

Special Educational Needs & Disabilities (SEND) Policy and Information Report

Context

This policy was developed in consultation with parents/carers, staff and pupils of the school community and pays due regard to:

- The SEND Code of Practice: 0 to 25 years, July 2014
- Part 3 of the Children and Families Act 2014 and associated regulations

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Special Educational Needs and Disability (SEND) Policy

This policy is in line with our teaching and learning policy and equality of opportunity policy and aims to support inclusion for all our children. The responsibility for the management of this policy falls to the Head teacher; the day-to-day operation of the policy is the responsibility of the Special Educational Needs and Disabilities Co-ordinator (SENDCo). The Governing Body, Head teacher/SENCo work together closely to ensure that this policy is working effectively.

High quality teaching is that which is differentiated to meet the needs of most pupils. Some pupils will need something **additional to** and **different from** what is provided for the majority of pupils; this is special educational provision and we will use our best endeavours to ensure that provision is made for those who need it.

St Mary's Catholic Primary School will do its best to ensure that the necessary provision is made for any pupil who has special educational needs or disabilities. We will ensure that all staff in the school are able to identify and provide for those pupils who have special educational needs or disabilities to allow pupils with SEND to join in the activities of the school.

The staff and governors of St Mary's Catholic Primary School will also work to ensure that all SEND pupils reach their full potential, are fully included within the school community and are able to make successful transfers between educational establishments. This policy aims to support all members of staff in providing positive whole school approaches towards the learning, progress, and achievement of SEND pupils. With this as an underlying principle, we believe that:

All teachers are teachers of Special Educational Needs.

Every teacher is responsible and accountable for the progress and development of all pupils in their class even where pupils access support from teaching assistants or specialist staff.

Teaching and supporting pupils with SEND is therefore a whole school responsibility requiring a whole school response. Meeting the needs of pupils with SEND requires partnership working between all those involved – Local Authority (LA), school, parents/carers, pupils, children's services, and all other agencies.

School Admissions

No pupil will be refused admission to school based on his or her special educational need. In line with the Equality Act 2010 we will not discriminate against disabled children in respect of admissions for a reason related to their disability. We will use our best endeavours to provide effective educational provision.

Aims and Objectives

Aims

To provide the structure for a pupil-centred process that engages pupil, family, school, and other professionals in planning for and implementing high quality, needs led provision that is consistent across the school. This is to ensure that all our pupils can access the same opportunities for learning and social development achieving maximum progress, fulfilling their potential, and promoting their well-being.

Objectives

The SEND Policy of St Mary's Catholic Primary School reflects the principles of the 0-25 SEND Code of Practice (2014). The aims of this special educational needs policy are to:

- Ensure the Equality Act 2010 duties for pupils with disabilities are met
- Ensure [Part 3 of the Children and Families Act 2014](#), which sets out schools' responsibilities for pupils with SEN and disabilities
- To enable pupils with special educational needs to have their needs met,
- To consider the views of the pupils with special educational needs,
- To encourage good communication and genuine partnerships with parents/carers of children with special educational needs,
- To facilitate full access to a broad, balanced, and relevant education, including an appropriate curriculum for the foundation stage and the National Curriculum, for pupils with special educational needs,
- In conjunction with the Medical Policy plan to support pupils with medical conditions and to have regard to statutory guidance supporting pupils at school with medical conditions,
- To implement a graduated approach to meeting the needs of pupils using the Assess, Plan, Do, Review process,
- Develop a culture of inclusion valuing high quality teaching for all learners, with teachers using a range of effective differentiation methods,
- Employ a collaborative approach with learners with a SEN or disability, their families, staff within school, other external agencies including those from Health and Social Care,
- Set appropriate individual learning outcomes based on prior achievement, high aspirations and the views of the learner and family,
- Share expertise and good practice across the school and local learning community,
- Make efficient and effective use of school resources,
- Have regard to the Code of Practice (2014) for the identification, assessment, support, and review of special educational needs,
- Have regard to guidance detailed by Devon County Council.

Identifying and supporting Special Educational Needs & Disabilities

Pupils have special educational needs if they have a learning difficulty or disability which calls for special education provision to be made for him/her namely provision **which is additional to or different from** that normally available in a differentiated curriculum. St Mary's Catholic Primary School regards pupils as having a Special Educational Need if they:

- a) Have a significantly greater difficulty in learning than most pupils of the same age, or;
- b) Have a disability which prevents or hinders him/her from making use of facilities of a kind generally provided for others of the same age in mainstream schools or mainstream post-16 institutions
- c) A child under compulsory age has special educational needs if they fall within the definition at (a) or (b) above or would do so if special educational provision were not made for them (Section 20 Children and Families Act 2014)

Pupils must not be regarded as having a learning difficulty solely because the language or form of language of their home is different from the language in which they will be taught.

St Mary's Catholic Primary School will have regard to the SEND Code of Practice 2014 when carrying out its duties towards all pupils with SEND and ensure that parents/carers are informed by the school that SEND provision is being made for their child.

There may be times in a pupil's school career when they are identified as having a Special Educational Need. These pupils will be provided with intervention and/or support that is 'additional to or different from' the normal differentiated curriculum. This may be on an ongoing basis or for a limited time. Many pupils with sensory and/or physical disabilities may require adaptations, made as reasonable adjustments under the Equality Act 2010.

Areas of Special Educational Need

Under the SEND Code of Practice 2014 pupils identified as having a special educational need (SEN) will be considered within one or more of the following categories of need:

Cognition and Learning;

Children with learning needs may learn at a slower pace than other children and may have difficulty developing literacy or numeracy skills or understanding new concepts. Learning needs may be in addition to or as a result of other special educational needs.

Children with a specific learning difficulty (SpLD) will have difficulties related to one or more of dyslexia, dyscalculia, dyspraxia, and dysgraphia.

Learning difficulties cover a wide range of needs, including moderate learning difficulties (MLD), severe learning difficulties (SLD), where children are likely to need support in all areas of the curriculum and associated difficulties with mobility and communication, through to profound and multiple learning difficulties (PMLD), where children are likely to have severe and complex learning difficulties as well as a physical disability or sensory impairment.

Cognition and Learning needs include:

- Specific learning difficulties (SpLD)
- Moderate learning difficulties (MLD)
- Severe learning difficulties (SLD), and
- Profound and multiple learning difficulties (PMLD)

Social, Emotional and Mental Health Difficulties

Children may experience a wide range of social and emotional difficulties which manifest themselves in many ways. These may include becoming withdrawn or isolated, as well as displaying challenging, disruptive, or disturbing behaviour. These behaviours may reflect underlying mental health difficulties such as anxiety or depression, self-harming, substance misuse, eating disorders or physical symptoms that are medically unexplained.

Other children may have disorders such as attention deficit disorder, attention deficit hyperactive disorder or attachment disorder.

Social, Emotional and Mental Health Difficulties include:

- ADD
- ADHD
- Attachment Disorder

Communication and Interaction needs

Children with speech, language, and communication needs (SLCN) have difficulty in communicating with others. This may be because they have difficulty saying what they want to, understanding what is being said to them or because they do not understand or use social rules of communication.

The profile for every child with SLCN is different and their needs may change over time. They may have difficulty with one, some or all the different aspects of speech, language, or social communication at different times of their lives. Children with autism, including Asperger's Syndrome, are likely to have difficulties with social interaction. They may also experience difficulties with language, communication, and imagination, which can impact on how they relate to others.

Communication and Interaction needs include:

- Speech, language, and communication needs (SLCN)
- Autism (including Asperger Syndrome)

Sensory and/or Physical needs

Some children require special educational provision because they have a disability, and this prevents or hinders them from making use of the educational facilities generally provided. These difficulties can be age related and may fluctuate over time.

Many children with vision impairment (VI), hearing impairment (HI) or a multi-sensory impairment (MSI) will require specialist support and/or equipment to access their learning. Children with an MSI

have a combination of vision and hearing difficulties. Some children with a physical disability (PD) require additional ongoing support and equipment to access all the opportunities available to their peers.

Sensory and/or physical needs include:

- Visual impairment (VI)
- Hearing impairment (HI – including Deaf and hearing impairment)
- Multi-sensory impairment (MSI - sometimes referred to as Deaf blind)
- Physical disability (PD).

A Graduated Response to SEND

Early Concerns

The progress made by all pupils is regularly monitored and reviewed. Initially, concerns registered by teachers, parents/carers or other agencies are addressed by appropriate differentiation within the classroom and a record is kept of strategies used. This can be then used in later discussions if concerns persist.

How we identify and support pupils with SEN

All pupils' attainment and achievements are monitored by their teacher who is required to provide high quality teaching and learning opportunities differentiated for individual pupils. Where a pupil is making inadequate progress or falls behind their peers, additional support will be provided under the guidance of the class teacher. Adequate progress could:

- Be similar to that of peers;
- Match or better the pupils' previous rate of progress;
- Close the attainment gap between the pupil and their peers;
- Prevent the attainment gap growing wider.

Where pupils continue to make inadequate progress despite support and high quality teaching, the class teacher will work with the school's SENDCo to assess if a pupil has a significant learning difficulty and agree appropriate support (ways in which pupils may be assessed at St Mary's can be found in Appendix 1). In some cases, it may be necessary to seek assessment by or advice from an external professional such as a specialist teacher or educational psychologist. This will always involve discussion and agreement with the pupil's parents/carers.

When considering whether a pupil has a special educational need any of the following may be evident:

- Makes little or no progress even when teaching approaches are targeted particularly in a pupil's identified area of weakness;
- Shows signs of difficulty in developing literacy or mathematics skills which result in poor attainment in some curriculum areas;
- Persistent emotional or behavioural difficulties which are not ameliorated by appropriate behaviour management strategies;
- Has sensory or physical problems and continues to make little or no progress despite the provision of specialist equipment;
- Has communication and /or interaction difficulties and continues to make little or no progress despite the provision of an appropriate differentiated curriculum.
- Has emotional or behavioural difficulties which substantially and regularly interfere with the pupil's own learning or that of the class groups, despite having an individualised behaviour support programme;
- Has SEND or physical needs that require additional specialist equipment or regular advice or visits by a specialist service;
- Has a communication and/or an interaction difficulty that impedes the development of social relationships and cause a substantial barrier to learning.

Assess, Plan, Do and Review

Where a pupil is identified as having SEN, we will take action to support effective learning by removing barriers to learning and put effective special educational provision in place. This **SEND support** will take the form of a four-part cycle through which earlier decisions and actions are revisited, refined and revised with a growing understanding of the pupil's needs and of what supports the pupil in making good progress and securing good outcomes. This is known as **the graduated approach – assess, plan, do, review**.

For pupils with low level special educational needs the cycle of **Assess, Plan, Do and Review** will fit into the regular termly assessment and planning cycle for all pupils. These are known as Pupil Progress Meetings. For those pupils with more complex needs or for who a more frequent cycle needs to be employed additional meeting dates will be set and will include the termly Pupil Progress Meetings.

Graduated Response

Assess

- In identifying a pupil as needing **SEND support** the class teacher, working with the SENDCo, should carry out a clear analysis of the pupil's needs. This should draw on the teacher's assessment and experience of the pupil, their previous progress and attainment, as well as information gathered from other areas of the school.
- The pupil's development in comparison to their peers and national data should also be considered along with the parent's views and experience, the pupil's views and, if relevant, advice from external support services. These will be recorded on a 'My Plan'. The school and parents/carers will meet, where appropriate, with other agencies including those from Health and Social Care to create and up-date the 'My Plan'.
- This assessment will be reviewed regularly to ensure support and intervention are matched to need, barriers to learning are identified and overcome so that a clear picture of the interventions put in place and their impact is developed. With some areas of SEND, the most reliable method of developing a more accurate picture of need will be the way in which the pupil responds to an intervention.

Plan

- Parents/carers, with their child, will meet with the class teacher and the SENDCo to decide on the interventions and support to be put in place as well as the expected impact on progress and development. This will be recorded on a 'My Plan' with a date to review the plan. The date for review will depend on the level of need present.
- The My Plan will clearly identify the areas of needs, the desired outcomes, the support, and resources provided, including any teaching strategies or approaches that are required and when the My Plan will be reviewed.
- The support and intervention provided will be selected to meet the outcomes identified for the pupil, based on reliable evidence of effectiveness, and will be provided by staff with appropriate skills and knowledge.
- The My Plan will usually involve a contribution by parents/carers to reinforce learning at home.
- Where appropriate, the My Plan will detail the support from other agencies and how this will support the pupil in achieving the desired outcomes.
- Parents/carers will then be formally notified by letter when it is decided to provide a pupil with SEN support (although parents/carers should have already been involved in the assessment of need).
- **So, if it is agreed that a pupil requires SEND support, all parties meet and develop a My Plan detailing the support which will bring about the next part of the cycle –**

Do

- The class teacher remains responsible for working with the pupil on a daily basis and will work closely with any teaching assistants or specialist staff involved, to plan and assess the impact of support and interventions and how they can be linked to classroom teaching.
- The SENDCo will support the class teacher in the further assessment of the pupil's needs, in problem solving and advising on the effective implementation of support.
- **The class teacher is responsible for the daily implementation of the plan and will make amendments, as necessary.**

Review

- There will be a review of the My Plan on the date previously agreed. This review will evaluate the impact and quality of the support and interventions and include the views of the pupil and their parents/carers.
- Parents/carers will be given information about the impact of the support and interventions provided enabling them to be involved with planning the next steps. Where appropriate other agencies will be asked to contribute to this review.
- Where a pupil has complex needs involving more than one agency it will depend on the pupils needs and the frequency of the educational reviews as to whether external agencies attend each educational review.
- This review will feedback into the analysis of the pupil's needs, then the class teacher, working with the SENDCo, will revise the support in light of the pupil's progress and development, with decisions on any changes made in consultation with the parent and the pupil.
- Where there is a sustained period of insufficient or no progress, the school may decide to gain involvement and advice from a specialist or external agency. The school will consult with parents/carers before involving a specialist or external agency.

Exit Criteria

When a pupil has made sufficient progress in their area of need that they no longer require any provision that is **different from** or **additional to** that which is normally available as part of high quality and differentiated teaching they will no longer be seen as requiring SEND Support. At this point, through discussion and agreement with parents/carers the pupil will be removed from the schools SEN register.

Statutory Assessment of Needs (EHC)

Where, despite the school having taken relevant and purposeful action to identify, assess and meet the Special Educational Needs and/or Disabilities of the pupil, the child has not made expected progress, the school or parents/carers should consider requesting an Education, Health and Care (EHC) needs assessment. The evidence gathered through the regular review of the My Plan will help the Local Authority (LA) in determining when this statutory assessment of needs is required.

Where a pupil has an Education Health and Care Plan (EHCP), the Local Authority must review the plan every twelve months as a minimum. Schools have a duty to co-operate so ANY School will hold annual review meetings on the behalf of Devon LA and complete the appropriate paperwork for this process.

Monitoring and Evaluation of SEND

Regular monitoring of the quality of provision for all pupils including those with SEND follows the school's assessment and monitoring calendar. In addition, the cycle of Assess, Plan, Do and Review ensures that pupils with SEND have their individual provision reviewed regularly, and at least termly. Additional training, advice and support will be provided to teaching staff where necessary to facilitate pupil progress and to meet pupil needs.

Pupil progress is tracked half-termly and where pupils are not making sufficient progress additional information is sought and appropriate action taken.

Supporting Pupils and Families

We value and accept the positive role and contribution parents/carers can make. We make every effort to work in full co-operation with parents/carers, recognising and respecting their roles and responsibilities. Parents/carers are encouraged to work with the school and other professionals to ensure that their child's needs are identified properly and met as early as possible.

In order that they play an active part in their child's development, the school endeavours to provide parents/carers with the relevant information so they can reinforce learning in the home.

At St Mary's Catholic Primary School, we endeavour to support parents/carers so that they can:

- Feel fully supported and taken seriously should they raise a concern about their child
- Recognise and fulfil their responsibilities and play an active and valued role in their child's education
- Understand procedures and documentation
- Make their views known about how their child is educated
- Have access to information, advice and support during assessment and any related decision-making process about special educational provision.

Parents/carers of a child with SEN support will have the opportunity to meet with the SENDCo.

Parents/carers are encouraged to seek help and advice from Independent Information Advice and Support services, including Devon Parent Partnership (DPP). These can provide impartial and independent advice, support and information on special educational needs and disabilities.

Parents/carers are also encouraged to visit the Devon County Council Local Offer website www.devon.gov.uk/send. This website provides valuable information about different agencies, services and resources for children, young people with SEND and their families in addition to school resources and information.

Children in Care:

When a child is in care, the carers are accorded the same rights and responsibilities as parents. The school has both an appointed member of staff and a governor for Looked after Children (see Child in Care Policy).

Pupil Voice

We hold the views of pupils highly and recognise the importance of gaining genuine pupil views in promoting the best pupil outcomes. Pupils can share their views in a number of different ways (appropriate to age and ability).

These views are welcome at any time but are specifically sought as part of their annual review, as part of their Pupil Progress Meetings and at the end of a targeted intervention. We ask all pupils to contribute to the setting of their own outcomes where appropriate.

Partnership with External Agencies

The School is supported by a wide range of different agencies and teams. The schools SEND Information report details which agencies the school have worked with in the last 12 months. This report can be found on the school website and is up-dated annually.

Transition

A change of school, class and staff can be an exciting, yet anxious time for all pupils. We recognise that this can be very challenging for some pupils with SEND. We endeavour to make sure these periods of change are carefully managed in a sensitive way to provide continuity of high-quality provision and reassurance to pupils and families. Our processes for transition are explained further in **Appendix 2**.

Training and Resources

Allocation of resources

- Resources are allocated to support children with identified needs as identified previously. This support may take the form of differentiated work in class, support from a Teaching Assistant (TA) in focused intervention in groups, or for individuals.
- Specialist equipment, books or other resources that may help the pupil are purchased as required (Appendix 3).

Continuing Professional Development (CPD) for Special Educational Needs

- The SENDCO and other SLT members provide/ organise CPD in school for staff in specific aspects of meeting the needs of pupils with SEN.
- All staff have regular meetings where SEND is discussed. The progress of all pupils including those with SEND is a core aspect of the appraisal process and appraisal targets will look at how to develop staff skills in meeting individual pupil needs, as necessary.
- Teaching assistants are engaged in an ongoing training whereby the role of the teaching assistant is developed.
- External trainers are brought in periodically to address more specialist training needs such as dealing with specific medical conditions (e.g. epilepsy) or to train staff in the use of specific interventions.
- Peer support and guidance is available daily for all staff in school and some of the best training development occurs through professional dialogue with colleagues looking at meeting the specific needs of a pupil.

Funding

Funding for SEND in mainstream schools is mainly delegated to the schools' budget. It is the expectation that schools provide support to their pupils with SEND from their SEND budget. Where a pupil requires an exceptionally high level of support that incurs a greater expense, the school can make a request for additional resources through application for an Education and Health Care Plan. The school will need to be able to demonstrate how it has spent the funding to date and the impact of this as well as demonstrating why further additional funding is required and how it would be used.

Personal Budgets

Personal Budgets are only available to pupils with an Education, Health, and social Care Plan (EHCP) or pupils who are currently under-going a needs assessment for an EHCP. Funding can be made available to parents/carers as a personal budget for them to commission their own provision for their child under certain conditions.

Parents/carers who would like to enquire further about using the personal budget should speak in the first instance to the SENDCO.

Roles and Responsibilities

Provision for pupils with special educational needs is a matter for the school. In addition to the Governing Body, Head Teacher and SENDCO, all members of staff have important responsibilities.

Governing Body:

The Governing Body endeavours to follow the guidelines as laid down in the SEND Code of Practice (2014) to:

- use their best endeavours to make sure that a child with SEND gets the support they need – this means doing everything they can to meet children and young people's Special Educational Needs
- ensure that children and young people with SEND engage in the activities of the school alongside pupils who do not have SEND
- designate a teacher to be responsible for co-ordinating SEND provision – the SEND co-ordinator, or SENDCO.
- inform parents/carers when they are making special educational provision for a child
- prepare an SEND information report and their arrangements for the admission of disabled children, the steps being taken to prevent disabled children from being treated less favourably than others, the facilities provided to enable access to the school for disabled children and their accessibility plan showing how they plan to improve access progressively over time

Head teacher/ SENDCo:

The Head teacher has responsibility for the day-to-day management of all aspects of the school's work, including provision for children with special educational needs. The Head teacher will keep the Governing Body fully informed on Special Educational Needs issues. The Head teacher, who is also the SENDCo will also determine the strategic development of the SEND policy and provision with the aim of raising the achievement of pupils with SEND.

The SENDCo takes day-to-day responsibility for the operation of the SEND policy and co-ordinates the provision for individual children, working closely with staff, parents/carers, and external agencies. The SENDCo provides relevant professional guidance to colleagues with the aim of securing high-quality teaching for children with special educational needs.

Through analysis and assessment of children's needs, and by monitoring the quality of teaching and standards of pupils' achievements and setting targets, the SENDCo develops effective ways of overcoming barriers to learning and sustaining effective teaching.

The SENDCo liaises and collaborates with class teachers so that learning for all children is given equal priority.

The principle responsibilities for the SENDCo include:

- Overseeing the day-to-day operation of the SEND policy
- Co-ordinating provision for SEND pupils and reporting on progress
- Advising on the graduated approach to providing SEND support – Assess, Plan, Do, Review
- Advising on the deployment of the school's delegated budget and other resources to meet pupils' needs effectively
- Monitoring relevant SEND CPD for all staff
- Managing the Inclusion team
- Overseeing the records of all children with special educational needs and ensuring they are up to date
- Liaising with parents/carers of children with special educational needs
- Contributing to the in-service training of staff
- Being a point of contact with external agencies, especially the local authority and its support services

- Liaising with early years providers, other schools, educational psychologists, health, and social care professionals and independent or voluntary bodies
- Liaising with potential next providers of education to ensure a pupil and their parents/carers are informed about options and a smooth transition is planned
- Monitoring the impact of interventions provided for pupils with SEND
- To lead on the development of high-quality SEND provision as an integral part of the school improvement plan
- Working with the Head teacher and the school governors to ensure that the school meets its responsibilities under the Equality Act (2010) regarding reasonable adjustments and access arrangements

All Teaching and Non-Teaching Staff:

- All staff are aware of the school's SEND policy and the procedures for identifying, assessing, and making provision for pupils with special educational needs.
- Class teachers are fully involved in providing high quality teaching, differentiated for individual pupils. This includes reviewing and, where necessary, improving, their understanding of strategies to identify and support vulnerable pupils and their knowledge of the SEND most frequently encountered.
- Class teachers are responsible for setting suitable learning challenges and facilitating effective special educational provision in response to pupils' diverse needs to remove potential barriers to learning. This process should include working with the SENDCo to carry out a clear analysis of the pupil's needs, drawing on the teacher's assessment and experience of the pupil as well as previous progress and attainment.
- Teaching assistants will liaise with the class teacher and SENDCo on planning, on pupil response and on progress to contribute effectively to the graduated response, (assess, plan, do, review).

Meeting Medical Needs

The Children and Families Act 2014 places a duty on schools to plan to support pupils with medical conditions. Individual healthcare plans will normally specify the type and level of support required to meet the medical needs of such pupils.

Where children and young people also have SEND, their provision should be planned and delivered in a co-ordinated way using the DAF paperwork. For those pupils with an Education, Health and Care plan (EHCP) this will be used as it brings together health and social care needs, as well as their special educational provision.

The school recognises that pupils at school with medical conditions should be properly supported so that they have full access to education, including school trips and physical education. Some children with medical conditions may be disabled and where this is the case the school will comply with its duties under the Equality Act 2010 (please see the schools Medication Policy for further details).

Children in Hospital

The member of staff responsible for ensuring that pupils with health needs have proper access to education will liaise with other agencies and professionals*, as well as parents/carers, to ensure good communication and effective sharing of information. This will enable optimum opportunities for educational progress and achievement.

* E.g. medical agencies, Hospital School, DPLS

SEND Information Report

The school will ensure that the SEND information is assessable on the school website. Governors have a legal duty to publish information on their websites about the implementation of the policy for pupils with SEND. The information published will be updated annually and any changes to the information occurring during the year will be updated as soon as possible.

Monitoring and Accountability

Accessibility

The school is compliant with the Equality Act 2010 and Accessibility legislation. It is fully accessible for wheelchair users via lifts and the school has disabled toilet facilities. St Mary's Catholic Primary School works hard to develop their accessibility and the schools' accessibility plan detailing how this is being developed can be accessed from the school website.

Storing and Managing Information

Pupil SEND records will be kept in accordance to the DfE guidance contained in "Statutory Policies for schools" (February 2014)

(https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/284301/statutory_schools_policies.pdf)

Responding to Complaints

In the first instance, parent complaints about the provision or organisation of SEND are dealt with through the procedures outlined in the School's Complaints Policy.

If there continues to be disagreement regarding SEND provision the Local Authority should make arrangements that include the appointment of independent persons with a view to avoiding or resolving disagreements between the parents/carers and the school. This includes access to mediation before tribunal. Parents/carers have a right to appeal to a SEND tribunal at any stage.

Appendix 1

Assessments

Initial identification will come when the class teacher demonstrates to the SENDCO that the rate of progress for this pupil is poor compared to the rest of the peer group and the pupil is not responding rapidly to differentiated work or to usual classroom behaviour/social skills management strategies. These will include:

- ◆ Circle Time
- ◆ Speech Link
- ◆ Language and Listening Skills groups
- ◆ Early Literacy Strategy
- ◆ Success@arithmetic
- ◆ Spelling/ handwriting programmes

The range of assessments used for all pupils at the school includes:

Foundation Stage:

- ◆ Low scores on the Foundation Stage Profile (categorised as emerging)
- ◆ Sensory Screening e.g. by school nurse
- ◆ Literacy testing e.g. phoneme/grapheme knowledge, phonological awareness, key words, levelling writing.
- ◆ Recorded behaviour observation – teacher assessment e.g. of behaviour/social skills/motor coordination/sensory
- ◆ Book band levels and guided reading observations.

Key Stage 1:

- ◆ Recorded behaviour observation – teacher assessment e.g. of behaviour/social skills/motor coordination/sensory.
- ◆ Year 1 Phonics test
- ◆ Key stage 1 SATS and/ on-going assessment of pupil progress
- ◆ Maths assessments
- ◆ Literacy testing e.g. phoneme/grapheme knowledge, phonological awareness, key words, levelling writing, reading assessments

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- ◆ Book band levels and guided reading observations.
 - ◆ Pupil Tracker information in reading, writing, maths as identified by progress towards year group objectives.

Key Stage 2:

- ◆ NFER Reading tests, formal assessments e.g. maths assessments, reading assessments and ongoing assessment of pupil progress
- ◆ Recorded behaviour observation – teacher assessment e.g. of behaviour/social skills/motor coordination/sensory.
- ◆ Literacy assessments e.g. phoneme/grapheme knowledge, phonological awareness, key words, levelling writing.
- ◆ Book band levels and guided reading observations.
- ◆ Pupil Tracker information in reading, writing, maths, and science as identified by progress towards year group targets.

Appendix 2

Overview of pre-admission and transition provision

Year	Transition support for all pupils	Additional transition support for pupils with SEND	Individual transition support for pupils with complex / specific needs.
<p>(1)</p> <p>Pre-admission</p> <p>(include all activities undertaken to prepare pupils prior to entry)</p>	<p>Children have a graduated induction programme where they are introduced gently to their new environment. This is based over a month in the Summer term prior to the Autumn entry and consists of 1 afternoon a week. In addition to this, there are opportunities for parents to meet each other and the staff. We have introductory meetings with parents and parents are asked to complete an 'introduction to school' journal where they can record their child's strengths and interests.</p> <p>Then in the Autumn term, the children have a gradual 2-week induction, beginning with mornings, building up to lunch times and then at the end of a 2-</p>	<p>Children are introduced to their environment and encouraged to explore their surroundings.</p> <p>There is liaison with external agencies if necessary and a personalised transition plan is implemented. Additional visits to the child's nursery are carried out and meetings with parents and external agencies are also carried out as need be.</p> <p>Regular communication again is a vital factor, ensuring children are supported throughout their transition and then on. Home- school communication books are used if there is a need to enhance communication flow.</p>	<p>Children are introduced to their environment and encouraged to explore their surroundings.</p> <p>There is liaison with external agencies if necessary and a personalised transition plan is implemented. Additional visits to the child's nursery are carried out and meetings with parents and external agencies are also carried out as need be.</p> <p>Regular communication again is a vital factor, ensuring children are supported throughout their transition and then on. Home- school communication books are used if there is a need to enhance communication flow.</p> <p>Programmes of support are established early on and are detailed in the child's ILP.</p>

	<p>week period completing a full day. We operate an open-door policy and welcome parents each day, encouraging good communication always.</p> <p>The staff visit the feeder nurseries each year and meet with staff about children.</p>	<p>Programmes of support are established early on and are detailed in the child's ILP.</p>	<p>A support TA is employed, and a personalised learning and support package is written where the child can access the necessary support, be it speech and language, nurture, or additional learning support in the classroom.</p>
<p>Year to Year transition and In-year admissions</p>	<p>Parents are involved at every step and are encouraged to come into school.</p> <p>Throughout the school we have the PHSE Seal programme, where children are taught social skills in a class setting, with the backing of a whole school approach.</p> <p>Staff are in dialogue frequently about all the children and prior to the transfer of year group, all children have a taster session in their new class.</p> <p>The PSHE programme of work supports the children with this area. This is a whole school approach.</p> <p>All new 'mid-year' admissions are buddied up with a peer who ensures that they are happy and confident</p>	<p>The school has regular contact with the school nurse, who offers a variety of services on a needs analysis basis. He/she can come into school to work with individual children, or to talk to whole groups / classes. In addition to this, he/she can work in partnership with parents for the benefit of the child. This is relevant across the school.</p> <p>Additional visits to their new class can be arranged if needed. A staged moving up can also be arranged where the child is registered in the next class and then comes back for some of his/ her learning.</p>	<p>Regular visits to their new class with the LSA. Social stories if necessary.</p> <p>Personalised timetable to introduce the child to the new routines and expectations gradually.</p> <p>Liaison with EP, and any other relevant agencies.</p>

	moving around the school and with the new routines.		
(2) Transition from school e.g.: to Year 7 or to new primary school.	<p>SECONDARY TRANSFER-</p> <p>Good links are established with feeder secondary schools from a very early stage – children in year 6 have regular visits to the main feeder school where they could participate with sport festivals and other learning experiences. A full induction programme begins in the summer term where the children have between a day and a full week's induction.</p>	<p>Additional time to get accustomed to their new environment. Support from Year 7 children already there. Additional support from TA if needed. Parent meetings with staff from the secondary school.</p>	<p>Additional time to get accustomed to their new environment. Support from Year 7 children already there. Additional support from TA if needed. Parent meetings with staff from the secondary school.</p> <p>Secondary staff attendance at Y5 transition review meeting is encouraged. Good liaison with secondary schools and St. Mary's staff is crucial prior to transfer.</p> <p>Link with parent support worker.</p> <p>TA visits with child – and child has additional visits. Use of social stories, visual timetables, photographs.</p>

Appendix 3

Overview of provision for learning, social, communication and physical needs

	Cognition and learning	Social, emotional, and behavioural	Communication and Interaction	Sensory and/or Physical
Wave 1 provision (whole school/ class)	<p>Differentiation of delivery by grouping.</p> <p>Differentiation by task.</p> <p>Differentiation of pace.</p> <p>Differentiation of questioning.</p> <p>Differentiation by outcome.</p> <p>Differentiation of resources and equipment to support task completion.</p> <p>Checking understanding of information/ instructions.</p> <p>Deploy strategies for improving concentration.</p>	<p>Differentiation of delivery by grouping.</p> <p>Differentiation by task.</p> <p>Differentiation of pace.</p> <p>Differentiation by outcome.</p> <p>Differentiation of resources and equipment to support task completion.</p> <p>Seating arrangements to promote focus of attention.</p> <p>Checking understanding of information/ instructions.</p> <p>Deploy strategies for improving concentration.</p>	<p>Differentiation of delivery by grouping.</p> <p>Differentiation by task.</p> <p>Differentiation of pace.</p> <p>Differentiation by outcome.</p> <p>Differentiation of resources and equipment to support task completion.</p> <p>Seating arrangements to promote focus of attention.</p> <p>Checking understanding of information/ instructions.</p> <p>Prompt explicit feedback on learning.</p>	<p>Differentiation of delivery by grouping.</p> <p>Differentiation by task.</p> <p>Differentiation of pace.</p> <p>Differentiation by outcome.</p> <p>Differentiation of resources and equipment to support task completion.</p> <p>Seating arrangements to promote focus of attention.</p> <p>Checking understanding of information/ instructions.</p> <p>Deploy strategies for improving concentration.</p>

	<p>Prompt explicit feedback on Learning.</p> <p>Targeted TA in class support.</p> <p>Hand hugger pencil/ grip.</p> <p>Lower case keyboard cover provided.</p> <p>Use of handheld spell checker.</p> <p>Writing frames.</p> <p>Brain Gym to improve concentration and co-ordination.</p> <p>ELS, Toe by Toe, catch up literacy sessions.</p> <p>Numicon, Max's Marvellous Maths, Success@ arithmetic</p>	<p>Prompt explicit feedback on learning.</p> <p>Prompt explicit feedback on behaviour.</p> <p>PSHE – develop personal, social and health education.</p> <p>Targeted TA in class support.</p> <p>Brain Gym to improve concentration and co-ordination.</p> <p>School Behaviour Policy to promote good behaviour and learning.</p> <p>Circle time to support social skills – emotional literacy.</p> <p>Whole school and class reward systems promoting learning behaviour.</p> <p>Whole school / class rules.</p> <p>Whole school policy for behaviour.</p> <p>Play leaders to help manage playtimes.</p> <p>School council.</p>	<p>Prompt explicit feedback on behaviour.</p> <p>PSHE – SEAL develop personal, social and health education.</p> <p>Targeted TA in class support.</p> <p>Brain Gym to improve concentration and co-ordination- interaction.</p> <p>Fun Fit.</p> <p>School Behaviour Policy to promote good behaviour and learning.</p> <p>Circle time to support social skills – emotional literacy.</p> <p>Flexible teaching arrangements.</p> <p>Structured school and classroom routines.</p> <p>Differentiated curriculum e.g. simplified language or minimal use of language.</p> <p>Increased visual aids / modelling etc.</p> <p>Visual timetables.</p>	<p>Prompt explicit feedback on learning.</p> <p>Prompt explicit feedback on behaviour.</p> <p>PSHE – develop personal, social and health education.</p> <p>Targeted TA in class support.</p> <p>Hand hugger pencil/ grip.</p> <p>Use of handheld spell checker.</p> <p>Brain Gym to improve concentration and co-ordination.</p> <p>Circle time to support social skills – emotional literacy.</p> <p>Photocopying onto pastel coloured paper.</p> <p>Teacher aware of implications of sensory and physical impairment not covering mouth when talking to a child with hearing impairment / light implications for visually impaired and lip readers.</p>
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		Out of school learning opportunities.	Use of symbols.	
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Wave 2 provision (for groups)	<p>Priority reader status.</p> <p>Additional use of spelling programmes / phonic computer programmes.</p> <p>Additional use of maths computer programmes.</p> <p>Additional use of writing support computer programmes.</p> <p>Use of alternative methods of recording.</p> <p>Use of a more targeted multi-sensory approach.</p> <p>Booster sessions English.</p> <p>Booster sessions Maths.</p> <p>ELS delivered by TA each day.</p>	<p>Social skills group training e.g. turn taking, social stories, role play- Friendship Groups.</p> <p>Small group circle time.</p> <p>PSHE link- Relaxation activities</p> <p>Monitoring at playtimes.</p> <p>Home / school book.</p> <p>Additional step on behaviour policy – IBP may be written.</p> <p>Use of a more targeted multi-sensory approach.</p> <p>Additional in class TA support.</p> <p>Support personal organisation.</p> <p>Home / School book to aid communication.</p> <p>Time to Talk.</p>	<p>Priority reader status.</p> <p>Additional use of spelling programmes / phonic computer programmes.</p> <p>Additional use of maths computer programmes.</p> <p>Additional use of writing support computer programmes.</p> <p>Use of alternative methods of recording.</p> <p>Use of a more targeted multi-sensory approach.</p> <p>Booster sessions English.</p> <p>Booster sessions Maths.</p> <p>Listening skills activities - delivered by TA.</p>	<p>Provision of writing slope.</p> <p>Provision of sprung scissors.</p> <p>Additional use of spelling programmes / phonic computer programmes.</p> <p>Additional use of maths computer programmes.</p> <p>Additional use of writing support computer programmes.</p> <p>Additional use of writing support computer programmes.</p> <p>Use of alternative methods of recording.</p> <p>Use of a more targeted multi-sensory approach.</p> <p>Support personal organisation.</p> <p>Use of Alpha Smart keyboard.</p>
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	<p>Additional TA support for numeracy.</p> <p>Additional TA support for literacy.</p> <p>Use of Alpha Smart keyboard.</p>	<p>Socially Speaking.</p>	<p>Additional TA support for numeracy.</p> <p>Additional TA support for literacy.</p> <p>Support personal organisation.</p> <p>Use of Alpha Smart keyboard.</p> <p>In class TA support to aid delivery of 'My Plan' learning targets.</p> <p>Speech and language group support.</p> <p>Social skills training group.</p> <p>Playground monitoring.</p> <p>Language enrichment group.</p>	<p>Brain gym exercises e.g. in group as lesson warm up.</p> <p>Co-ordination group – physical - Fun Fit.</p> <p>OT/ Physio support programme.</p> <p>Sensory regulation session.</p> <p>Keyboard skills group training.</p> <p>Handwriting and or / fine motor programmes.</p> <p>Visual / auditory perception group activities.</p>
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<p>Wave 3 provision (for individuals)</p>	<p>Individual/ Small group TA support.</p> <p>Individual Timetable.</p> <p>Visual Timetable.</p> <p>Fun Fit to aid concentration.</p> <p>Sensory integration.</p> <p>Proprioceptive movements.</p> <p>Individual lunch time support.</p> <p>My Plan – with SMART targets</p> <p>Home / School book to aid communication.</p>	<p>Individual TA support.</p> <p>Individual lunch time support.</p> <p>Positive Handling Plan – in addition to an Individual Behavioural Plan – all staff to be aware of.</p> <p>My Plan – with SMART targets</p> <p>Individual risk assessments.</p> <p>Individual counselling.</p> <p>CAMHS.</p> <p>Individual arrangements for SATS.</p> <p>1-1 behaviour programme e.g. anger management techniques, individual contract, reward system.</p> <p>Behaviour Support Team – individual intervention.</p>	<p>Speech therapy tasks – delivered by TA.</p> <p>Speech therapist assessment / termly</p> <p>Individual TA support.</p> <p>Individual lunch time support.</p> <p>My Plan with SMART targets</p> <p>Home / School book to aid communication.</p> <p>Individual risk assessments.</p> <p>Alternative means of communication e.g. teacher / class use of signing.</p> <p>1-1 speech therapy sessions – delivered by TA.</p> <p>Individual arrangements for SATS.</p> <p>Visual timetable / visual task organiser.</p>	<p>Individual TA support.</p> <p>Individual lunch time support</p> <p>Positive Handling Plan – in addition to an Individual Behavioural Plan – all staff to be aware of.</p> <p>Individual Educational Plan – with SMART targets reviewed twice a year – October and March</p> <p>Home / School book to aid communication</p> <p>Individual risk assessments</p> <p>Full time support for physical difficulties and to access PE - general movement around the school</p> <p>1-1 individual support in class to facilitate access to curriculum e.g. TA converting text into Braille, enlargement,</p>
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