



**SPECIAL EDUCATIONAL NEEDS AND
DISABILITY POLICY
ST AUGUSTINE'S CE (VA)
JUNIOR SCHOOL**

Head teacher	Sign and date:	
Chair of Governing Body	Sign and date:	

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(This policy will be reviewed annually)

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1. INTRODUCTION

A child has special educational needs (SEND) if they have a learning difficulty which calls for special provision to be made for them or if they have additional physical needs.

Children have a learning difficulty if they:

- a) have significantly greater difficulty in learning than the majority of children of the same age
- b) have a disability, which either prevents or hinders the child from making use of the educational facilities which are provided for children of the same age in a mainstream school.

Special educational provision is different from, or additional to, the provision made generally for children of the same age in a mainstream school.

Everyone at St Augustine's CE Junior School is committed to providing the conditions and opportunities to enable any child with SEND to be fully included in all aspects of school life.

2. POLICY OBJECTIVES

In order to meet the special educational needs of our children, we must:

- identify those children who have SEND as soon as possible
- provide intervention at a suitable level
- use a variety of teaching styles and resources to support the learning of SEND children
- assess and keep records of the progress of children with SEND
- inform and involve the parents of children with SEND so that we can work together to support our children
- encourage active involvement by the children themselves in meeting their needs
- provide ongoing training for all staff working with SEND children.

3. SEND RESOURCES

The SENCo is responsible for the operational management of the specified and agreed resourcing for special needs provision within the school, including the provision for children with EHCPs. The headteacher meets with the SENCo to discuss allocation of funding and then informs the governing body of how the funding allocated to support special educational needs has been employed.

4. PARTNERSHIP WITH PARENTS

Our SEND information report is available on the school website and provides information to parents in an easily accessible way. At all stages of the SEND process, the school keeps the parents informed and involved. We take into account the wishes, feelings and knowledge of parents at all stages. Regular meetings with parents allow us to share progress and to discuss next steps, such as referrals to external agencies.

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5. THE SEND TEAM AT St. AUGUSTINE'S CE JUNIOR SCHOOL

5.1 SEND GOVERNOR

Mr J Fordham is the current Governor with responsibility for SEND at St. Augustine's. He has regular contact with the SENCo and the Senior Management of the school to keep up to date with, and monitor the school's SEND provision.

5.2 THE SPECIAL EDUCATIONAL NEEDS CO-ORDINATOR (SENCo)

Lindsey Potter (SENCo and Assistant Head) is responsible for over-seeing SEND provision throughout the school. Currently, Lindsey is completing the National Award in Special Educational Needs (SENDNA) qualification. As SENCo, she:

- is responsible for the day to day operation of the SEND policy
- maintains a register of children with SEN and medical needs
- monitors and reviews the progress made by children on the SEND register in their area of need.
- works closely with teachers and TAs in identifying and supporting children who may have SEND
- co-ordinates and monitors the provision of intervention and its impact on progress of individuals and groups of SEND children
- liaises with other professional eg. Educational Psychologist, Occupational Therapists, Community Paediatrician etc. to ensure that the needs of our SEND children are being met
- works closely with the parents of SEND children
- ensures that co-ordinated plans are in place for children who need extra support, and reviews them yearly.
- organises and reviews Education, Health and Care Plans (EHCP) for children who have special needs requiring health and care support. These were previously known as 'Statements'.
- contributes to CPD for teachers and TAs on SEND issues.

5.3 CLASS TEACHERS

Each teacher plans for the whole class, taking into account areas where differentiation is required. The teacher also assesses the impact of learning and uses this to inform planning (AfL). Teachers are involved in Co-ordinated Plan and EHCP meetings and liaise with external agencies; helping with setting targets and monitoring progress against them. They report progress to parents termly and discuss/refer any issues regarding SEND to the SENCo.

5.4 TEACHING ASSISTANTS

Teaching assistants work closely with the SENCo, teachers and children on the SEND register. All TAs are line managed by the SENCo and, through regular training, are continuously updating their understanding and skills to enable them to work effectively with children who have SEND. They support the teacher and class in learning, run interventions and monitor progress against individual goals set. They also liaise with external agencies and contribute towards the development of Co-ordinated and EHC plans.



6. IDENTIFICATION, ASSESSMENT AND PROVISION

Provision for children with SEND is a whole school responsibility. At the heart of our teaching is a cycle of planning, teaching and assessment which takes account of the wide range of abilities, learning styles and interests of our children. Consistently good teaching ensures that the majority of our children make good progress. Those children whose overall attainment or progress falls significantly outside the expected range may have SEND.

As a number of our pupils now have English as an Additional Language, the identification and assessment of the SEND needs of children whose first language is not English, requires particular care. Assessments are completed on arrival at our school to measure their starting points across a range of subjects. Teachers will examine carefully all aspects of a child's performance in different curriculum areas to establish whether the difficulties they are experiencing are due to their command of the English language or arise from SEND.

7. SEND REGISTER

When a child requires a range of interventions that are additional to those provided by Quality First teaching, they are placed on the SEND register.

Children can be placed onto the SEN Register under these headings:

- Cognition and learning (Eg. Dyslexia, Dyscalculia, Dyspraxia, Mild/Moderate/Profound Learning difficulties.)
- Social, emotional and behavioural (Eg. Attention Deficit Disorder (ADD) or Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD))
- Communication and Interaction (Eg. Speech and Language difficulties, Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) or Asperger's)
- Sensory Issues (Eg. Hearing loss, blindness or multi-sensory impairment)
- Physical/Medical Issues (Eg. Epilepsy, Asthma, Anaphylaxis, HSP or other medical conditions)

The triggers for intervention will be concern, underpinned by evidence, about a child who, despite receiving differentiated learning opportunities makes:

- little or no progress even when teaching approaches are targeted particularly at a child's identified area of weakness
- shows signs of difficulty in developing literacy or mathematics skills which result in poor attainment in some curriculum areas
- presents persistent emotional or behavioural difficulties which hinder learning and need intervention above and beyond the behaviour management techniques employed in the school's behaviour policy
- has sensory or physical problems which require specialist equipment and/or adult support
- has communication and/or interaction difficulties which hinder learning and need intervention.



The SENCo will support the further assessment of the child, assisting in planning and monitoring future support in consultation with colleagues. The child's class teacher is responsible for planning and delivering an individualised programme.

Parents will always be consulted and kept informed of our concerns, the actions being taken in school to support the child, how they can support at home and the outcomes of intervention.

8. CO-ORDINATED PLANS

Coordinated plans are created to put in place support for pupils with SEND. The meeting will involve school staff, pupils and parents. Reports from health or other sources may be used in creating the plan. At the meeting, a plan will be put together outlining strengths and areas for development for the child. Targets will be set for the year and the plans will be reviewed yearly where progress will be assessed and new achievable targets will be set.

9. EDUCATION, HEALTH AND CARE PLANS (EHCP) - Previously know as Statutory Assessment of SEND

Where a request for an EHCP is made by the school to the Local Authority (LA), the child will have demonstrated complex, long term needs. The LA will require information about the child's progress over time and documentation in relation to the child's SEND needs.

This assessment involves consideration by the LA, working co-operatively with parents, school and, where appropriate, other agencies, as to whether EHCP is appropriate. The LA may decide that the degree of learning difficulties and the nature of necessary provision is such as to require an EHCP. All children with these plans will have short term SMART targets set for them, which will be implemented in the normal class room setting wherever possible and will continue to be the responsibility of the class teacher. Additional adult support may be appropriate in some cases to allow the child to achieve these goals. All EHCPs must be reviewed annually in consultation with parents, the pupil, the LA, external support services and school.