

ST JAMES C.E. PRIMARY SCHOOL

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"With God, there is no limit to what you can do. There is no obstacle you can't overcome. Through him, all things are possible." Matthew 19:26

St James' Primary School SEND Information Report

We hope you find the following information helpful in understanding the types of support we provide for our children at St James, and how and when these can be accessed.

What should I do if I think my child has a Special Educational Need or Disability?

If you feel your child may have a special educational need or disability (SEND), there is a wealth of information available to support you in the next steps. The following document is a starting point for this. You can read our SEND Policy via the website <u>SEND Documentation</u> for further information.

If you would like to know what provision is in place for your child or you think they may have further needs, please make your concern known by speaking to your child's class teacher initially, who will follow the graduated approach (<u>SEND Policy</u>) and raise this concern with the SENDCo, Miss Gemma Thomas, in school. This concern will be discussed with you and school will give advice on the next steps to support your child, which could include an Early Help Assessment and referrals to external agencies, to ensure needs are met. We will share our findings with you and discuss how we can further support your child. If you have a concern related to a medical or health issue you may also wish to speak to your GP or health visitor.

What is the school ethos/approach to teaching learners with SEND?

St James Church of England Primary School believes that every child is unique and we celebrate everyone's gifts and talents. All children are valued irrespective of abilities or individual differences, encouraged to develop to their full potential and able to contribute to the life of the school. It is a privilege to play a part in the development of our children. Staff work together to provide an inspirational and exciting learning environment, where all children can develop an enthusiasm for life-long learning.

We are committed to offering an inclusive curriculum to ensure the best possible progress for all pupils, whatever their needs or abilities. We believe that the key to success is happiness, a love of learning and a school where children feel supported, valued and safe. We want children to gain a respectful, caring attitude towards each other and the environment both locally and globally. Members of St James are encouraged to value ourselves and each other in an atmosphere of trust, good humour, acceptance and enjoyment. We aim to provide each child with skills, knowledge, resilience and enthusiasm, that will equip them to lead a successful and happy life.

Not all pupils with disabilities have special educational needs (SEN) and not all pupils with SEN meet the definition of a person with a disability but this document covers all of these pupils.

How does St James School approach the teaching of children with Special Educational Needs and/or a Disability (SEND)?

All children in school receive quality first teaching, this means that a range of teaching and learning styles and appropriate learning objectives are set for all children with a curriculum matched to their needs. Some children may present with difficulties in accessing learning, and may need provision that is additional to and different from the whole class adaptive teaching approach, in order for them to access the learning and make progress. This may mean they have a Special Educational Need or Disability (SEND).

The broad area of SEND needs are categorised mainly within four areas according to the '<u>Code of Practice</u>' (2015). They are listed below with some examples. Our school currently provides additional and/or different provision for a range of needs, including:

• Cognition and Learning e.g.

Dyslexia, dyspraxia, specific learning difficulties, moderate learning difficulties, severe learning difficulties and profound and multiple learning difficulties.

• Communication and Interaction e.g.

Autism and Speech, language and communication difficulties.

• Social, Emotional and Mental Heath

Social, emotional and mental health difficulties and attention deficit hyperactivity disorder (ADHD).

• Sensory and/or Physical e.g.

Hearing impairment, visual impairment, multi-sensory impairment, medical and physical disabilities.

Dependent on their level of need, children with SEND may be offered small group support or additional 1:1 time with an adult to complete activities or programmes when necessary and to work towards individual targets.

How will school know if your child needs extra help?

A whole school approach is used in addressing SEND policy and practice. Teachers continually monitor and assess children's learning and development. Teachers identify any difficulties pupils may have through precise and careful observation, assessment and monitoring. Regular assessments give information about academic, social and developmental needs. In collaboration with the school SENDCo, Miss Gemma Thomas, teachers are responsible for the early identification of pupils with SEND, who would benefit from additional or different support. See the appendices in our <u>SEND Policy</u> for more information about identification of needs.

In addition to this, other professionals working for different agencies may have identified you child's needs before your child has entered the school setting. Transition information is shared also between schools and other professionals e.g. Nursery, Speech and Language Therapy Service (SALT) for children moving into/ between schools.

Children who are struggling to make progress, in cognition and learning or communication and interaction, will be assessed using the Birmingham SEND Toolkit (BST), this will help to identify the gaps in their learning. From this, an Individual Target Plan (ITP) will be created and appropriate support will be put in place to help close these gaps. They will be monitored for 2 terms and if progress is less than expected further steps will be taken to support the child, with the involvement of external agencies. The SENDCo has regular meetings with all staff to keep updated on the needs and progress of pupils with SEND.

How will I know how my child is doing in school?

- In addition to autumn and spring term Parents' Consultations, parents of children with SEND are invited to meet with staff each term to discuss and review progress towards targets on their 'Individual Target Plan', and talk about progress in relation to their overall wellbeing.
- At St James we have an 'open door policy' and warmly welcome parents to come into school to speak to staff about any concerns they may have. At busy times of the day, when teaching staff may not be available, office staff can arrange for teachers to contact parents at a mutually convenient time, face to face or via telephone.
- At St James, we hold parent SEND drop-ins with the SENDCo should you have any questions regarding the provision in place for children with SEND. Our SENDCo welcomes parents to request an appointment with the school office to discuss their child on an individual basis, face to face or via telephone.
- Children with an EHCP (Education, Health & Care Plan) will have an Annual Review Meeting, where parents will be involved in discussions about reviewing progress and participate in the identification of new targets and actions as well as long term goals.

What is an EHC Plan?

From September 2015 children and young people age 0-25 years, in consultation with parents/carers, who have followed the graduated approach with little process and have clear significant additional needs, will undergo an Education, Health and Care Assessment. This will involve agencies working closely together to provide an Education, Health and Care Plan outlining the necessary support to achieve long term outcomes, and prepare these young people for better life chances. As part of the graduated response process, parents will be fully involved in how school are supporting their child at every step of the way.

What support will there be for my child's overall well- being?

We believe children should be treated fairly and well-being is of paramount importance. This involves providing access and opportunities for all pupils, staff, parents and visitors without discrimination of any kind.

The school monitors pupils' well-being carefully. We aim to support pupils and their families in the best interests of each child. Class teachers have a responsibility to promote positive outcomes for pupils and they are obliged to act on any concerns that they may have regarding the well-being of a pupil.

The school supports individuals and groups of pupils in a range of ways, including the following pastoral groups, Positive behaviour rewards system and target groups with school staff/external agencies.

St James' Primary School also arranges "Meet the Teacher" sessions for parents to familiarise themselves with class routines and the curriculum. There are also drop-in sessions for parents of children with SEND to provide information and advice. In addition to this, sessions are arranged to help parents of children in key year group who will undertaking statutory assessments to help them to support their child in various ways.

How will I be involved in discussions about, planning for, and involvement in, my child's education?

Parents of children with special educational needs or disabilities are fully involved in reviewing the progress towards agreed targets and in setting new targets. They are also kept informed of the provision for their child at school and staff are always happy to provide guidance to parents about strategies that they can implement at home to support their child.

How does the school involve children and young people in their education and in the decision-making process?

We aim to follow a child-centered approach where possible. Children with SEND are involved in discussing their learning and progress with their class teacher on a termly basis, and their involvement and views are listened to, and discussed at parent consultations, where appropriate. The school's culture supports pupils in sharing any concerns and in discussing their wishes to support pupils in their development/ learning.

Information about how children with SEND are supported will be shared with appropriate staff during transition between classes, key stages and secondary school. Details of provision within school is also outlined in the 'Waves of Intervention' which can be found at the end of this document.

The EHCP process will involve children in planning the provision that best suits their needs. Children will be involved in setting and reviewing their own targets and will contribute to Annual Reviews, playing a much greater role in personalising their provision where appropriate.

How do we find out if this support is effective?

- School follow a 'Asses, Plan, Do, Review' cycle when supporting children with SEND
- Progress and attainment of all children is reviewed and monitored every term by the Senior Leadership Team. Then class teachers set new targets for all children.
- Intervention groups and support/personalised programmes for children with SEND are monitored by SENDCo and adapted by class teachers regularly. The impact on progress is measured and shared with parents/guardians.
- Teachers continually use adaptive teaching strategies to evaluate and adjust the direction of learning within lessons as appropriate.
- Teachers work collaboratively at St James School and across the MAT to develop and share good SEND practice.
- SEND provision follows a graduated approach (see Waves of Intervention Map below). Not all additional needs will require targeted support beyond Wave 2 intervention, many needs can be met within the school environment. When extra support is having the desired impact on a child's attainment and progress, this support may then be gradually withdrawn, sometimes leading to the child being removed from the school SEND register. Parents/carers will be consulted as part of these decisions.
- If a child is still struggling, despite the early intervention of teachers and support in class, it may be necessary to seek support from other agencies. Again, this will be fully discussed with parents/carers when appropriate. The SENDCo may join the class teacher these discussions.
- Children who already attend St James School, who currently have an Education Health Care from the Local Education Authority, will continue to have an Annual Review meeting to discuss progress towards their objectives and support their needs.

How does St James' Primary School accommodate children with physical disabilities?

St James' Primary School makes all reasonable adjustments to ensure that all pupils can participate fully in education. We use a range of resources in order to enable all children to access a broad and balanced curriculum including:

- Use of adaptive teaching strategies, including written materials e.g. handouts, textbooks, timetables and information about the school
- A differentiated curriculum with identification of essential knowledge
- A range of support staff
- Specialist or auxiliary aids and equipment including interactive ICT equipment
- A consideration of the physical environment for each individual child with SEND, which could include improvements to the physical environment and physical aids to access education
- Specific equipment sourced from Occupational Therapy or other agencies
- Close liaison with outside agencies
- Close liaison with parents

St James is a modern, purpose-built building and as such can accommodate children with mobility difficulties with careful thought and planning. Each of our KS2 classrooms are approximately 52m2 – which is below what is recommended for that of 30 pupils as suggested in the DfE document '<u>Area Guidelines for Mainstream Schools'</u> which is 55m2 to 62m2 for 30 pupils. The building is all on one level with ramps down to the playgrounds. The school does not currently have a wet room, hoist or changing facilities other than those within the nursery which are only appropriate to children of this age. Therefore, we consider children's needs and their ability to access areas in school on an individual basis and put plans in place where appropriate.

Who can share advice and support with me in relation to SEND?

The following services may be able to offer support and advice for parents:

- Bolton Information Advisory Service (IAS)
- Ladywood Outreach Service (SEND Support School)
- Aspire Behaviour Support
- Educational Psychologist (EP)
- Speech and Language Therapy (SALT)
- School Nurse
- School Counsellor
- Fort Alice
- Bolton Social Communication and Interaction Panel (BSCIP)
- iThrive
- Teams Around the School (TAS)
- Bolton Lads and Girls Club (BLGC)
- Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services (CAMHs)
- Grow Your Mindset (GyM)
- Health Professionals E.g. Paediatrician, Occupational Therapist, Child Counsellor etc.
- Visual/Hearing Impairment Teachers

Other agencies are also available when referrals are made or advice sought e.g. Sensory Support

service/Occupational Therapy.

Where can I find information about Local Authority provision for children and young people with SEND?

The Local Offer is available on Bolton Council's Website which is accessible via the following link: <u>https://www.bolton.gov.uk/sendlocaloffer/</u>

Where can I find more advice and support other than from school?

If you want advice from professionals outside school, your local GP is a good first point of contact. If they feel further support is needed from other agencies they will provide an information sharing document to be sent with school. There are many agencies that can provide you with support, some of which are listed below:

Agency	Type of Support Offered	Contact details
Bolton Information and Advisory Service	Bolton Information and Advisory Service (previously Parent Partnership Service) offer advice and support to parents and carers of children and young people with special educational needs.	iasoutofhours@outlook.com
Pupil and Student Services	Offer support and advice on school admissions.	01204 333143
0-19 Health and Wellbeing Services	Various support in and around Bolton.	Adolescent Health & Wellbeing Tel: 01204 462444
		Chat Health for parents Tel: 07507 331751
		Chat Health for young people (11- 19) Tel: 07507 331753
		EY Communication and Language Development Tel: 01204 338349
		Healthy Families Tel: 01204 463175
		Public Health Nursing Tel: 01204 462325
School Nurse Adele Holdsworth	Offer in school support and advice for a child's health and well-being.	email: adele.holdsworth@bolton.nhs.uk
Mental Health Support for Pupils and Parents/Carers	Online support for a wide range of mental health needs.	https://www.bekindtomymind.co.uk/ https://chathealth.nhs.uk/

How do I get a copy of the school SEND policy?

The school SEND policy is available in the <u>SEND</u> section of the school website. A copy is also available from the school office on request. This can also be requested in enlarged print if required.

How should complaints regarding SEND provision be made and how will they be dealt with?

All complaints are dealt with in line with the school's Complaint Procedure which is available on the website or by contacting School on 01204 572587. Initially, parents are encouraged to raise any concerns with the class teacher to see if their concerns can be addressed. If parents are not satisfied, the complaint should then be referred to the Head teacher, as outlined in the Complaints Procedure.

Who do I contact for further information and who is the school's SEND Governor?

We hope this information is helpful, if you would like to discuss any aspect of our provision in more detail, you are very welcome to make an appointment. Miss Gemma Thomas is the school SENDCo. If you would like to discuss any area of concern please contact the school office to arrange an appointment (01204 572587).

Mr Darren Cosgrove is the school SEND Governor and can be contacted via the above number.

Area	Cognition and Learning	Communication and Interaction	Emotional, Behavioural and Social	Sensory and/or Physical
How are pupils with SEND identified at St James' Primary School?	 Formative teacher assessment within class Use of summative assessments Monitoring of progress made across a range of subjects Birmingham SEND Toolkit (BST) Literacy Gold Support from external agencies, such as Ladywood and Educational Psychologist (EP) 	 Information from parents Information from class teacher and intervention group leaders Birmingham SEND Toolkit Information from Speech & Language therapists (SALT) following referrals in or out of school Formative assessment of communication development e.g. WellComm Ladywood Outreach monitoring and assessment EP Assessment BSCIP (Autism Pathway) 	 Information from parents Feedback from class teacher Monitoring of progress in related areas in EYFS Observation in class, at playtimes and lunchtimes Behaviour logs including CPOMs Aspire Behaviour Support - SNAP B Profile Possible specialist involvement – Nurture Group, EP, CAMHs 	 Information from parents/Health Visitors/School Nurse/GP Age-related checks e.g. vision/hearing Observations in P.E. and at playtimes If appropriate assessments from specialist agencies, i.e., Occupational Therapy, Physiotherapy, Teachers for visually or auditory impaired children
How is a child / young person who has SEND assessed?	 Assessment by class teacher Pupil Progress meetings Support staff feedback Diagnostic tests linked to specific areas of concern (in- house) Assessment by external professionals Birmingham SEND Toolkit and Individual Target Plans (ITPs) Literacy Gold 	 Class teacher assessments Support staff feedback Assessments by Speech & Language Therapists referred by school Ladywood Outreach Health – i.e., school nursing WellComm Birmingham SEND Toolkit 	 Concerns raised by class teacher or parent if additional strategies are needed Individual Behaviour Plans (IBPs) Aspire Behaviour Support – SNAP B Profile 	Usually via medical professionals - Additional support or advice needed to assist pupil to access full curriculum in school.
Type of SEND provision made throughout St James' Primary School	 Adaptive Teaching 1:1 support Small group interventions 	 Adaptive teaching Speech and Language programmes WellComm Sign- Along Attention Autism 	 Now and next cards, visual timetables Nurture CAMHs Behaviour chart and individual rewards Behaviour support 1:1 sessions 	 Resources in school – wobble cushion/ear defenders/fidgets Sensory support service 1:1 sessions Occupational Therapy Physiotherapy

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How is the curriculum and / or school environment adapted for pupils? Wave 1 Universal Provision	 Adaptive teaching- differentiated curriculum planning with cognitive load strategies In-class targeted teacher support In-class targeted TA support Peer marking Increased visual aids/modelling Use of writing frames Dictionary and thesaurus Access to ICT Access to on-line activities e.g. Seesaw, Times Table Rock Stars, Edshed Individual or group reading Parent workshops English and maths working Walls Now, press, play. KS1 Read, Write, Inc. small group work 	 Adaptive teaching- differentiated curriculum planning, activities, delivery and outcomes e.g. simplified language, key words Increased visual aids, modelling etc. Use of symbols Word banks Structured school and class routines Support for language development at home Sign- Along 	 Whole school behaviour policy and behaviour curriculum "The St James Way" Golden rule, "Treat others in the way you wish to be treated yourself" Restorative conversations Whole school rewards and sanctions systems Class rewards and sanctions Extra-curricular clubs Circle Time/Class Assembly PSHE/RSHE focus work/revised scheme Playground "Wellbeing Area" at lunch Ethos Leaders during break time and lunch times Shades Ambassadors 	 Flexible teaching arrangements Staff aware of implications of physical impairment Hiring sensory equipment Enlarged print Improved accessibility of building Resources in school – wobble cushion/ear defenders/fidget/writing slopes/pencil grips/overlays
How is the curriculum and / or school environment adapted for pupils? Wave 2 Targeted intervention in house – 1:1 and small group	 Catch-up programmes for English and Maths – National Tutoring Programme Group teacher input Group teaching assistant input PixL reading interventions PixL maths interventions Additional feedback sessions Peer coaching/mentoring Targeted group maths support Targeted group writing 	 In-class group support for speech and language WellComm interventions Communication Boards PECS 	 Group activities e.g. social skills In-class support for supporting behaviour targets Additional group support Pastoral Leaders working with groups of children Social stories delivered 	 Additional fine motor skills practice In class support for supporting access, safety (PEEP) Allergy training/plans Medical and Healthcare plans Individual support in class during appropriate subjects e.g. Science, PE, lunchtimes etc. Use of appropriate resources e.g. hearing aids/lamps

How is the curriculum and / or school environment adapted for pupils? Wave 3 Targeted intervention and specialist support from external agencies	 support Additional phonics support Speech and language sessions Keywords sent home Booster sessions (reading, phonics, maths and writing) WellComm interventions 1:1 RWI tutoring Read, Write, Inc. small group work One Page Profiles Advice from external agencies e.g. SALT, Educational Psychologist, Ladywood Outreach Service, Aspire Behaviour support, Thrive, School Counsellor Provision maps – Gather Data Startwell support 	 Speech and Language support SALT programme delivered in school EAL support Advice from EP/specialist teacher 	 Individual counselling Individual mentoring or support Social skills training Anger management interventions Peer mentoring Advice from EP/specialist teacher/ Aspire Parent behaviour groups (Triple P) Advice from external agencies e.g. Fort Alice/iThrive Alternative Provision – The Bridge 	 Occupational Therapy programmes 0-19 Service Paediatrics Advice from EP/specialist teacher Sensory Room Specialist Sensory equipment (Gym ball, balance board, sensory bottles, sensory balls, spinney seat, sensory lights) Sensory circuit Reduced timetable
How is the curriculum and / or school environment adapted for pupils? Wave 4 EHCP In Place. Person Centered Planning with Multi- agency input	 Section E of their EHCP. Wave 1-3 will still be used wit Individualised interventions a 	th the child, relevant to their needs.		l of the child and the targets set out in

How does St James' Primary School evaluate the effectiveness of the provision?	 Progress tracked each term in core subjects Pupil Progress meetings Lesson observation SENDCo monitoring Birmingham SEND Toolkit – ITPs Pupil Conferencing 	 Speech and Language assessments completed Speech and Language Therapy reports, monitoring visits if appropriate SENDCo monitoring 	 IBPs and positive handling plans reviewed and updated regularly SENDCo monitoring 	 Regular visits from external agencies to monitor progress. SENDCo monitoring
How does St James' ensure the inclusion of pupils with SEND in activities outside of the classroom (including school trips and after school clubs)?	All children have access to and participate in an inclusive and enriching curriculum with lots of opportunities to develop their social, emotional and cultural well-being and development.	 All children have access to and participate in an inclusive and enriching curriculum with lots of opportunities to develop their social, emotional and cultural well-being and development. 	 Transition Pre-teaching Any additional needs or considerations included in risk assessments Additional staffing ratios where needed Individual behavior strategies/plans as appropriate 	 Any additional needs or considerations included in risk assessments Additional staffing ratios where needed
How are pupils with SEND supported in preparing for adulthood, independent living and the next phase of their education, training or employment?	 High quality maths Curriculum Nurture Groups Additional transition days to High School Meeting with High School teachers All children have access to an enriched curriculum with lots of opportunities to develop their social, emotional and cultural wellbeing, for example through Farnworth Matters and Careers Workshop. Discussion with children about their aspirations for the future 			
What specialist skills/ expertise do school staff have?	Nurture Groups	 Staff Trained in Attention Autism, RWI and Sign along strategies Speech and Language Therapist 	 Staff trained in Thrive Aspire Behaviour Support Service 	Staff trained where appropriate to meet the needs of individual children.
What training are the staff teaching and supporting pupils with SEND having/recently had?	 Additional transition days to High School Meeting with High School teachers All children have access to an enriched curriculum with lots of opportunities to develop their social, emotional and 	 Staff trained in Sign-Along strategies RWI Training Teaching assistants trained by S&L therapists to deliver specific programmes EYFS Good Autism 	 Behaviour Support discussions with class teachers to support and implement strategies. Internal training within staff meetings Whole school Safer Schools training (Aspire) 	 Education Sensory Strategies Workshops Teachers given advice and recommendations from Sensory Support Services to work with children

	cultural wellbeing, for example through Farnworth Matters and Careers Workshop. SENDCo staring SEND Qualification	 Practice in Schools Schools Good Autism Practice Anna Freud Autism and Wellbeing 2024 (Appointed October 2022) 	 Whole school Trauma training (Aspire) Thrive 	
What external specialist services are accessed by St James' Primary School to meet the needs of pupils and support their families?	 Educational Psychologist Ladywood Outreach Bolton IAS 	 Educational Psychologist Ladywood Outreach Bolton IAS Speech and Language therapists Social Care BSCIP 	 Nurture School Nurse CAMHs Family Worker Health Visitor Social Care Aspire Behaviour Support Grow Your Mindset (GyM) Fort Alice iThrive BLGC TAS School Counsellor 	 Occupational Therapists Physiotherapists Visual Impaired Services Hearing Impaired Services School Nurse Community Nurses
How is equipment and facilities to support pupils secured?	 Where possible, items are secured using the school budget and/or monies allocated for SEND based on prior attainment. For larger items the need is identified in Annual Reviews and priorities are identified to best support each pupil. For larger scale items, costs will be considered and spending prioritised based on addressing the needs of individual pupils. 			
How are pupils with SEND supported during transition?	 school. Children in the Early Yea with any additional needs, these any additional provision and to o When children move between yea in transition days at the end of the Transition meetings are help with able to access any information for Year 6 pupils will have additional appropriate. Assessment docum SENDCos and staff. 	ars are invited to stay and play sessi e will be discussed in more detail. A r discuss any specific concerns along ear groups, class teachers share info he summer term. Children with SENI th current and new class teachers wh from previous years. al transition days to their High Schoo	ormation about all pupils. The new cla D will visit their new class several tim here progress data and other informa I in liaison with Ladywood Outreach S k will be transferred with meetings wi	on entry. Where a child presents is prior to starting school to identify ass teacher will meet their new class es during the summer term. tion is passed on and teachers are Service, where