



St Mary's Catholic Primary

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Special Educational Needs and Disability (SEND) SCHOOL'S LOCAL OFFER FOR SEND- September 2024 ST MARY'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

This policy is underpinned by our school mission and values:

Mission:

Nurturing our God-Given Talents

Values:

Respect

Resilience

Truth

Faith

Love

Mercy

Type of school:-	Mainstream
Two form entry Primary School (with a nursery)	Catholic Primary School Multi-Academy Trust (SELCAT)

All Greenwich schools have a similar approach to meeting the needs of pupils with Special Educational Needs / and or disabilities, and are supported by the Local Authority to ensure that all pupils, regardless of their specific needs, make the best possible progress in school. All schools are supported to be as inclusive as possible, with the needs of pupils with a Special Educational Need/s being met in a mainstream setting wherever possible, where families want this to happen.

This should be looked at together with:

The Royal Borough of Greenwich Local Offer for children and young people with SEND, which can be accessed via the following link:

<https://www.greenwichcommunitydirectory.org.uk/kb5/greenwich/directory/localoffer.page?localofferchannel=0>



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A. PEOPLE WHO SUPPORT CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL EDUCATIONAL NEEDS/ AND OR DIFFICULTIES IN THIS SCHOOL:-

School based information	People	Summary of responsibilities
<p>Who are the best people to talk to in this school about my child's difficulties with learning/ Special Educational Needs and/or disability (SEND)?</p> <p>And how I can talk to them about my child if I need to.</p>	<p>Class teacher</p>	<p>They are responsible for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensuring that all children have access to good/outstanding teaching and that the curriculum is adapted to meet your child's individual needs (also known as differentiation). • Checking on the progress of your child and identifying, planning and delivering any additional help your child may need (this could be things like targeted work, additional support, adapting resources etc..) and discussing amendments with the SENCO as necessary. • Writing Individual Education Plans (IEP) with the SENCO, and sharing and reviewing these with parents. • Ensuring that all members of staff working with your child in school are aware of your child's individual needs and/or conditions and what specific adjustments need to be made to enable them to be included and make progress. • Ensuring that all staff working with your child in school are supported in delivering the planned work/programme for your child, so they can achieve the best possible progress. This may involve the use of additional adults, outside specialist help and specially planned work and resources. • Ensuring that the school's SEND Policy is followed in their classroom and for all the pupils they teach with any SEND.



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The Special Educational Needs Co-Ordinator (SENCO):- Mrs Henderson

Teaching Assistants (TA) may be allocated to some pupils with SEN and or disabilities)

She is responsible for:

- Coordinating all the support for children with special educational needs (SEN) and or disabilities, and developing the school's SEND Policy to make sure all children get a consistent, high quality response to meeting their needs in school.
- Ensuring that you are:
 - Involved in supporting your child's learning.
 - Kept informed about the support your child is getting.
 - Involved in reviewing how they are doing.
 - Part of planning ahead for them.
- Liaising with all the other people who may be coming into school to help support your child's learning e.g. Speech and Language Therapy, Educational Psychology etc...
- Updating the school's SEND record of need, (a system for ensuring all the special educational, physical and sensory needs of pupils in this school are known and understood) and making sure that there are excellent records of your child's progress and needs.
- To provide specialist support for teachers and support staff in the school so they can help your child (and other pupils with SEN and/or disabilities in the school) to achieve their potential.
- Supporting your child's class teacher to write Individual Education Plans (IEP) that specify the targets set for your child to achieve.
- Organising training for staff so they are aware and confident about how to meet the needs of your child and others within our school.

A teaching Assistant (TA) may be allocated to a pupil with exceptional special educational needs and/or disabilities and whilst they take a very valuable role in your child's education we would prefer that questions regarding your child's learning and progress are directed to the staff members named above.

Of course, as a school we welcome daily dialogue between parents and TAs on how a child's day has been and we do actively encourage this continued feedback!



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B. HOW COULD MY CHILD GET HELP IN SCHOOL? :

Children in school will get support that is specific to their individual needs. This may be provided by the class teacher or may involve:

- Other staff in the school.
- Staff who will visit the school from the Local Authority central services such as the ASD Outreach Team or Sensory Service (for students with a hearing or visual need).
- Staff who visit from outside agencies such as the Speech and Language therapy (SALT) Service.

	Types of support provided also showing the stage of the Code of Practice (the document that schools use to plan their SEN and /or disabilities input) children will be at when receiving this input.	What would this mean for your child?	Who can get this kind of support?
What are the different types of support available for	Class teacher input via good / outstanding classroom teaching.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The teacher will have the highest possible expectations for your child and all pupils in their class. • All teaching is based upon building on what your child already knows, can do and can understand. • Putting in place different ways of teaching so that your child is fully involved in learning in class. This may involve things like using more practical learning or providing different resources adapted for your child. • Putting in place specific strategies (which may be suggested by the SENCO or from outside agencies) to enable your child to access the learning task. 	All children in school receive this.



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<p>children with SEND in this school?</p>	<p>Specific small group work. This group may be</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Run in the classroom or outside. • Run by a teacher or (most often) a teaching assistant who has had training to run these groups. <p>These are often called Intervention groups by schools.</p> <p>(Stage of SEND Code of Practice: SEN Support, which means they have been identified by the class teacher as needing some extra support in</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Your child's teacher will have carefully checked on your child's progress and will have decided that your child has gaps in their understanding/learning and needs some extra support to close the gap between your child and their peers. • She will plan group sessions for your child with targets to help your child to make more progress. • A teaching assistant/teacher or outside professional (like a Speech and Language Therapist) will run these small group sessions using the teacher's plans, or a recommended programme. 	<p>Any child who has specific gaps in their understanding of a subject/area of learning.</p> <p>Some of the children accessing intervention groups may be at the stage of the SEND Code of Practice called SEN Support, which means they have been identified by the class teacher as needing some extra support in school, after putting strategies in place at class level.</p>
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	<p>school, after putting strategies in place at class level.)</p>		
	<p>Specialist groups run by outside agencies e.g Speech and Language therapy.</p> <p>AND/OR Individual support for your child.</p> <p>Stage of SEN Code of Practice: SEN Support, which means they have been identified by the class teacher/SENCO as needing some extra specialist support in school from a professional</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If your child has been identified as needing more specialist input instead of or in addition to good and outstanding class room teaching and intervention groups, referrals will be made to outside agencies to advise and support the school in enabling your child to make progress. • Before referrals are made you will be asked to come to a meeting to discuss your child's progress and help plan possible ways forward. • If it is agreed that the support of an outside agency is a way forward, you will be asked to give your permission for the school to refer your child to a specialist professional e.g. a Speech and Language Therapist or Educational Psychologist. This will help the school and yourself understand your child's particular needs better. • The specialist professional will work with your child to understand their needs and make recommendations, which may include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Making changes to the way your child is supported in class e.g. some individual support or changing some aspects of teaching to support them better. ○ Support to set targets which will include their specific professional expertise. ○ Your child's involvement in a group run by school staff under the guidance of the outside professional e.g. a social skills, language and communication group. ○ A group or individual work with an outside professional. • The school may suggest that your child needs some agreed individual support or group support in school. They will tell you how the support will be used and what strategies will be put in place. 	<p>Children with specific barriers to learning that cannot be overcome through whole class good/outstanding teaching and intervention groups</p>



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	<p>outside the school. This may be from:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Local Authority central services such as the ASD Outreach Team or Sensory Service. Outside agencies such as the Speech and Language therapy (SALT) Service. 		
	<p>Specified Individual support for your child.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The school (or you) can request that the Local Authority carry out a statutory assessment of your child's needs. This is a legal process and you can find more details about this in the Local Authority (LA) based Local Offer, on the Royal Greenwich web site: https://www.greenwichcommunitydirectory.org.uk/kb5/greenwich/directory/localoffer.page?localofferchannel=5 	<p>Children whose learning needs are:</p>



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	<p>This is provided via an Education, Health and Care Plan (EHCP). This means your child will have been identified by the class teacher/SENCO as needing a particularly high level of individual and small group teaching which cannot be provided from the resources already</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Your child's school/setting will have been putting together a profile of your child's aspirations and needs over time, and you will have been involved in Team around the Child (TAC) meetings as part of this process. The school will then meet with you and other professionals involved, and decide if it would be helpful to apply for a statutory assessment, and agree any additional information and evidence that should be included from you, other involved professional and them. After the school have sent in the request to the Local Authority (with a lot of information about your child, including some from you), they will decide whether they think your child's needs (as described in the paperwork provided), seem complex enough to need a statutory assessment. If this is the case they will look at the advice submitted and ask you and any other professionals involved with your child to write a report outlining your child's needs, if this is not already included, or information is missing. If they do not think your child needs this, they will ask the school to continue with the support at SEN Support. After the reports have all been sent in, the Local Authority will decide if your child's needs are severe, complex and lifelong . If this is the case they will write an EHC plan. If this is not the case, they will ask the school to continue with the support at SEN Support and also set up a meeting in school to ensure a plan is in place to ensure your child makes as much progress as possible. The EHC Plan will outline the support your child will receive from the LA and how the support should be used and what strategies must be put in place. It will also have long and short term goals for your child. The additional adult may be used to support your child with whole class learning, run individual programmes or run small groups including your child. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Severe, complex and lifelong need.
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	<p>delegated to the school.</p> <p>Usually, if your child requires this high level of support they may also need specialist support in school from a professional outside the school. This may be from:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Local Authority central services such as the ASD Outreach Team or Sensory Service.• Outside agencies such as the Speech and Language therapy (SALT) Service,		
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	Occupational therapy service, Physiotherapy and/or CAMHS		
How will we support your child with identified special needs starting at school?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We will first invite you to visit the school with your child to have a look around and speak to staff. • If other professionals are involved, a team around the Child (TAC) meeting will be held to discuss your child's needs, share strategies used, and ensure provision is put in place before your child starts. • Your child's key person may make a home visit and also visit your child if they are attending another provision. • We may suggest adaptations to the settling in period to help your child to settle more easily. 		
How can I let the school know I am concerned about my child's progress in school?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If you have concerns about your child's progress you should speak to your child's class teacher /key worker initially. • If you are not happy that the concerns are being managed and that your child is still not making progress you should speak to the SENCO or Headteacher. • If you are still not happy you can speak to the school SEN Governor. 		
How will the school	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • When a teacher has raised concerns about your child's progress, and targeted teaching has not met the child's needs, the teacher must raise this concern with parents first and then inform the SENCO so that the appropriate support can be put in place. 		



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<p>let me know if they have any concerns about my child's learning in school?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Schools also have pupil progress meetings every term between each class teacher, headteacher, deputy and SENCO to ensure all children are making good progress. This is another way your child may be identified as not making as much progress as expected. • If your child is then identified as not making progress the school will make a decision about whether to monitor this or set up an intervention groups and will inform you. • If your child is still not making progress the school will discuss with you <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Any concerns you may have too. ○ Discuss with you any interventions or referrals to outside professionals to support your child's learning. ○ To discuss how we could work together, to support your child at home/school.
<p>How do we ensure that the views of your child (and other children with SEND in the school) are used to plan for them and for SEND within our school?</p>	<p>This could include things like :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • At EHCP review meetings we always ask the child what their personal views are concerning their learning and life in school and we invite them in to the meeting if they are able to contribute. • Children are asked for their opinion on their learning and what they are currently working on • There is an active School Council and pupil views throughout the school feed into this • If children are not able to advocate for themselves we ask for the views of all of the people who know them well.
<p>How is extra support</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The school budget, received from Greenwich LA, includes money for supporting children with SEN. • The Head Teacher decides on the budget for Special Educational Needs in consultation with the school governors, on the basis of needs of the children currently in the school.



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<p>allocated to children and how do they move between the different levels?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Head Teacher and the SENCO discuss all the information they have about SEN in the school, including <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ the children getting extra support already ○ the children needing extra support ○ the children who have been identified as not making as much progress as would be expected. And decide what resources/training and support is needed. • All resources/training and support are reviewed regularly and changes made as needed.
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<p>Who are the other people providing services to children with SEN in this school?</p>	<p>A. Directly funded by the school</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Additional Speech and Language Therapy input to provide a higher level of service to the school • Educational Psychologist input to provide a higher level of service to the school • Learning Mentor
	<p>B. Paid for centrally by the Local Authority but delivered in school</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Autism Outreach Service • Educational Psychology Service (Statutory assessment applications only) • Sensory Service for children with visual or hearing needs • STEPS (Assessment, advice and resources for children with literacy or numeracy difficulties including Dyslexia) • Speech and Language Therapy (provided by Health but paid for by the Local Authority) for Nursery pupils and those with EHCPs only. • Occupational Therapy • Physiotherapy • Professional training for school staff to deliver medical interventions • Waterside Behaviour advice service



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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parent Partnership Service (to support families through the SEN processes and procedures)
	C. Provided and paid for by the Health Service (Oxleas NHS Trust) but delivered in school	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • School Nurse • Occupational Therapy (some Special schools only) • Physiotherapy (some Special schools only) • Music Therapy
	D. Voluntary agencies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • National Autistic Society • MENCAP • Greenwich Parent Voice
How are the adults in school helped to work with children with an SEND and what training do they have?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The SENCO's job is to support the class teacher in planning for children with SEN. • The school has a school development plan, including identified training needs for all staff to improve the teaching and learning of children including those with SEND. This may include whole school training on SEND Issues or to support identified groups of learners in school, such as ASD, dyslexia etc... • Whole staff training to disseminate knowledge, strategies and experience, to ensure consistency of the school's approach for children with an SEND. • Individual teachers and support staff attend training courses run by outside agencies that are relevant to the needs of specific children in their class e.g from the ASD Outreach service, STEPS and Sensory service or medical / health training to support staff in implementing care plans. • Training takes place on a regular basis. If you would like to hear about the training which is currently taking place or has taken place by the staff members in the school, please speak to the Headteacher or SENCo/ Inclusion Manager. 	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Class Teachers plan lessons according to the specific needs of all groups of children in their class, and will ensure that learning tasks are adjusted in order to enable your child to access their learning as independently as possible. 	



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<p>How will the teaching be adapted for my child with learning needs (SEN / or disabilities)?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Specially trained support staff can implement the teachers modified/adapted planning to support the needs of your child where necessary.• Specific resources and strategies will be used to support your child individually and in groups.• Planning and teaching will be adapted on a daily basis if needed to meet your child's learning needs and increase your child's access to what is on offer.
<p>How will we measure the progress of your child in school? How will I know about this?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Your child's progress is continually monitored by his/her class teacher.• His/her progress is reviewed formally every term and a National Curriculum level is given in reading, writing, numeracy and science as well as progress in other areas, as appropriate, such as attendance, engagement in learning and behaviour.• If your child is in Year 1 and above, but is not yet at National Curriculum levels, a more sensitive assessment tool is used which shows their level in more detail and will also show smaller but significant steps of progress. This the 'Engagemnet Model': https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/the-engagement-model• At the end of key stage two all children are required to be formally assessed using Standard Assessment Tests (SATS). This is something the government requires all schools to do and are the results that are published nationally.• Children at SEN Support will have an IEP which will be reviewed with your involvement.• The progress of children with an EHC Plan is formally reviewed at an Annual Review with all adults involved with the child's education. These children will also have an IEP that will be reviewed by the SENCO with the class teacher/TA and parents.• The SENCO will also check that your child is making good progress within any individual work and in any group that they take part in.• A range of ways will be used to keep you informed, which may include:<ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Home/school book➤ Letters/certificates sent home➤ Additional meetings as required



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<p>How will we make arrangements to ensure that the social emotional needs of your child are met in school?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Class based PSHE topics will cover social and emotional issues. • Circle time may be offered during PSHE sessions to incorporate social / emotional issues. • Intervention groups offer support to children with social communication/emotional needs. • The learning mentor is available to those children who need targeted support of their emotional wellbeing.
<p>How is our school made accessible for students with SEND?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The school has a lift to take children with physical difficulties to the first floor • the SEND support document put together by the LA <p>https://search3.openobjects.com/mediamanager/greenwich/asch/files/22014_sen_booklet_final.pdf</p>
<p>How does our school make special arrangements for looked after Children (LAC) with SEND?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We consult with the virtual school – Head Teacher and SENCo as appropriate for personalised support as required. We also liaise with the allocated social worker, to ensure all agencies are working collaboratively to develop an appropriate support package (PEP/EHCP/Statement) for each child. • We review the child's needs and progress regularly, for example before entering the school to ensure a smooth transition from their previous setting and then at regular intervals. • We ensure Pupil Premium is being used to effectively enable the child to meet their outcomes • The SENCo ensures that training and policies are supportive of looked after children with SEND • The Designated Governor for LAC works to ensure provision is enabling LAC with SEND to make good progress.
<p>How have we made this school physically accessible to children with SEND?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The school is accessible to children with physical disability via ramps and a lift. • We ensure that equipment used is accessible to all children regardless of their needs.



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How will we support your child when they are leaving this school? OR moving on to another class?

We recognise that 'moving on' can be difficult for a child with SEN / and or disabilities and take steps to ensure that any transition is as smooth as possible.

- If your child is moving to another school:
 - We will contact the new school's SENCO and ensure he/she knows about any special arrangements or support that need to be made for your child.
 - We will make sure that all records about your child are passed on as soon as possible.
- When moving classes in school:
 - Information will be passed on to the new class teacher IN ADVANCE and in most cases, a planning meeting will take place with the new teacher. All IEPs and current reports will be shared with the new teacher.
 - If your child would be helped by a book to support them understand moving on then it will be made for them.
- In Year 6
 - The SENCO will attend the Primary Transition Day to discuss the specific needs of your child with the SENCO of their secondary school, and the specialist session for students with an ASD, as appropriate.
 - Your child may be given extra support in school, to support their understanding of the changes ahead. This may include creating a 'Personal Passport' which includes information about themselves for their new school.
 - Where possible your child will visit their new school on several occasions and in some cases staff from the new school will visit your child in this school.



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GLOSSARY OF TERMS

IEP	Individual Education Plan
EHCP	Statement stage of the SEN Code of Practice
K	SEN Support stage of the SEN Code of Practice
SEN Code of Practice	The legal document that sets out the requirements for SEN
EHC plan	Education, Health, Care Plan
SEN	Special Educational Needs
SEND	Special Educational Needs and or disabilities
SALT	Speech and Language Therapist
CAMHS	Child & Adolescent Mental Health Service
EP	Educational Psychologist
SENCO	Special Educational Needs Coordinator
ASD	Autistic Spectrum Disorder



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