SEN

At St John with St Michael **high quality teaching (Wave 1)**, differentiated for individual children, is the first step in responding to pupils who may have SEN.

This means:

- That the teacher has the highest possible expectations for all pupils in their class
- That all teaching is built on what children already know, can do and can understand
- Different ways of teaching are in place so that children are fully involved in learning
- Specific strategies (which may be suggested by specialist teachers or outside agencies) are in place to support children to learn
- Teachers will let parents know what their child is learning and how they are progressing

At school we regularly review the quality of teaching for all pupils, including those at risk of underachievement.

Children's progress is constantly assessed and reviewed and any gap or gaps in their understanding/learning will be identified and addressed through targets and interventions.

The decision to make Special Educational Provision involves the SENDCo, class teacher and Senior Leadership Team. All the information about a child's progress formed from high quality, accurate, formative assessment is considered alongside national data and expectations of progress. Parents, families and children are involved in decisions through the opportunity to attend regular meetings and reviews of provision. This level of support is termed SEN Support and is school based. This may include additional provision at Wave 2 or 3. The programmes of intervention and support for children reflect the need to access the whole curriculum.

Targeted interventions (Wave 2)

- These may be run in the classroom or in sessions outside of whole class learning
- They are teacher led and may be delivered by a teacher or teaching assistant
- These are usually group sessions with specific targets to help children to make progress - targets are used in both group and class work
- Interventions will be assessed and monitored by the school leadership team
- Parents are informed when their child is in intervention groups and targets and progress are shared
- Parents are invited to attend sessions to share the aims and work of these groups

Specified Individual support (Wave 3)

- Some pupils will follow 1-1 work; such as if the learner has an Education Health and Care Plan or if they have been assessed by outside agencies
- Children with Social and Emotional and Mental health needs are supported by a member of the Senior Leadership Team or the SENCO.

For higher levels of need school may liaise with external agencies and professionals. Specialist agencies we liaise with regularly include:

- Speech and Language Therapy Service
- Occupational Therapy
- Educational Psychology Service
- Children and families wellbeing services
- School Nurse
- SEND Services (LA)

Staff are trained regularly with regard to SEN and specific training is offered according to need. The School Nurse Team are available to train staff for any specific medical need.

We have support assistants trained to cater for varying needs, these being Speech and Language Difficulties, Autistic Spectrum Conditions, Hearing Impairment and Specific Learning Difficulties SpLD (Dyslexia).

Teachers are responsible and accountable for the progress and development of all pupils in their class, including children who may need additional support from teaching assistants or specialist staff.

We review educational processes for all children in school termly.

Managing Pupils Needs on the SEN register

Every class teacher, working alongside other professionals both in and out of school, is responsible for evidencing progress. Children's attainment and progress is reviewed at least termly and next steps put in place from there.

A class teacher may use a range of ways to record next steps, these being:

- Targeted Learning Plans
- Individual Behaviour Management Plans
- Pupil Passports
- SEN Support Plans
- Provision Maps

Children and families are involved in planning for progress through regular discussions about 'next steps'. The child's voice is central to every review of progress.

A child will be exited from the SEN register when they are accessing differentiation within the class; that is, they do not need anything above and beyond what is offered to the class as a whole.

Supporting Children and Families

Families can be directed towards the school's SEN report and Lancashire's Local Offer <http://new.lancashire.gov.uk/children-education-families/special-educational-needs-and-disabilities.aspx> in order to make decisions about next steps for children.

Admission arrangements for the school are described in the school's admissions policy. The school welcomes pupils irrespective of their ability and anticipates that the needs of the vast majority of children will be met within existing school provision. Pupils with an Education, Health and Care (EHC) Plan will not be discriminated against in line with the legislation outlined in the SEN and Disability Act 2001. The Building has ramps to all class entry doors, the hall and the main foyer, to allow full access to pupils with physical disabilities. There is a designated disabled toilet in the first aid room alongside an orthopaedic, height adjustable bed for changing purposes. A lowered hatch has been built at the entrance to school.

Transition between school placements and key stages is fully supported at St John with St Michael. Children and families will have the opportunity to access support from the class teacher/SENCO within school in order to make smooth transitions.

At school we pride ourselves on having strong links with other agencies. We work alongside:

- Parent support organisations
- Local Community Centres
- Children's Social Care
- School Nurse Team

We use the Common Assessment Form (CAF) process and Team Around the Family (TAF) to facilitate links with other agencies.

Supporting Children with Medical Conditions

At school we recognise that children with medical conditions should be effectively supported to have full access to education, including school trips and physical education. Some children with medical conditions will be disabled and where this is the case the school will comply with its duties under the Equality Act 2010.

Some will also have SEN and may have an Education, Health and Care Plan which brings together health and social care, as well as special educational provision.

The person responsible for coordinating provision for children with medical needs is Linda Oliver

Monitoring and Evaluating SEND Provision in School

The SENDCo regularly completes audits of SEND provision in school in order to gain child, parent and staff views. The SENDCo regularly feeds back to governors following audits of provision. Evaluating and monitoring arrangements promote an active process of continual review in school and improvement of provision for all pupils.

Training and Resources

Training needs and resource implications are identified through pupil progress meetings and a Provision Map for intervention is put in place. The Senior Leadership Team is responsible for updating the provision map and overseeing provision in school.

Support staff and teacher appraisals and professional discussions identify individual training needs. Training is put in place in response to these discussions.

Resources are identified to meet individual needs through regular review of pupil attainment and progress.

The SENDCo regularly attends training to keep up to date with local and national updates in SEND.

Funding

All mainstream schools are provided with resources that they can use to support those with additional needs, including children and young people with SEN and disabilities. Most of these resources are determined by a local funding formula discussed with the local schools' forum.

Schools have an amount defined within their overall budget, called the notional SEN budget. This is not a ring-fenced amount, and it is for the school to provide high quality appropriate support from the whole of its budget. (C.O.P. 2014)

Storing and Managing Information

Documents are stored securely in school. Hard copies of documents are kept in locked cabinets within locked offices. Electronic copies of documents are password protected. Electronic transfer of records is done securely.

Complaints Procedure

If any parent has any concerns regarding the education of their child with SEN they should contact school immediately and make an appointment to see Linda Oliver (SENDCo), the class teacher or the Headteacher in line with the school's Standard Complaints Procedure outlined in the Prospectus. All complaints will be dealt with sensitively and with the child's needs and care at the heart of our work.

Bullying

Vulnerable children and their families in school have access to support from a member of the school's Pastoral Team. School liaises with a range of specialist services in order to provide full support for a range of additional needs.

This policy is reviewed annually.

Member of staff responsible: **L Oliver**

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