

WHAT should I do if I think my child has SEND?

- Talk to your child's class teacher
- Contact St Joseph's SENDCo- Mrs Gudgin.
Appointments can be made via the school office or by emailing admin@st-josephs.suffolk.sch.uk

HOW do we identify children with SEND and assess their needs?

- The class teacher has concerns about a pupil's progress, so makes a referral to the SENDCO.
- The SENDCO observes the child, talks with the child and looks at information gathered from assessments and books. SENDCO will complete further detailed assessments if necessary.
- SENDCO will contact parents/carers to invite them to a meeting; where by a plan of action is agreed.
- If required SENDCO contacts external agencies for advice and support or will make a referral for further assessment with parental consent.

HOW can St Joseph's meet your child's needs?

Every child's needs are considered on an individual basis. We adapt the curriculum and support for children with SEND into these 4 areas:

- Communication and interaction
- Cognition and learning
- Social, emotional and mental health difficulties
- Sensory and/or physical needs (deaf and hard of hearing); visual impairment; multisensory impairment)

For more information on the SEND 4 areas please see our school website

WHAT types of support are available for my child in school?

- All classrooms are inclusion friendly and provide high quality teaching.
- Targeted 1:1 and/or small group specialised interventions e.g. speech and language therapy (SaLT), Beat Dyslexia.
- Outside agency support and advice.
- Details of the support being provided for your child can be found in the Learning conversation record.

WHAT are the arrangements for reviewing children with SEND's progress and HOW is this communicated to me?

- SENDCO and class teacher review pupil assessment data termly to check pupil's progress in interventions.
- In addition, progress is reviewed through observational evidence e.g looking at pupil books and talking with the child.
- Targets and progress are discussed termly with pupils and parents at learning conversation meetings, where the SENDCO can attend. Parents and pupil's views are captured as part of the Assess-Plan-Do-Review graduated approach meeting the needs of pupils with Special Educational Needs.
- Pupils with EHC Plans have annual review meetings with parents, SENDCO and class teacher to discuss progress, review targets set and contribute in discussions to agree new actions.



WHAT are the arrangements for handling complaints from parents of children with SEND about provision at St Joseph's? In the first instance any concern about the implementation of the SEND policy should be raised with the class teacher. Any continued concerns should be raised with the SENDCo, Headteacher or SEN Governor.

Did this sheet answer your questions?

If you would like to make any comments or suggestions please either see the SENDCo in person or post your comment via the school office.

HOW will St Joseph's support my child in starting a new school or moving classes?

- St Joseph's works closely with pre-schools and secondary school SENDCOs before children start to share information about a pupil and arrange additional transition support if needed.
- At St Joseph's before pupils move to a new class, teachers and the SENDCO meet to share key information in the form of a pupil passport and one page profile to ensure the pupil continues to make progress.
- When annual reviews take place for pupils with an EHC plan in Year 6, secondary school SENDCOs are invited.

WHAT specialist services or expertise is available?

The SENDCO can offer advice, training and additional information or resources to staff as well as sharing external training opportunities.

Other expertise accessed via school:

- Speech and Language therapy (in-house Mrs Luisa Martinez)
- Special Education Service
- School Nursing Team
- Educational Psychologists
- Mental Health Workers
- Physiotherapists
- Occupational therapists
- OM Health and Well-being service

WHERE can I find more support and information? Suffolk County Council provides a range of information and specialist support services. Please look at:

<http://www.suffolklocaloffer.org.uk/>

<https://suffolksendiass.co.uk/>

<https://www.access-unlimited.co.uk/>