



St Mary's Catholic Primary School, Knaresborough

SEN policy and information report

**“With Christ at the centre, we show
Unity, Respect, Joy, Love and Courage.”**

St Mary's School Mission Statement

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1. Aims

Our SEN policy and information report aims to:

- Set out how our school will support and make provision for pupils with special educational needs (SEN)
- Explain the roles and responsibilities of everyone involved in providing for pupils with SEN

2. Legislation and guidance

This policy and information report is based on the statutory [Special Educational Needs and Disability \(SEND\) Code of Practice](#) and the following legislation:

- [Part 3 of the Children and Families Act 2014](#), which sets out schools' responsibilities for pupils with SEN and disabilities
- [The Special Educational Needs and Disability Regulations 2014](#), which set out schools' responsibilities for education, health and care (EHC) plans, SEN co-ordinators (SENCOs) and the SEN information report
- This policy also complies with our funding agreement and articles of association.

3. Definitions

A pupil has SEN if they have a learning difficulty or disability which calls for special educational provision to be made for them.

They have a learning difficulty or disability if they have:

- A significantly greater difficulty in learning than the majority of others of the same age, or
- A disability which prevents or hinders them from making use of facilities of a kind generally provided for others of the same age in mainstream schools

Special educational provision is educational or training provision that is additional to, or different from, that made generally for other children or young people of the same age by mainstream schools.

4. Roles and responsibilities

4.1 The SENCO

The SENCO is Mrs K Bleasdale

They will:

- Work with the Executive Headteacher/ Head of School and SEN governor to determine the strategic development of the SEN policy and provision in the school
- Have day-to-day responsibility for the operation of this SEN policy and the co-ordination of specific provision made to support individual pupils with SEN, including those who have EHC plans

- Provide professional guidance to colleagues and work with staff, parents, and other agencies to ensure that pupils with SEN receive appropriate support and high quality teaching
- Advise on the graduated approach to providing SEN support
- Advise on the deployment of the school's delegated budget and other resources to meet pupils' needs effectively
- Be the point of contact for external agencies, especially the local authority and its support services
- Liaise with potential next providers of education to ensure pupils and their parents are informed about options and a smooth transition is planned
- Work with the Executive Headteacher/ Head of School and Academy Council to ensure that the school meets its responsibilities under the Equality Act 2010 with regard to reasonable adjustments and access arrangements
- Ensure the school keeps the records of all pupils with SEN up to date

4.2 The SEN governor

The SEN governor is Mrs L Jones

The SEN governor will:

- Help to raise awareness of SEN issues at Academy Council meetings
- Monitor the quality and effectiveness of SEN and disability provision within the school and update the Academy Council on this
- Work with the Executive Headteacher/ Head of School and SENCO to determine the strategic development of the SEN policy and provision in the school

4.3 The Executive Headteacher/ Head of School

The Executive Headteacher/ Head of School will:

- Work with the SENCO and SEN governor to determine the strategic development of the SEN policy and provision in the school
- Have overall responsibility for the provision and progress of learners with SEN and/or a disability

4.4 Class teachers

Each class teacher is responsible for:

- The progress and development of every pupil in their class
- Working closely with any teaching assistants or specialist staff to plan and assess the impact of support and interventions and how they can be linked to classroom teaching
- Working with the SENCO to review each pupil's progress and development and decide on any changes to provision
- Ensuring they follow this SEN policy

5. SEN information report

5.1 The kinds of SEN that are provided for

Our school currently provides additional and/or different provision for a range of needs, including:

- Communication and interaction, for example, autistic spectrum disorder, Asperger's Syndrome, speech and language difficulties
- Cognition and learning, for example, dyslexia, dyspraxia,
- Social, emotional and mental health difficulties, for example, attention deficit hyperactivity disorder (ADHD),
- Sensory and/or physical needs, for example, visual impairments, hearing impairments, processing difficulties, epilepsy
- Moderate/severe/profound and multiple learning difficulties

5.2 Identifying pupils with SEN and assessing their needs

We will assess each pupil's current skills and levels of attainment on entry, which will build on previous settings and Key Stages, where appropriate. Class teachers will make regular assessments of progress for all pupils and identify those whose progress:

- Is significantly slower than that of their peers starting from the same baseline
- Fails to match or better the child's previous rate of progress
- Fails to close the attainment gap between the child and their peers
- Widens the attainment gap

This may include progress in areas other than attainment, for example, social needs.

Slow progress and low attainment will not automatically mean a pupil is recorded as having SEN.

When deciding whether special educational provision is required, we will start with the desired outcomes, including the expected progress and attainment, and the views and the wishes of the pupil and their parents. We will use this to determine the support that is needed and whether we can provide it by adapting our core offer, or whether something different or additional is needed.

5.3 Consulting and involving pupils and parents

We will have an early discussion with the pupil and their parents when identifying whether they need special educational provision. These conversations will make sure that:

- Everyone develops a good understanding of the pupil's areas of strength and difficulty
- We take into account the parents' concerns
- Everyone understands the agreed outcomes sought for the child
- Everyone is clear on what the next steps are

Notes of these early discussions will be added to the pupil's record and given to their parents.

We will formally notify parents when it is decided that a pupil will receive SEN support.

5.4 Assessing and reviewing pupils' progress towards outcomes

We will follow the graduated approach and the four-part cycle of **assess, plan, do, review**.

The class or subject teacher will work with the SENCO to carry out a clear analysis of the pupil's needs. This will draw on:

- The teacher's assessment and experience of the pupil
- Their previous progress and attainment and behaviour
- Other teachers' assessments, where relevant
- The individual's development in comparison to their peers and national data
- The views and experience of parents
- The pupil's own views
- Advice from external support services, if relevant

The assessment will be reviewed regularly.

All teachers and support staff who work with the pupil will be made aware of their needs, the outcomes sought, the support provided, and any teaching strategies or approaches that are required. We will regularly review the effectiveness of the support and interventions and their impact on the pupil's progress.

5.5 Supporting pupils moving between phases and preparing for adulthood

We will share information with the school, college, or other setting the pupil is moving to. We will agree with parents and pupils which information will be shared as part of this.

Transition arrangements are carefully thought out and delivered in the best interest of the pupil. For example, we will liaise at the end of Y5/ beginning of Y6 with the high school the pupils will be attending.

5.6 Our approach to teaching pupils with SEN

Teachers are responsible and accountable for the progress and development of all the pupils in their class.

High quality teaching is our first step in responding to pupils who have SEN. This will be differentiated for individual pupils.

We will also provide the following interventions:

- Numicon
- Pre and post teaching
- Lego Therapy
- Socially Speaking
- Circle of Friends
- Active Literacy Kit
- Write from the start

5.7 Adaptations to the curriculum and learning environment

We make the following adaptations to ensure all pupils' needs are met:

- Differentiating our curriculum to ensure all pupils are able to access it, for example, by grouping, 1:1 work, teaching style, content of the lesson, etc.
- Adapting our resources and staffing
- Using recommended aids, such as laptops, coloured overlays, visual timetables, larger font, etc.
- Differentiating our teaching, for example, giving longer processing times, pre-teaching of key vocabulary, reading instructions aloud, etc.

5.8 Additional support for learning

We have 3 teaching assistants who are trained to deliver interventions (see 5.6).

Teaching assistants will support pupils on a 1:1 basis when they are not able to independently access the curriculum alongside their peers.

Teaching assistants will support pupils in small groups when gaps in their knowledge have been identified.

We work with the following agencies to provide support for pupils with SEN:

- Rossett EMS
- Starbeck EMS
- Forest School
- Speech and Language (HDH)
- Child development Centre (HDH)
- Compass Buzz
- Healthy Child Team

5.9 Expertise and training of staff

Our SENCO has 1years experience in this role and has worked as a class teacher and as a temporary member of the SLT.

They are allocated 1 day a week to manage SEN provision.

We have a team of 14 teaching assistants, including 4 higher level teaching assistants (HLTAs) who are trained to deliver SEN provision.

In the last academic year, staff have been trained in:

- Numicon
- Active Literacy Kit
- Write from the start

We use specialist staff for interventions (see 5.6)

5.10 Securing equipment and facilities

Equipment and resources for pupils with SEND are secured from the local hospital, physiotherapists, occupational therapists, Barnsley Assistive Technology Service and Harrogate Specialist Nursing Team.

5.11 Evaluating the effectiveness of SEN provision

We evaluate the effectiveness of provision for pupils with SEN by:

- Reviewing pupils' individual progress towards their goals each term
- Reviewing the impact of interventions after 6 weeks
- Using pupil questionnaires
- Monitoring by the SENCO
- Using baseline assessments to measure progress
- Holding annual reviews for pupils with statements of SEN or EHC plans

5.12 Enabling pupils with SEN to engage in activities available to those in the school who do not have SEN

All of our extra-curricular activities and school visits are available to all our pupils, including our before-and after-school clubs.

All pupils are encouraged to go on our residential trip(s) to Robinwood and Bewerley Park.

All pupils are encouraged to take part in sports day/school plays/special workshops, etc.

No pupil is ever excluded from taking part in these activities because of their SEN or disability.

- Arrangements for the admission of disabled pupils are included in our Admissions Policy
- The accessibility plan is located on the school's website and paper copies are available on request;
- Full risk assessments;
- Parents invited on school trips:
- Wheelchair friendly sites;
- Access to hygiene suite;
- Pre-trip meetings;
- Liaison with providers

5.13 Support for improving emotional and social development

We provide support for pupils to improve their emotional and social development in the following ways:

- Pupils with SEN are encouraged to be part of the school council
- Pupils with SEN are encouraged to be a member of Mini- Vinnies
- Socially speaking, Circle of Friends and Lego Therapy interventions scaffold effective peer relationships

We have a zero tolerance approach to bullying.

5.14 Working with other agencies

School involves other bodies, including health and social care bodies, local authority support services and voluntary sector organisations, in meeting pupils' SEN and supporting their families.

5.15 Complaints about SEN provision

Complaints about SEN provision in our school should be made to the SENDco or Head of School in the first instance. They will then be referred to the school's complaints policy.

The parents of pupils with disabilities have the right to make disability discrimination claims to the first-tier SEND tribunal if they believe that our school has discriminated against their children. They can make a claim about alleged discrimination regarding:

- Exclusions
- Provision of education and associated services
- Making reasonable adjustments, including the provision of auxiliary aids and services

5.16 Contact details of support services for parents of pupils with SEN

SENDIASS

www.iassnetwork.org.uk

5.17 Contact details for raising concerns

Mrs K Bleasdale is the named contact within the school for when pupils or parents have concerns.

5.18 The local authority local offer

Our contribution to the local offer is: on the SEN page of the school website.

Our local authority's local offer is published here: www.smcps.org

6. Monitoring arrangements

This policy and information report will be reviewed by SLT and the SENDco **every year**. It will also be updated if any changes to the information are made during the year.

It will be approved by the Academy Council.

7. Links with other policies and documents

This policy links to our policies on:

- Accessibility plan
- Behaviour
- Equality information and objectives
- Supporting pupils with medical conditions
- Admissions Policy