

# St Patrick's Catholic Primary School

*The Catholic Diocese of Lancaster*

## Our Mission Statement:

“Sharing Our Faith, Inspiring Education, Achieving Our Dreams”

“Go, therefore, make disciples of all nations.  
And look, I am with you always; yes, to the end of  
time.” (Matthew 28:19-20)



## SEND Information Report

At St Patrick's Catholic Primary School, we celebrate that we are all unique and loved by God. With Christ at the centre of all we do, we strive to unlock each child's potential to become the individual they are created to be. We are working together to build a community built on love, faith, forgiveness and service.

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## **1. What types of SEND does the school provide for?**

Our school provides for pupils with the following needs:

<b>AREA OF NEED</b>	<b>CONDITION</b>
<b>Communication and interaction</b>	Autism spectrum disorder (ASD)
	Speech and language difficulties
<b>Cognition and learning</b>	Specific learning difficulties, including dyslexia, dyspraxia, dyscalculia
	Moderate learning difficulties
	Severe learning difficulties
<b>Social, emotional and mental health</b>	Attention deficit hyperactivity disorder (ADHD)
	Attention deficit disorder (ADD)
<b>Sensory and/or physical</b>	Hearing impairments
	Visual impairment
	Multi-sensory impairment
	Physical impairment

## **2. Which staff will support my child, and what training have they had?**

### **Our Special Educational Needs Co-ordinator (SENCO):**

Our SENCO is Lizzie Francis.

### **Class Teachers**

All of our teachers receive in-house SEND training, and are supported by the SENCO to meet the needs of pupils who have SEN.

### **Teaching assistants (TAs)**

We have a team of TAs, including Higher-Level Teaching Assistants (HLTAs) who are trained to deliver SEND provision.

We have Teaching Assistants who are trained to deliver interventions such as:

- RWI Spotlighting

- Lego Therapy
- Speech and Language Intervention
- Welcomm Intervention
- Hamish and Milo Intervention
- Kidsafe
- SEMH Support

### **External agencies and experts**

Sometimes we need extra help to offer our pupils the support they need. Whenever necessary we will work with external support services to meet the needs of our pupils with SEND and to support their families. These include:

Speech and Language therapists

Educational Psychologists

Occupational Therapists

GPs or Paediatricians

School Nurses

Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services (CAMHS)

Education Welfare Officers

Social Services and other Local Authority (LA)-provided support services

Moving Mindsets Barnardos

### **3. What should I do if I think my child has SEN?**

Tell us about your concerns

We will invite you to a meeting to discuss them

We will decide whether your child needs SEN support

If you think your child might have SEN, the first person you should tell is your child's teacher.

We will meet with you to discuss your concerns and try to get a better understanding of what your child's strengths and difficulties are.

If we decide that your child needs SEN support, we will formally notify you in writing and your child will be added to the school's SEND register.

They will pass the message on to our SENCO, who will be in touch to discuss your concerns.

Together we will decide what outcomes to seek for your child and agree on next steps.

We will make a note of what's been discussed and add this to your child's record.

You can also speak directly to the SENCo (Lizzie Francis – l.francis@st-patricks-pri.lancs.sch.uk)

#### **4. How will the school know if my child needs SEND support?**

All our class teachers are aware of SEND and are on the lookout for any pupils who aren't making the expected level of progress in their schoolwork or socially.

If the teacher notices that a pupil is falling behind, they try to find out if the pupil has any gaps in their learning. If they can find a gap, they will give the pupil extra support to try to fill it. Pupils who don't have SEND usually make progress quickly once the gap in their learning has been filled.

If the pupil is still struggling to make the expected progress, the teacher will talk to the SENCO, and will contact you to discuss the possibility that your child has SEN.

The SENCO will observe the pupil in the classroom and on the playground to see what their strengths and difficulties are. They will have discussions with your child's teacher/s, to see if there have been any issues with, or changes in, their progress, attainment or behaviour. They will also compare your child's progress and development with their peers and available national data.

The SENCO will ask for your opinion and speak to your child to get their input as well. They may also, where appropriate, ask for the opinion of external experts such as a Speech and Language Therapist, an Educational Psychologist, or a Paediatrician.

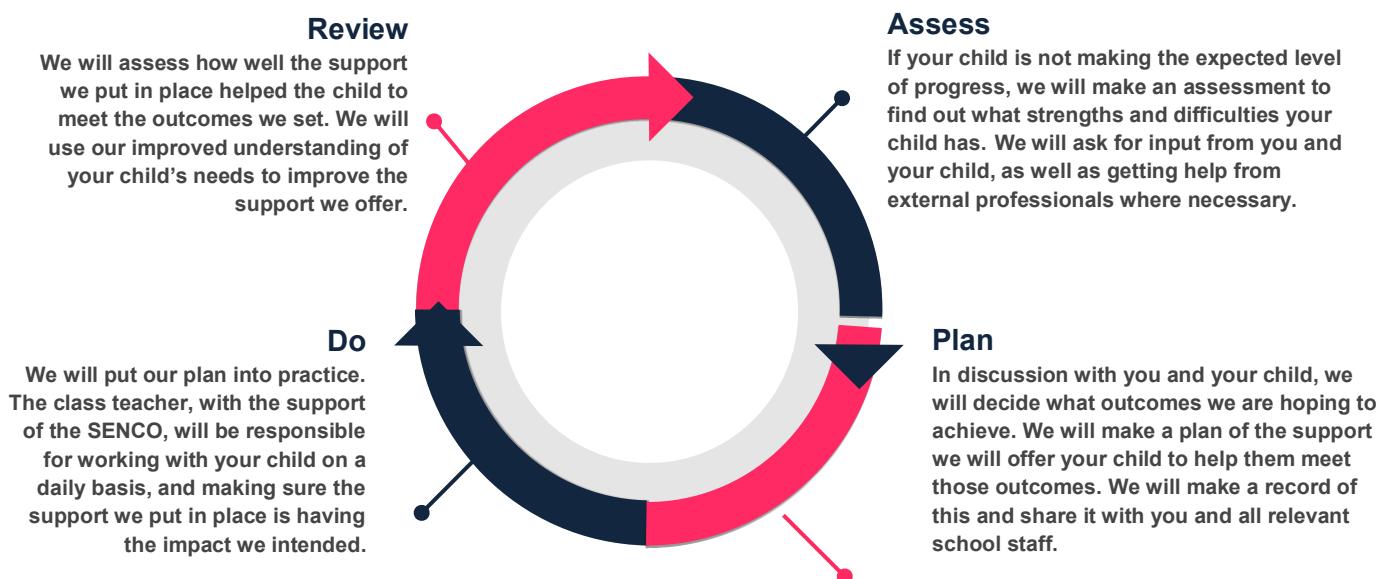
Based on all of this information, the SENCO will decide whether your child needs SEND support. You will be told the outcome of the decision in writing.

If your child does need SEN support, their name will be added to the school's SEND register, and the SENCO will work with you to create a SEN support plan for them.

#### **5. How will the school measure my child's progress?**

We will follow the 'graduated approach' to meeting your child's SEN needs.

The graduated approach is a 4-part cycle of **assess, plan, do, review**.



As a part of the planning stage of the graduated approach, we will set outcomes that we want to see your child achieve.

Whenever we run an intervention with your child, we will assess them before the intervention begins. This is known as a 'baseline assessment'. We do this so we can see how much impact the intervention has on your child's progress.

We will track your child's progress towards the outcomes we set over time and improve our offer as we learn what your child responds to best.

This process will be continual. If the review shows a pupil has made progress, they may no longer need the additional provision made through SEN support. For others, the cycle will continue and the school's targets, strategies and provisions will be revisited and refined.

## **6. How will I be involved in decisions made about my child's education?**

We will provide an annual report on your child's progress.

Your child's class teacher will meet you half termly to set clear outcomes for your child's progress

Review progress towards those outcomes

Discuss the support we will put in place to help your child make that progress

Identify what we will do, what we will ask you to do, and what we will ask your child to do

The SENCO may also attend these meetings to provide extra support if appropriate.

We know that you're the expert when it comes to your child's needs and aspirations. We want to make sure you have a full understanding of how we're trying to meet your child's needs, so that you can provide insight into what you think would work best for your child.

We also want to hear from you as much as possible so that we can build a better picture of how the SEN support we are providing is impacting your child outside of school.

If your child's needs or aspirations change at any time, please let us know right away so we can keep our provision as relevant as possible.

After any discussion we will make a record of any outcomes, actions and support that have been agreed. This record will be shared with all relevant staff, and you will be given a copy.

If you have concerns that arise between these meetings, please contact your child's class teacher.

## **7. How will my child be involved in decisions made about their education?**

The level of involvement will depend on your child's age and level of competence. We recognise that no two children are the same, so we will decide on a case-by-case basis, with your input.

We may seek your child's views by asking them to:

Attend meetings to discuss their progress and outcomes

Prepare a presentation, written statement, video, drawing, etc.

Discuss their views with a member of staff who can act as a representative during the meeting

Complete a survey

## **8. How will the school adapt its teaching for my child?**

Your child's teacher is 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 your child's needs. We will make sure that your child has access to a broad and balanced curriculum in every year they are at our school.

We will differentiate (or adapt) how we teach to suit the way the pupil works best. There is no 'one size fits all' approach to adapting the curriculum, we work on a case-by case basis to make sure the adaptations we make are meaningful to your child.

These adaptations include:

Differentiating our curriculum to make sure all pupils are able to access it, for example, by grouping, 1-to-1 work, adapting the teaching style or content of the lesson, etc.

Differentiating our teaching, for example, giving longer processing times, pre-teaching of key vocabulary, reading instructions aloud, etc.

Adapting our resources and staffing

Using recommended aids, such as laptops, coloured overlays, visual timetables, larger font, etc.

Teaching assistants will support pupils on a 1-to-1 basis if appropriate.

Teaching assistants will support pupils in small groups when appropriate.

We may also provide the following interventions:

AREA OF NEED	CONDITION	HOW WE SUPPORT THESE PUPILS
<b>Communication and interaction</b>	Autism spectrum disorder (ASD)	Visual timetables Social stories
	Speech and language difficulties	Speech and Language therapy
<b>Cognition and learning</b>	Specific learning difficulties, including dyslexia, dyspraxia and dyscalculia	Writing slope
	Moderate learning difficulties	
	Severe learning difficulties	
<b>Social, emotional and mental health</b>	ADHD, ADD	Quiet workstation
	Adverse childhood experiences and/or mental health issues	Nurture groups
<b>Sensory and/or physical</b>	Hearing impairment	
	Visual impairment	Limiting visual displays
	Multi-sensory impairment	

These interventions are part of our contribution to Lancashire's local offer.

### **9. How will the school evaluate whether the support in place is helping my child?**

We will evaluate the effectiveness of provision for your child by:

Reviewing their progress towards their goals each term

Reviewing the impact of interventions

Using pupil questionnaires

Monitoring by the SENCO

Using provision maps to measure progress

- Holding an annual review (if they have an Education, Health and Care Plan - EHCP)

### **10. How will the school resources be secured for my child?**

It may be that your child's needs mean we need to secure:

- Extra equipment or facilities
- More teaching assistant hours
- Further training for our staff
- External specialist expertise

If that's the case, we will consult with external agencies to get recommendations on what will best help your child access their learning.

The school will cover up to £6,000 of any necessary costs. If funding is needed beyond this, we will seek it from our local authority.

### **11. How will the school make sure my child is included in activities alongside pupils who don't 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 school trips.

All pupils are encouraged to take part in extra-curricular activities.

No pupil is ever excluded from taking part in these activities because of their SEN or disability and we will make whatever reasonable adjustments are needed to make sure they can be included.

### **12. How does the school support pupils with disabilities?**

We increase the extent to which disabled pupils can participate in the curriculum by adapting the curriculum appropriately and ensuring all staff are trained and knowledgeable in supporting children with additional needs.

We work to improve the physical environment to enable disabled pupils to take better advantage of the education, benefits, facilities and services you provide.

### **13. How will the school support my child's mental health, and emotional and social development?**

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

Pupils with SEND are encouraged to be part of the school council

Pupils with SEND are also encouraged to be part of extra-curricular clubs to promote teamwork/building friendships

We provide extra pastoral support for listening to the views of pupils with SEND

We run a nurture club for pupils who need extra support with social or emotional development

We have a 'zero tolerance' approach to bullying

We are supported by Barnardo's Moving Mindsets

#### **Between years**

To help pupils with SEND be prepared for a new school year we:

Ask both the current teacher and the next year's teacher to attend a final meeting of the year when the pupil's SEN is discussed

Schedule lessons with the incoming teacher towards the end of the summer term

#### **Between schools**

When your child is moving on from our school, we will ask you and your child what information you want us to share with the new setting.

#### **Between Phases**

The SENCO of the secondary school will come into our school for a meeting with our SENCO. They will discuss the needs of all the children who are receiving SEND support.

Pupils will be prepared for the transition by:

Practising with a secondary school timetable

Learning how to get organised independently

Plugging any gaps in knowledge

### **14. What support is in place for looked-after and previously looked-after children with SEN?**

Our Headteacher (Julie Murphy) will work with Lizzie Francis, our SENCO, to make sure that all teachers understand how a looked-after or previously looked-after pupil's circumstances and their SEN might interact, and what the implications are for teaching and learning.

Children who are looked-after or previously looked-after will be supported much in the same way as any other child who has SEND. However, looked-after pupils will also have a personal education plan (PEP). We will make sure that the PEP and any SEN support plans or EHCPs are consistent and complement one another.

### **15. What should I do if I have a complaint about my child's SEN support?**

Our complaints Policy and procedures can be found on our website.

Complaints about SEND provision in our school should be made to the Headteacher. They will then be referred to the school's complaints policy.

If you are not satisfied with the school's response, you can escalate the complaint. In some circumstances, this right also applies to the pupil themselves.

To see a full explanation of suitable avenues for complaint, see pages 246 and 247 of the SEND Code of Practice.

If you feel that our school has discriminated against your child because of their SEND, you have the right to make a discrimination claim to the first tier SEND tribunal. To find out how to make such a claim, you should visit: <https://www.gov.uk/complain-about-school/disability-discrimination>

You can make a claim about alleged discrimination regarding:

Admission

Exclusion

Provision of education and associated services

Making reasonable adjustments, including the provision of auxiliary aids and services

Before going to a SEND tribunal, you can go through processes called disagreement resolution or mediation, where you try to resolve your disagreement before it reaches the tribunal.

## **16. What support is available for me and my family?**

If you have questions about SEND, or are struggling to cope, please get in touch to let us know. We want to support you, your child and your family.

To see what support is available to you locally, have a look at Lancashire's SEND Local Offer (also available on our school website).

Our local Special Educational Needs Disabilities Information, Advice and Support (SENDIAS) Services are also available.

National charities that offer information and support to families of children with SEN are:

IPSEA

SEND family support

NSPCC

Family Action

Special Needs Jungle

## **17. Glossary**

**Access arrangements** – special arrangements to allow pupils with SEND to access assessments or exams

**Annual review** – an annual meeting to review the provision in a pupil's EHCP

**Area of need** – the 4 areas of need describe different types of needs a pupil with SEND can have. The 4 areas are communication and interaction; cognition and learning; physical and/or sensory; and social, emotional and mental health needs

**CAMHS** – child and adolescent mental health services

**Differentiation** – when teachers adapt how they teach in response to a pupil's needs

**EHC needs assessment** – the needs assessment is the first step on the way to securing an EHC plan. The local authority will do an assessment to decide whether a child needs an EHC plan

**EHC plan** – an education, health and care plan (EHCP) is a legally-binding document that sets out a child's needs and the provision that will be put in place to meet their needs

**First-tier tribunal / SEND tribunal** – a court where you can appeal against the local authority's decisions about EHC needs assessments or plans and against discrimination by a school or local authority due to SEN

**Graduated approach** – an approach to providing SEN support in which the school provides support in successive cycles of assessing the pupil's needs, planning the provision, implementing the plan, and reviewing the impact of the action on the pupil

**Intervention** – a short-term, targeted approach to teaching a pupil with a specific outcome in mind

**Local offer** – information provided by the local authority that explains what services and support are on offer for pupils with SEN in the local area

**Outcome** – target for improvement for pupils with SEN. These targets don't necessarily have to be related to academic attainment

**Reasonable adjustments** – changes that the school must make to remove or reduce any disadvantages caused by a child's disability

**SENCO** – the Special Educational Needs Co-ordinator

**SEN** – Special Educational Needs

**SEND** – Special Educational Needs and Disabilities

**SEND Code of Practice** – the statutory guidance that schools must follow to support children with SEND

**SEN information report** – a report that schools must publish on their website, that explains how the school supports pupils with SEN

**SEN support** – Special Educational provision that meets the needs of pupils with SEND

**Transition** – when a pupil moves between years, phases, schools or institutions or life stage