

Our Blessed Saints Federation SEND Information Report 2023-2024 St. Luke's Catholic Primary



Mission Statement

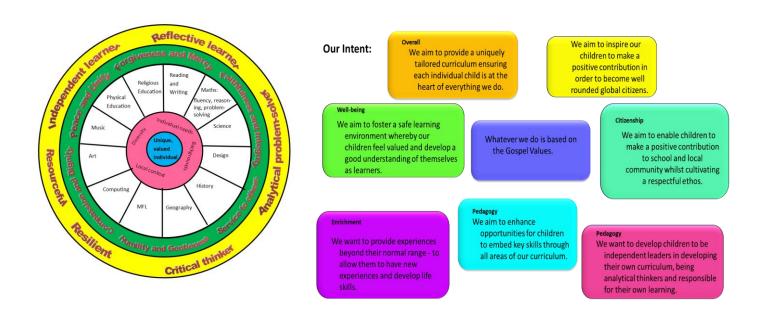
"Whoever welcomes this child in my name, welcomes me." (Luke 9: 48)

At St Luke's we care, share and learn together.

We believe that Christ is the source of our authority and the reason for the distinctive nature of our Catholic school. Our school aims are based on our belief that each child is made in the image and likeness of God. In educating our children, we are aware not only of our life here on earth but also of our eternal destiny.

St. Luke's Catholic Primary School aims to provide a welcoming, safe, secure and Christian environment for its children and staff, both teaching and non-teaching. Based upon Christian principles, and our Catholic faith, we wish to develop each child to their fullest possible potential.

Our Rationale and Intent for all of the pupils within Our Blessed Saints Federation



Our Objectives:

The objectives of our SEND policy and practice are to identify, at the earliest opportunity, pupil difficulties and barriers to learning and to provide:

- A curriculum which is accessible for all
- To secure high levels of achievement for all
- To meet individual needs through a wide range of provision
- To attain high levels of satisfaction and participation from pupils, parent and carers
- To carefully map provision for all vulnerable learners to ensure that staffing deployment, resource allocation and choice of intervention is leading to good learning outcomes.
- To ensure a high level of staff expertise to meet pupil need, through well targeted continuing professional development.
- To work in cooperative and productive partnership with the Local Authority and other outside
 agencies, to ensure there is a multi-professional approach to meeting the needs of all
 vulnerable learners.
- To promote children's self-esteem and emotional well-being and help them to form and maintain relationships based on respect for themselves and others.

What does the term Special Educational Needs or Disabilities mean?

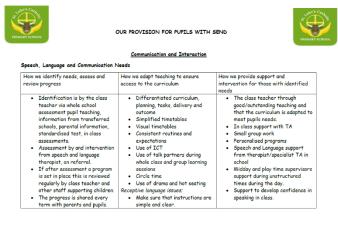
The definition of Special Educational Need and disability (SEND) relevant to us is stated in the 'S.E.N. Code of Practice' 1:3 that:

"Children have S.E.N. if they have a learning difficulty which calls for special educational provision to be made for them"

There are four broad areas of need:

- 1. Communication and Interaction
- 2. Cognition and Learning
- 3. Social, Emotional and Mental Health Difficulties
- 4. Sensory and/or Physical Needs

Please see our additional document 'Provision for Pupils with SEND' for more information about how we support pupils across the four broad areas of need. This can be found on the school website under the SEND section.



Does my child have a learning difficulty?

SEN 'Code of Practice' 6:17 states that pupils have a learning difficult if they are:

"Making less than expected progress given their age and individual circumstances.

This can be characterised by progress which:

- · 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".

Special educational provision means:

"Educational provision, which is additional to, or otherwise different from, the educational provision made generally for children of their age in schools, other than special schools in the area".

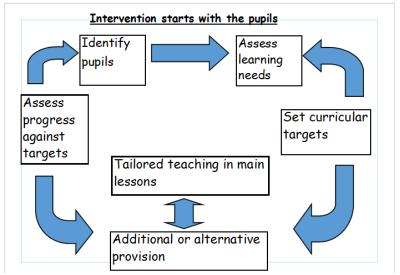
How do we identify individual special educational learning needs?

SEN Code of Practice 6: 44

"Where a pupil is identified as having SEN, schools should take action to remove barriers to learning and put effective special educational provision in place. This SEN support should take the form of a four-part cycle (assess, plan, do, review) through which earlier decisions and actions are revisited, refined and revised with a growing understanding of the pupil's needs and of what supports the pupil in making good progress and securing good outcomes. This is known as the graduated approach. It draws on more detailed approaches, more frequent review and more specialist expertise in successive cycles in order to match interventions to the SEN of children and young people."

What does the Assess, Plan, Do, Review look like at St. Luke's Catholic Primary School?

SEN Code of Practice 6.7 explains that: 'High quality teaching, differentiated for individual pupils, is the first step in responding to pupils who have or may have SEN.' Where pupils are deemed to not be meeting age related expectation the asses, plan, do, review process will be implanted in consultation with parents.



Assess

- a child's needs are assessed through Quality First Teaching, class assessments and external agency assessments.
- · concerns voiced by parents, will be discussed and assessments will take place accordingly.
- if other outside agencies are already involved with the child, their assessment will support intervention and inform the planning phase.

Plan

SEN Code of Conduct 6.48 explains: "Where it is decided to provide a pupil with SEN support, the parents must be formally notified, although parents should have already been involved in forming the assessment of needs as outlined above."

- Once needs have been identified and Individual Provision Map (IPM) will be written by the class teacher, in conjunction with the SENCO. Parents will always be consulted about pupil targets and plans will be adjusted accordingly.
- Individual Provision Maps (IPM) are written and reviewed on a termly basis.
- SENCO will timetable interventions across school to ensure that provision is in place.

<u>Do</u>

- The class teacher is responsible for working with all pupils with identified SEND needs
 daily. Where 1:1 or small group intervention takes place with a teaching assistant or
 specialist staff, the class teacher will continue to monitor the effectiveness and impact of
 support.
- Interventions used will be focused, measurable and aim to diminish the difference between pupil and their peers.

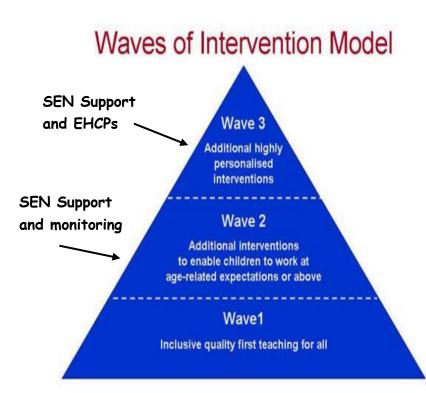
Review

- The effectiveness of intervention support and impact on pupil progress is reviewed weekly through the intervention evaluation process. The teaching assistant, class teacher or specialist teacher discusses the impact of intervention with the SENCO.
- Class teachers review pupil IPMs termly in conjunction with parents and new targets are identified and discussed. Parents are given clear information about the impact of support enabling them to be involved in planning the next steps for their child.
- Where a pupil has an Education, Health, and care plan (EHCP), the school and local authority
 must review the plan annually. A meeting is held between school, parents and any agencies
 involved to discuss the short- and long-term outcomes for the child and review the impact of
 provision and intervention over the past twelve months. New short-term targets are discussed
 and put into place.

How do we support your child with SEND in our school?

In accordance with the SEND Code of Practice 2015, we use a graduated response to identify and determine the support each individual child requires.

We adopt a three-tiered approach to classify special educational needs which are different from everyday classroom provision.



<u>Wave 1</u> is good quality, inclusive teaching which considers the learning needs of all the children in the classroom. This includes providing differentiated work and creating an inclusive learning environment.

<u>Wave 2</u> outlines specific, additional, and time-limited interventions provided for some children who are falling behind the age expected level. Wave 2 interventions are often targeted at a group of pupils with similar needs.

<u>Wave 3</u> is targeted provision for a small percentage of children who either require a high level of additional support/specialised provision in order to address their needs or is for children who have been identified for an intervention designed to accelerate learning and progress.

We believe that all pupils learn best within their age-appropriate classroom environment alongside their peers. We encourage pupils to work independently where possible and are provided with the scaffolding and provision appropriate for their identified needs.

All pupils are taught by their class teacher and teaching assistant support is allocated according to the level of need required across the school.

As a school, we provide additional intervention alongside daily class teaching. When considering interventions, we look at the child's profile of learning and will match an intervention which aims to close the attainment gap between themselves and their peers. Interventions take place, where possible, within the classroom environment and do not take the place of other curriculum subjects.

How does the school work in conjunction with external agencies?

Once a child has been identified as having some additional educational needs, other professional agencies may be utilised to provide both school and parents with further specialist advice and support. The SENCO works alongside adults from a range of agencies to support pupils with special educational needs or disabilities including:

- The Learning Support Advisory team (LSAT)
- Speech and language therapists (SALT)
- Occupational therapists (OT)
- Educational psychologists (EP)
- Sensory inclusion service. (SIS)
- Multi-cultural development team. (MDT)
- Early intervention, help and support team.
- Social services.
- Behaviour support team. (BSAT)

Where pupils work alongside adults from additional agencies, parents are involved in all discussions and support and advice is given for both school and home.

What training have the staff received to support my child?

The staff at St. Luke's Catholic Primary School have a wide range of qualifications which enables them to support pupils with SEND effectively. Staff have completed professional development courses in the following areas:

- Speech, language and communication workshops.
- Autistic spectrum disorder awareness
- ELKLAN targeted speech and language training.
- · Positive behaviour management strategies
- Managing Actual or Potential Aggression (MAPPA) training
- Precision teaching training
- Mindfulness training
- Beating anxiety training
- Emotional Literacy Support Assistant (ELSA) training including the following areas (Emotional literacy in schools and raising emotional awareness; Self-esteem/active listening and

communication skills; Anger management and working therapeutically; Autism Spectrum Conditions; social narratives; social skills; Friendship skills/writing therapeutic stories; Bereavement and loss & programme planning)

- Cool Kids
- Lego Build to Express
- · Supporting pupils with hearing impairment
- Dyslexia Training
- Emotion coaching.
- · Calm Brain to support pupil emotional development and coordination.
- · Sleep Champion training.
- · Social stories training.
- Using Widgits to support pupils with SEND.



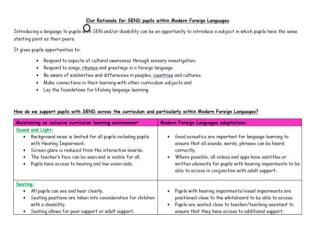
How do we adapt our curriculum and teaching approaches for pupils with SEND?

Within our school, children are taught alongside their peers. Teachers adapt their planning, teaching, and assessment frequently in order to cater for each child's needs. Support staff are deployed to give children additional support where required.

Resources for every lesson are considered to ensure work is always pitched appropriately to support children with special educational needs or disabilities, or to challenge those pupils who are working above age-related expectation.

At St. Luke's, we have clear curriculum adaptations documents for SEND pupils which advise teachers how they can offer further support or adapt their lessons to meet the needs of specific physical, learning, or emotional difficulties.

The curriculum adaptation or SEND documents can be found on the SEND section of the school website.



For pupils with Social, and emotional difficulties (including pupils with a diagnosis of ADHD/ASC) additional resources are provided to ensure that they can express their individual needs in a safe and supportive environment. Visual timetables are used to engage pupils and identify what activity or part of the day is coming next. Rewards systems are encouraged where appropriate and we provide emotional literacy support (ELSA) both within the classroom and as an additional intervention.

How do we use specialist resources to support pupils with Special educational needs?

There are times when children (SEND or not) may need some support in their social or emotional development. Class teachers, support staff, the SENCO, and senior leadership team work together to ensure that support is provided for both the children and their families.

Class teachers create individual resources for children with special educational needs or disabilities that support their specific learning targets.

We have a range of ICT equipment including laptops and iPads available to help motivate children and access learning.

We use personal workstations for pupils who require additional working space within the classroom.

We use a range of software on our school learning platform/website to help children to engage with subjects they find difficult, to practice basic skills and work towards becoming independent learners

The adults within the school, work alongside outside agencies (Occupational Therapy, Speech and Language support, LSAT, Educational Psychologist) and act upon recommendations which can include purchasing specialist equipment (coloured overlays, balance cushions, specialist writing equipment, gross/fine motor equipment)

How do we work with parents?

At St. Luke's Catholic Primary School, we value parental contribution and recognise that parents have a significant role in supporting their child's progress both inside and outside school. We work hard to engage parents and develop strong links to ensure that the child is at the heart of this process. Each year, we send out a SEN parent questionnaire to gain the views of our parents in what is working well and how we can improve our SEN provision.

Each term, the SENCO sends out a SEND Newsletter. This gives up to date information about the school's SEN systems and offers advice, guidance, and support around a range of SEN needs. The Newsletter directs parents to the Telford and Wrekin local offer and gives information, contact details of local support networks.







St. Luke's work with external agencies and professionals to provide coffee morning or parent workshops. These range from how to support pupil resilience to emotion coaching and specific conditions such as ASD/ADHD.

Coffee Morning

Each term, we encourage parents to attend a meeting to discuss pupil individual provision maps (IPMs). The discussion ensures a child-focused approach to supporting SEN needs both at home and school.

How do we listen to the children's views?

We truly value the voice of the children across our school.

Children are encouraged in all aspects of school life to express their views. Through Cornerstones, the children are given the opportunity to discuss their learning; within school council, Mini-Vinnies and the children's safeguarding board, the children are responsible for voicing and implementing change. Pupils with SEN are given equal opportunities to voice their views alongside their peers.

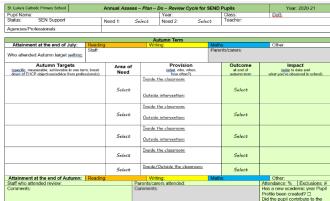


SEN pupils are also encouraged to be involved in their individual provision map targets. For pupils with an Education Health Care plan (EHCP), pupil views are sought as part of the annual review process.

How do we monitor children's progress?

Pupil progress is measured against the national age-related expectations for each year group. We use the 'Target Tracker' data system to record and track the progress of pupils each term from their own individual baseline and starting point.

Across the year, pupil progress meetings are held between the senior leadership team, the SENCO and class teacher to discuss each individual child and their attainment. During these meetings, additional support and intervention is discussed.



What support is in place for pupils social, emotional and mental health needs?

At St. Luke's Catholic Primary school, we are an inclusive school which welcomes, values, and celebrates diversity.

We pride ourselves on being a nurturing environment for all and emphasise the importance of mental health and wellbeing for all pupils and staff across the school.

Staff are available for pastoral support for all children. We also have two emotional literacy support assistants (ELSA) who has received training from the educational psychology service and can support a wider range of low-level emotional and mental health difficulties.

Where pupils have more complex emotional and mental health difficulties, as a school, we reach out to external professionals to support.

Within our SEND newsletters, we signpost parents to a range of support services for mental health and wellbeing from across Telford and Wrekin and Shropshire including:

- BEAM
- Kooth
- Bee U

How do we support pupils in their transition when they join or leave our school?

We provide meetings and taster sessions to support the transition to the reception class and then into each successive year-group.

Parents/carers and children who are joining our school in year, are encouraged to visit the school before they start where a discussion with the senior leadership and SENCO ensures that integral information is shared during the transition.

For pupils who join the school from other educational settings and have identified special educational needs, we liaise with the previous school to ensure that information is transferred in a timely manner and that the transition is as smooth as possible.

When a child with special educational needs leaves our school, all records are passed on to the new setting. The SEN folder containing details about the child, including assessments and interventions is passed on to the next SENCo and discussions are held where possible so that provision, intervention, and support can be put into place as quickly as possible in the child's new school. If the child has an education health and care plan (EHCP), the local authority SEND team are involved in the transition discussion.

For pupils in Year 6, leaving our school for the next stage of their education, we liaise closely with the local secondary schools so that transition from our primary school to their secondary placement is as smooth as possible. (for pupils with SEND, additional visits can be arranged - in agreement with secondary SENCo, parents/carers and children to further support transition and alleviate any concerns).

How do we manage the administration of medication and personal care?

Should a child require personal care, we have a clear intimate care policy which is discussed and agreed with parents.

Where pupils require medication during the school day, we have trained members of staff who can administer medication. Please refer to Administering Medication policy which can be found on our school website.



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How do we keep your child safe in school?

We are committed to providing a safe learning environment for all the pupils in our school. Through PSHE lessons, we address issues concerning bullying, E-safety and Safeguarding. At St. Luke's, the children are fully involved in raising awareness of the above issues through our Children's Safeguarding Board and School Council.

Please see the following policies for more information:

- Anti-bullying
- E-Safety
- Child Protection
- Accessibility Plan

What can you do if you have a complaint regarding your child's SEND provision?

Your first port of contact is your child's class teacher who is available by appointment, via the telephone or through the class email system.

In addition, the SENCO is available by appointment or via email at send.obs@taw.org.uk

If as a parent, you continue to be dissatisfied with a decision about your child and their additional needs, please follow the School's Complaints Procedure which can be found on the school website.

If your concern is with the Local Authority, follow a similar path. The person who will log and track your complaint is the Acting Headteacher - Miss Evans

The Local Authority has a multi-agency panel who consider unresolved issues. You are entitled to appeal against any decision made about your child that you are not in agreement with. They will offer you an independent mediator if you are still not satisfied. The mediator will try to help you to agree a resolution with the Local Authority that you are happy with.

Information, Advice and Support Service (IASS) is a useful organisation especially for parents which provides independent information support relating to all aspects of SEN. For more information contact on 01952 457176 or info@iass.org.uk or visit their website http://www.telfordsendiass.org.uk

Who can I contact for more information?

If you need further advice please contact our SENCo: Miss Louise Russell on 01952 388222 (school office) or alternatively by email send.obs@taw.org.uk.

Miss Russell is a fully qualified teacher, who has the post graduate qualification "National Award for Special Educational Needs Co-ordination" through Bath Spa University.

Further information:

If you require any additional information about SEND in Telford and Wrekin please visit the Local Authority SEND website for more details

http://www.telfordsend.org.uk/

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