

**ST. PAUL'S**  
**CHURCH OF ENGLAND**  
**PRIMARY SCHOOL**



**SEND Information Report**  
**September 2023**

## **Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) Information Report 2022**

(Children and Families Act 2014)

Please find below information that may help you as a parent when considering appropriate SEND provision for your child.

St Paul's Church of England School admits children from age 4 to 11. We are a nurturing school and have an open-door policy to enable us to work in partnership with our families to build a positive future for our children. St Paul's School is a very busy, exciting place to be. We endeavour to include everyone in our activities and strive to do our best for everyone. Everyone is seen as special, and everyone is included.

Admission arguments at Paul's CofE School for children with SEND complies with the Lancashire County Council's current admission policy.

### **What kinds of special educational needs do we provide for?**

We welcome and provide for all children, including those with Special Educational Needs or Disabilities (SEND). A child or young person has special educational needs (SEND) if he or she has learning difficulties or disabilities that make it harder for him or her to learn than most other children and young people of about the same age.

Having special educational needs (SEND) could mean that a child has:

- Cognitive/Learning Difficulties - in acquiring basic skills in school
- Social, Emotional or Mental Health Difficulties - making friends or relating to adults or behaving properly in school
- A Specific Learning Difficulty (SLD) - with reading, writing, number work or understanding information
- Sensory or Physical Needs - such as hearing impairment, visual impairment or physical difficulties which might affect them in an early years setting and school
- Communication needs - in expressing themselves or understanding what others
- Medical or Health Conditions - which may impact on a child's ability to make progress and/or involves treatment that affects his or her education.

The broad areas of need outlined above are wide and varied. It is important to remember that children are individuals and do not always fit into any one category. Some children may have more than one area of need. If you have any concerns about your child's development and progress, then please share them with us. Together we can support your child to reach their full potential.

## How do we identify a child with SEND and how do we assess their needs?

Children are identified as having special educational needs through a variety of ways:

- Child performing below age expected levels.
- Concerns raised by parents and carers.
- Concerns raised by teachers, for example if behaviour or self-esteem is affecting their progress.
- Consultations between class teachers, the SENDCo (Special Educational Needs and Disabilities Co-ordinator) or Inclusion Manager where progress data is discussed.
- Liaison with external agencies and/or health professionals e.g. Specialist Teachers, Educational Psychologist, School Nurse, Speech Therapy, Occupational Therapy, East Lancashire Child and Adolescent Services (ELCAS).
- Early discussion between parents and the class teacher.
- Clinical and non-clinical diagnostic reports.

## How can I let school know if I have a concern about my child's progress or development?

### Talk to us:

In the first instance contact your child's class teacher.

If you still have concerns you can contact Mrs Andrea Horrocks, Miss Rebekah Fielding or the Headteacher, Mrs Charlesworth.

We pride ourselves in having an open, honest, and positive relationship with our parents and carers and value your support. You may call into school at any time to make an appointment to speak to any member of staff.

Alternatively, ring school on 01706 215893

Email:

Headteacher, Mrs Charlesworth:

[head@constablelee.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:head@constablelee.lancs.sch.uk)

Inclusion Manager, Mrs Horrocks:

[ahorrocks@constablelee.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:ahorrocks@constablelee.lancs.sch.uk)

SENDCo, Miss Fielding:

[rfielding@constablelee.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:rfielding@constablelee.lancs.sch.uk)

We will be happy to talk with you as soon as possible.

### **How do we involve parents and consult with them about their child's education?**

- We believe that your child's education should be a partnership between parents and teachers and therefore communicate with you regularly.
- During the school year, there are three formal Parents' Evenings where parents can make appointments, convenient to you to discuss your child's progress.
- A formal written report is sent home towards the end of the academic year. You are invited to discuss this with your child's class teacher.
- Individual targets are shared with children and their parents at least once per term.
- Children with SEND have an Individual Pupil Plan (IPP) or an Individual Education Plan (IEP) which is reviewed and updated at least once per term. Staff, pupils and parents all share in this process to ensure continuity and progression.
- You are also welcome to make an appointment at any time to meet with the class teacher, Headteacher, SENDCo or Inclusion Manager to discuss how your child is getting on.
- Parents are invited to attend our class worship each Friday to celebrate their children's successes and achievements.
- Once an Educational Psychology (EP) report or a diagnostic report is received by school, the Inclusion Manager will arrange a meeting with parents and the child's class teacher to discuss the findings and how any recommendations made, will be met in school. Alongside discussing with parents how they can work in partnership with school in supporting their child.

### **How do we help parents to support their child's learning?**

- The class teacher, SENDCo and Inclusion Manager can offer advice and practical ways that you can help your child at home.
- The class teacher can provide a home/school communication book which your child will bring home daily so that comments from parents and teachers can be shared.
- If your child is on the SEND register, they will have an Individual Pupil Plan (IPP) or Individual Education Plan (IEP) which will show their individual/group targets. This will be shared with you and discussed on a termly basis and you will be given a copy of it for you to keep and use at home.
- If your child has complex special educational needs or disabilities, they may have a SEND statutory assessment called an Education, Health and Care Plan (EHCP), which means that a formal meeting will take place at least annually to review your child's progress.
- Recommendations arising from assessment conducted by external agencies (e.g. Speech Therapy, Occupational Therapy and Educational Psychology) will be shared with you so that strategies/approaches can be implemented both at home and school.
- The Inclusion Manager, Mrs Horrocks is available for parents to seek advice and support about home learning or any aspect of parenting.

- If a class teacher, the SENDCo or the Inclusion Manager needs to discuss an issue with you, it will be done privately and strategies to support your child will be offered.
- Parent consultation and SEND information sessions are offered by the Inclusion Manager annually.
- The Inclusion Manager and SENDCo are also available at welcome meetings and open events to meet and speak with parents.
- If children are moving to our school within a Key Stage, the Inclusion Manager will speak and meet with parents to discuss need prior to their child attending St Paul's School, where possible.

### **How do we involve and consult the children about their education?**

We value and celebrate each child's views on all aspects of school life. This is usually carried out through:

- Through several leadership groups. These include:
  - The School Council
  - Green Team
  - Sports Crews
  - Lead learners
  - Prefects
  - Librarians
  - Rights Respecting School
  - Playground Pals
- Children who have IEP/IPP discuss their targets with their teacher.
- If your child has an Education, Health and Care Plan their views will be sought as part of the review process.
- For a Child who is Looked After (CLA), with SEND, consultation occurs through the process of their Person Education Plan (PEP).
- Through the monitoring and evaluation cycle the subject leaders conduct questionnaires and interviews with children across school.
- Where higher level need is identified a One Page SEND Profile is completed and may/will form part of any new Education, Health and Care Plan.
- Children are invited to attend their EHCP reviews.
- For children with Early Help Assessment and a Team around the Family Plan, their views are collected either prior to, or during the meeting (should they attend).

### **What is our approach to teaching children with SEND?**

- Early identification of needs and subsequent appropriate scaffolded and adaptive support is seen as best practice.
- The SENDCo and the Inclusion Manager oversee all support and progress to any child requiring additional help across the school.
- The class teacher, SENDCo or the Inclusion Manager will initially use a provision map to set out the support your child is receiving and evaluate the success of any interventions.

- Children are provided with a Provision Map, then, as required an IEP/IPP with specific targets so that it is easy to track progress and set goals. These plans will reflect school assessment of need along with any specialist advice that has been provided to school.
- There may be a Teaching Assistant (TA) working with a child, either individually or as part of a group, if the class teacher sees it as a necessary part of practice to promote progression.
- All children are assessed on entry and a rigorous tracking system ensures that every child, including those with SEND, reach their full potential across the curriculum.

### **How do we adapt the curriculum and the learning environment for children with SEND?**

The learning environment is centred on offering a stimulating setting for all types of learners including visual, auditory and kinaesthetic.

All pupils are able to access the outdoor classroom- Outdoor activities are accessible to all.

Teaching and Learning is delivered in a variety of ways:

- Class teacher input, via excellent targeted, scaffolded and adaptive classroom teaching (Quality First Teaching).

For your child this would mean that:

- the teacher has the highest possible expectations for your child and all pupils in their class;
- all teaching builds on what your child already knows, can do and can understand 'sticky knowledge'.
- different styles of teaching are in place, so that your child can be fully involved in their learning and has full access to the curriculum.
- specific strategies (which may be suggested by the SENDCo or Inclusion Manager) are in place to support your child.
- half termly assessments are conducted which allow teachers to identify any children that are at risk of not reaching their targets and where gaps are beginning to widen. Formative assessments form the basis of these judgements. If a concern arises regarding your child's attainment, you are informed at the earliest possible point and where necessary support and/or strategies are put in place to address these concerns.

Adaptive teaching:

- Your child may have a specific intervention or teaching adaptation- additional teaching to boost your child's attainment in a particular subject, or additional support to help your child with other issues that impact on their learning or well-being.
- Interventions are often delivered by trained Teaching Assistants.
- All learning is scaffolded to ensure access supports effects teaching and learning.

- A pupil identified by the parents, SENDCo, Inclusion Manager, outside agencies or class teacher as needing some extra specialist support in school, may also receive support from other professionals outside that of school. The specialist professional will work with your child to understand their needs and make recommendations, write a report and/or provide advice. Any such referrals/requests for support are always completed in consultation with parents, and any subsequent reports or advice shared with you.
- Advice/support of this type will help the school and you to understand your child's particular needs better and hopefully enable all those concerned to support them more effectively.
- Where needs is identified and it is stage appropriate, evidenced based programmes are often used to promote progress, such as IDL(literacy and maths), Lexia, Toe by Toe and the Power Of.
- School can request support from a range of agencies/services. For example:
  - The SEND Team (East)
  - Educational Psychologist (EP)
  - Speech and Language Therapy (SALT)
  - Occupational Therapy
  - Child and Adolescent Mental Health Service (CAMHS/ELCAS)
  - Clinical Psychology
  - Counselling
  - Paediatrician
  - School Nurse
  - Physiotherapy
  - Qualified Teacher for the Visually or Hearing Impaired (QTHI)
  - Qualified Teacher for the Visually or Visually Impaired (QTVI)
  - Emotional Health and Well-being Partnership
  - Child Action NorthWest (CANW)

#### Specified Individual Support:

- This type of support is usually necessary for children whose SEND needs are severe, complex and lifelong and who have an Education, Health and Care Plan (EHCP). This means your child will have been identified by professionals as needing a particularly high level of individual or small-group teaching.
- This type of support is available for children with specific barriers to learning that cannot be overcome through Quality First Teaching and intervention groups; children with an EHCP often have profound and complex needs in a number of areas and require support to access the curriculum. Teaching will set out to scaffold/adapt a children learning experience to promote inclusive practice and progression.

#### For your child this would mean:

- The school (or you) can request that the Local Authority carries out a formal assessment of your child's needs. This is a legal process which sets out the amount of support/specialist input that needs to be provided for your child should SEND Statutory Assessment be successful, an Education and Health Care Plan (EHCP) will be issued.
- The EHC Plan will outline recommendations as to the level and type of support your child needs, and what strategies should be put in place to address those needs. It will also have long- and short-term goals for your child.

- Specific support arrangements, where required, can be made during formal tests such as SAT's for those children with additional needs to ensure equality of access. Individual children may have additional time, a TA to scribe or read for them, according to individual needs.
- The school environment will be assessed and reasonable adjustments will be made to promote access to teaching, learning and the wider school experience, so that a child's identified needs can be met.

### **How do we support our pupils with SEND as they move on to high school or move to another school?**

- When children are preparing to leave us for secondary school, we arrange additional visits for them.
- The Inclusion Manager can arrange for additional supported transition visits to accompany parents and children to look round secondary schools, to select the most suitable school for the child.
- We liaise closely with staff when transferring children to different schools, ensuring that all relevant paperwork is passed on and all needs are discussed and understood.
- If your child has a Health Care Plan and is changing to a new school we will arrange a Transition Review meeting with relevant staff from the receiving school.
- The SENDCo can contact selective schools where an entrance exam is required eg BRGS, to make appropriate access arrangements for children with additional needs.
- As children move between schools, often an Early Help and TAF Plan is helpful in ensuring a co-ordinated, multi -agency approach to meeting identified needs.

### **How are the staff trained and kept up to date? If we need more expert help and advice, what do we do?**

One of the SENDCo's duties is to support the class teacher should they have any concerns about SEND children in their class.

The school provides training and support where required, to enable all staff to have an effective role in the teaching and learning of all children, including those with SEND. This includes whole school training on SEND issues.

The SENCO and Inclusion Manager regularly attend 'SENCO Cluster Group' meetings to ensure that current policies and practices are up to date and in line with the SEND Code of Practice 2014.

- The SENDCo leads staff meetings and TA meetings, to ensure that all staff are following current practices.
- TAs who support children with Language and Communication Difficulties access targeted Speech Therapy training in order to effectively deliver Speech Therapy programmes to individual children.



- Specialist teachers are employed by the school to provide training, advice and strategies to best support individuals with a variety of special needs and disabilities.
- Staff access the network meetings and drop-in session offered by LCC and the LCC Education Psychology Service to maintain current practice and knowledge about SEND related issues.

**How do we measure your child's progress, and how do we know that what we provide is effective?**

- Your child's progress will be continually monitored by his/her class teacher.
- Verbal or written feedback from the teacher, parent or pupil.
- Their progress will be reviewed formally, through termly pupil progress meetings with the class teacher and a member of the Senior Leadership Team (SLT).
- At the end of Key Stage Two (at the end of Y6), all children are currently required to be formally assessed using Standard Assessment Tests (SATs). This is something the government requires all schools to facilitate and the results are published nationally.
- Children in receipt of SEND support also have an IEP/IPP. The targets set out in these are also assessed and reviewed termly and new targets set. If a child has not met a target, the reasons for this will be discussed, then the target may be adapted into smaller steps or a different approach may be tried to ensure that the child does make progress. The purpose of an IEP/IPP is to accelerate learning and close the attainment gap.
- The progress of children with an EHCP will be formally reviewed at an Annual Review, where all the adults involved in supporting them are invited to participate and comment on their progress.
- Book scrutinises and lesson observations take place in school to ensure that the needs of all children are met and that the quality of teaching and learning is high.
- Children are asked to comment on their own progress and the learning and support that they receive. This is important to us as we want our children to be fully engaged in their learning and to feel challenged, but comfortable with the targets that are set.
- The progress of all groups, including those with is SEND provision is identified and evaluated using LSIP and National progress data. These tracking tools are used by the Senior Leadership Team to monitor and evaluate provision and its impact.

**How are children with SEND enabled to take part in all the activities available at school?**

St Paul's Primary School encourages pupils to access many extra-curricular activities are on offer at lunchtime and after school. Children with additional needs are encouraged to join in with these clubs, and can be supported by a TA at no extra cost to the family, to allow them to join in safely. Please ask at the school office for details.

## How do we support children with social, emotional, or mental health needs?

We recognise that some children have extra emotional and social needs that need to be developed and nurtured. These needs can manifest themselves in a number of ways, including behavioural difficulties, anxiousness, and being uncommunicative.

All classes follow a structured PSHE (Personal, Social, Health and Economic Education) curriculum to support this development. However, for those children who find aspects of this difficult, we offer:

- When possible we offer a nurture group This is a small withdrawal groups available each half term, to those children who need additional support to improve their self - esteem, confidence, independence, and social skills.
- Support in class through structured Individual Behaviour Plans.
- Support at lunchtime through designated individuals of the Welfare Staff, where appropriate.
- Children are offered a self-referral system by which they can seek support, at the point of need to Mrs Horrocks. The children know where they can ask for help.
- The C-Poms reporting system is utilised by all staff so that the SENDCo and Inclusion Manager and informed at the earliest possible point regarding rising needs. The information shared is treated confidentially and sensitively by staff and every effort is made to address the child's anxieties.
- Signs have been placed around school that identify key staff members (Mrs Charlesworth, Mrs Horrocks) that children can come to see should they want/need to discuss any concerns.
- Each child in school can select a designated adult, whom they would feel most comfortable with, should they need to tell an adult a problem or seek advice.
- Children's Counsellor - is employed by school, as required. This service is offered for children who require support with their emotional health and wellbeing on an individual basis. Parents are always consulted prior to appointments being made. If you feel that your child may benefit from seeing the counsellor, please contact school via the SENDCo/Inclusion Manager or your child's class teacher.
- The Inclusion Manager is able to support referrals to a range of services dependant on needs and always seek to work in partnership with parents at all times.
- Solution Focused approach is accessible through Mrs Horrocks, when appropriate.
- If your child still needs extra support, with your permission, the SENDCo and Inclusion Manager can access further help from outside agencies, such as the Early Help Service, Emotional Health and Well-being Partnership, East Lancashire Child and Adolescent Services (ELCAS) and the Educational Psychologist.
- A number of TAs are trained in Social stories and comic strip conversations.
- We access play theory, via CANW.
- Where identified, we enable Children's Social Care to provide emotional health support for children with SEND who are looked after or post adoption, via SCAYT and Theraplay and Clinical Psychology in delivering the Parent Child Game. In turn Staff are provided with supported and guidance to ensure we offer a safe and constant approach across school to children with these needs.

### **What support is there to, avoid exclusion and increase attendance?**

- We have a positive approach to behaviour management with a clear Behaviour Policy that is followed by all staff and pupils. We are an inclusive school and we make every effort to include pupils in learning sessions with their class. We take every opportunity to include pupils socially at break and lunch times.
- For children with Emotional, Social and Mental Health Difficulties, the Early Intervention Team can put strategies and advice in place for those children who are at risk from exclusion from school due to the behaviour they display. Other advice is sought from the Educational Psychology, the Early Help Service, Consultants, SALTs and specialist teachers. They work with school, children and their families to enable children to happily and safely access an educational setting.
- The Early Help Service is able to support parents in their home in relation to related issues.
- After any serious behaviour incidents, we will inform you about what has happened. We would then expect the child to reflect upon their behaviour with you; this helps to identify why the incident happened and what the child needs to do differently next time to try to change and improve their behaviour. We will also aim to identify a collective approach to support the child's presenting needs.
- The attendance of every child is monitored on a daily basis by the office staff. Lateness and absence are recorded and reported to the Headteacher and Governing Body. Mrs Charlesworth and Mrs Horrocks work with families to help solve repeated lateness and poor attendance.

### **How are the school's resources allocated and matched to the children's special educational needs and disabilities (SEND)?**

- We ensure that all children with SEND are provided for and that their needs are met, according to the school's budget.
- We have a team of Teaching Assistants and part of their responsibility is to deliver programmes, planned for and organised by the Class teacher, designed to meet the individual or groups of children's needs.
- The budget is allocated on a need's basis. The children who have the most complex needs are given a greater level of support.

### **How are the Governors involved and what are their responsibilities?**

- The SENDCo and Inclusion Manager produce a report to the Governors every term to inform them about the progress of children with special educational needs or disabilities: this report does not refer to individual children and confidentiality is maintained at all times.
- SEND is reported to the Governing Body at least three times per year.

- The Governors agree priorities for spending within the special needs budget, with the overall aim that all children receive the support they need in order to make progress.

### **How is our school accessible to children with SEND?**

St Paul's School has an open-door policy and actively welcomes all stakeholders in the local community, including families, friends and external support agencies.

We strive to meet the needs of all individuals in our care and endeavour to provide and create an inclusive setting accessible to all. We are currently able to offer the following in terms of access:

- Disabled car parking to the front entrance.
- Wheelchair access to the main entrances at the Infant and Junior Units of school. Both EYFS/KS1 and KS2 are accessible by wheelchair.
- Handrails to the one flight of stairs in school - connecting the ground floor to the ITC room, Head teachers Office and Staffroom.
- We have a regularly updated audio-visual information display in the main foyer.
- All key policies and parental information such as holiday lists, school uniform lists and up to date news bulletins can be found on the school website.
- All policies and parent information is available upon request in a large print format.
- The school SENDCo/Inclusion Manager is available to liaise with all families, including those with additional needs to give guidance, support and reassurance regarding school procedures, policies and practises and to refer to outside agencies as the need arises.
- Visual timetables, timelines, along with now and next boards are used to support children with communication needs.
- Resources and displays are clearly labelled to allow equality of access to all.
- Occupational Therapy provides specialist assessments and school provided equipment recommended for school use, for children who have difficulties with posture and balance. We also liaise with Physiotherapy to provide motor programmes for individuals who require assistance with movement and co-ordination.
- Individual workstations are provided to enable children with attention and concentration difficulties to engage in their learning effectively.
- A quiet space (Reflection room) is made available for children who need to become calmer. It offers a space where children can be nurtured and supported emotionally and socially on 1:1 basis.
- We are continually seeking to improve accessibility to our school and its resources and welcome suggestions and recommendations. Sufficient funding is available to make reasonable adaptations to accommodate individual needs.

### **What should I do if I have a concern or complaint about the provision for my child?**

- The first point of contact would be your child's class teacher to share your concerns.
- You could also arrange to meet with the Inclusion Manager, the SENDCo or the Headteacher.

- Look at our Special Educational Needs and Disabilities Policy on our website.
- The SEND Information and Advice Support Service is an organisation that provides independent advice and support for families - Telephone 0300 123 6706

**Where can I find information on the authority's Local Offer?**

[www.lancashire.gov.uk/SEND](http://www.lancashire.gov.uk/SEND)

**A huge thank you to all of the parents who have been involved in co-producing this document. Your support and partnership is very much valued and appreciated.**

