

## **All Saints Catholic Primary School**

### **SEND and Inclusion Policy**

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Person for overall responsibility for SEN and Inclusion: Mrs B Johnstone (acting SENco)

Governor responsible: Mrs Maria Richardson

A copy of this policy is available for all parents/carers via the school website. A hard copy can also be obtained from the school office upon request.

If you need this policy in a different format (larger front size, audio, braille, or in a different language, or other) please contact us and we will do our best to help.

#### **Inclusive Ethos**

At All Saints Catholic Primary School we believe that every child needs to feel safe and happy in order to learn and achieve their full potential. We celebrate every child's individual strengths and actively encourage them to be resilient and persevere when faced with difficulties. We provide children with a secure and caring environment, and do everything we possibly can to help them to flourish as a unique individual.

#### **Definition of Special Educational Needs - Code of Practice 2014**

A child or young person has SEND 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:

- a) Have a significantly greater difficulty in learning than the majority of others of the same age; or
- b) 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 or mainstream post 16 institutions.

A child under compulsory school age has special educational needs if they fall within the definition at (a) or (b) above, or would do so if special educational provision was not made for them.

Children must solely 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.

#### **SEND Local Offer and (NYCC) and SEND Information Report**

The school is supported by the Local Authority to ensure that all pupils, whatever their specific needs, make the best possible progress in school. North Yorkshire Local Authority has published its Local Offer for parents/carers of children who have Special Educational Needs or a disability (SEND) and all those who support children with additional needs. This includes information about services

across health and social care as well as private, voluntary and community sectors. This can be found at: <https://www.northyorks.gov.uk/send-local-offer>

The school's SEN Information Report explains how this policy is implemented. It can be found via our school website on the SEND tab.

## **1. Aims and Objectives**

### **Aims**

- We aim to provide every child with a broad and balanced curriculum which encourages them to achieve their full potential, whilst fostering their independence.
- To secure special educational provision which is additional to and different from that provided within the differentiated curriculum to respond to the four areas of special educational need:
  - Communication & Interaction
  - Cognition & Learning
  - Social, Emotional and Mental Health
  - Sensory and / or physical
  - Disabilities

### **Objectives**

- To identify and support the needs of pupils with SEND as early as possible.
- To plan and deliver appropriate provision which overcomes barriers to learning.
- To work in partnership with parents / carers to gain a better understanding of their child and to involve them in all aspects of their child's education.
- To value the role that pupils have in assessing their own needs and planning their next steps.
- To work closely with outside agencies when a pupil's needs cannot be met by the school alone.

## **2. Responsibility for the coordination of SEND provision**

The Headteacher has overall responsibility for the provision and progress of learners with SEND. The person responsible for overseeing and co-ordinating the day to day provision of education for pupils with SEND is the SENCo. The school's governing body have a responsibility to ensure provision for pupils with SEND is made in line with statutory requirements, as outlined in the SEN Code of Practice 2014.

The school's acting SENCO is Mrs B Johnstone (Head of School)

The named Governor for SEN is Mrs Maria Richardson.

### **3. Graduated Approach to the identification of and provision for pupils' needs**

Provision for SEND is a whole school matter. All teachers are teachers of children with SEND.

#### **Quality First Teaching**

- If concerns about a pupil's rate of progress arise, a pupil is monitored closely by their class teacher in order to determine whether they may have SEN.
- The child's class teacher will take steps to provide more carefully differentiated learning opportunities to facilitate the pupil's rate of progress.
- The SENCo may be consulted for support and advice and may observe the pupil in class.
- Parents / carers will be informed fully of the circumstances under which their child is being monitored. They are encouraged to share information and knowledge with the school.
- The child is recorded by the school as being under observation due to concern by parent / carer or teacher but this does not place the child on the school's SEN register.

#### **SEN Support**

Where it is determined that a pupil does have SEND, parents / carers will be advised of this and their consent sought to make a referral to an outside agency for advice and support if necessary. The aim of formally identifying a pupil with SEN is to help the school ensure that effective provision is put in place which removes barriers to learning and accelerates the pupil's progress.

Support is provided through a four part process:

- Assess
- Plan
- Do
- Review

This on-going cycle helps identify which strategies are the most effective in supporting the pupil to achieve good progress and outcomes.

#### **Referral for an Education, Health and Care Plan**

If a child has lifelong or complex difficulties which mean they require a significantly higher level of support, they may undergo a Statutory Assessment Process. This is usually requested by the school but can be requested by a parent. This will occur where the complexity of need or a lack of clarity around the needs of the child are such that a multi-agency approach to assessment, planning and provision is required. The decision to make a referral for an Education, Health and Care Plan will be taken at a progress review.

The application for an Education, Health and Care Plan will combine information from a variety of sources including:

- Parents / carers
- Teachers
- SENCo
- Social Care
- Health professionals

Information will be gathered relating to the current provision, actions that have been taken, and the preliminary outcomes of targets set. A decision will be made by a group of people from education, health and social care about whether or the child is eligible for an EHC Plan. Parents have the right to appeal against a decision not to initiate a statutory assessment leading to an EHC Plan.

Further information about EHC Plans can found via the SEND Local Offer:

<https://www.northyorks.gov.uk/send-local-offer>

### **Education, Health and Care Plans [EHCP]**

Following Statutory Assessment, an EHCP will be provided by North Yorkshire County Council, if it is decided that the child's needs are not being met by the level of support that is ordinarily available within the school. The school and the child's parents / carers will be involved in developing and producing the plan. Parents have the right to appeal against the content of the EHCP. They may also appeal against the school named in the Plan if it differs from their preferred choice. Once the EHCP has been completed and agreed, it will be kept as part of the pupil's formal record and reviewed at least annually by staff, parents and the pupil. The annual review enables provision for the pupil to be evaluated and, where appropriate, for changes to be put in place, for example, reducing or increasing levels of support.

#### **4. Recording of Provision**

The provision which the school makes for a pupil is recorded in the following documents:

- Individual Provision Map
- Inclusion Passport (where other agencies are involved and multi-agency reviews are held)
- Minutes of review meetings (where the SENCo is regularly jointly involved in reviewing progress with the class teacher and parent / carer)

#### **5. Risk Assessments**

Risk assessments will be undertaken and recorded, where necessary, in order to ensure that pupils' access needs are met and that the safety and well-being of all are given due consideration where necessary.

## **6. Monitoring and Evaluating the Success of SEN Provision**

Pupil progress is monitored on a half termly basis. Progress is identified as that which:

better the child's previous rate of progress.

closes the attainment gap between a child and their peers.

prevents the attainment gap from widening.

demonstrates an improvement in self-help, or personal skills.

demonstrates an improvement in the child's social, emotional and mental well-being.

### **Individual target and provision maps are reviewed and evaluated termly.**

Pupils' attainment is recorded as follows:

EYFS: using the developmental statements of the EYFS Development Matters Curriculum

Years 1-6: using age related expectations outlined in Classroom Monitor, (an online progress tracker used as an assessment tool for class teachers) attainment is tracked

Where pupils are not yet working within National Curriculum levels, P levels are used to track progress.

Where appropriate, P levels are used to record and track the progress of pupils' personal social and emotional development.

## **7. Allocation of Resources for pupils with SEND**

The school budget, received from NYCC Local Authority, includes funds for supporting children with SEND.

The Head Teacher decides on the budget for Special Educational Needs and Disabilities in consultation with the school governors, on the basis of needs in the school.

The Head Teacher and the SENCo discuss all the information they have about the needs of pupils with SEND in the school, including:

- children receiving extra support already
- children requiring extra support
- children who have been identified as not making as much progress as would be expected
- Decide what resources, training and support are needed. All resources, training and support are reviewed termly and changes made as required.

## **8. Facilities for Pupils with SEND**

The school complies with accessibility requirements as detailed in its Access Plan. See SEND Information Report for further details.

## **9. Specialist Support Services**

The school maintains effective working relationships with a variety of external support services in order to ensure it provides the best possible support for its pupils with SEN. Consent is always sought from parents/ carers before referring to another professional.

## **10. Concerns and Complaints**

If a parent / carer have any concerns or complaints regarding their child, they should make an appointment to speak to the class teacher, SENCo or Headteacher as soon as possible.

Full details of our complaints procedure can be found on the school's website.