



St Mary's Church of England Primary School, Truro Our SEND information report

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St Mary's C of E school seeks to provide a learning environment with suitable resources targeted to maximise the aspirations of all children whatever their individual needs subject to the interests of the school as a whole. As a school we have a clear approach to identifying and responding to SEND. We work in partnership with parents to establish the support the child needs. It is particularly important in the early years that there is no delay in making any necessary special educational provision.

SEND Support builds on high quality teaching which has been differentiated and personalised for individual children and should be firmly based in the setting's approach to monitoring the progress and development of all children. SEND Support is designed to provide a graduated approach based on a cycle of action that can be revisited with increasing detail, increasing frequency and with the increased involvement of parents. Throughout the graduated approach, the teacher remains responsible for working with the child on a daily basis and implements agreed interventions. The SENCO supports the teacher and leads and co-ordinates the graduated approach across the setting. We adopt a graduated approach with four stages of action: assess, plan, do and review.

This cycle of action: • Is usually led by the SENCO and the teacher • Parents are engaged throughout • Action is informed by the child's views throughout • The cycle can be revisited in order to identify the best way of securing good progress • Throughout the cycle, children's views can be represented by parents and practitioners, but in order to ensure the child's views inform the process directly, these need to be captured before any discussion. They also inform discussion and decisions at each stage.

[Link to Equal Opportunities Policy](#)

[Link to Accessibility Plan](#)

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The levels of support and provision offered by our school

1. Listening to and responding to children and young people

Whole school approaches The universal offer to all children and YP. 	Additional, targeted support and provision 	Specialist, individualised support and provision 
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Pupil conferencing• 3 way marking in books• Open door policy• PSHE sessions• Circle time• Pupil questionnaires	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• School council• Pupil voice- IEP's	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Draw and talk sessions/TIS• IEP meetings• Annual reviews• Emotionally available adult

2. Partnership with parents and carers

<p>Whole school approaches The universal offer to all children and YP</p> 	<p>Additional, targeted support and provision</p> 	<p>Specialist, individualised support and provision</p> 
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 'Settling in' session (September) • Parent evenings (February) • Open door policy • Yearly reports to parents/carers • Class assemblies • The school works in partnership with parents and carers. Their views and opinions are listened to and valued. • Weekly newsletters • School website • Texting service • Reading Record Book with space for teacher and parent comments <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Facebook page • Maths, phonics, curriculum workshops for parents. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Volunteer parental help within school <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parent group • Friends of St Mary's group • Coffee, cake and updates termly meetings 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parents/carers attend and contribute to the Team around the Child (TAC) process. • Annual SEN Review meetings with parents • Meetings with SENCo and Learning Mentor on request • Termly SEN Support meetings involving the child, parents/carers, SENCo and class teacher.

3. The curriculum

<p>Whole school approaches. The universal offer to all children and YP</p> 	<p>Additional, targeted support and provision</p> 	<p>Specialist, individualised support and provision</p> 

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Detailed planning and objectives for all subjects with differentiated support for all groups. • Yearly reports and two formal parents' evenings • On-going assessment of pupil's progress and attainment • Analysis of data levels for whole school, groups and individual pupils every term • On-going contact with parents through Homework Diary/Telephone contact/meetings/ open door policy • Pre-teaching vocabulary • Whole school rewards/ behaviour policy • Visual timetables • Whole school multisensory storytelling approach • Effective use of ICT across the curriculum • All children are part of the "voting" process of topics they would like to learn about in class. • Forest school opportunities for every class. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Opportunity for individual learning programmes led by class teacher • Schemes of work to meet the needs of all learners • Teaching Assistant support in class • Speech & Language therapy in school following advice from Speech and Language Therapist • Draw and Talk sessions • TIS sessions • School Camp in Years 4 and 6 • Small group forest school sessions • Interventions led by HLTA'S 3x a week to pick up any misconceptions from the morning or pre-teach new strategies. • Maths interventions once a week led by my maths specialist teacher for targeted pupils. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Individual Educational Plan (IEP) reviews and meetings with parents • IEPs drawn up each term specifying focuses for learning Support from specialist professionals • Multi-agency meetings to review areas of difficulty and levels of support. • Individualised learning intervention programmes to ensure progression against personalised targets. • Daily contact with parents when appropriate • Support from specialist professionals • Adapted timetable, activities and resources when appropriate
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4. Teaching and learning

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Visual, Auditory and Kinaesthetic multi-sensory teaching approaches • Whole class, small group, partner and independent work. • Small group differentiation and teaching • Groups changed to reflect pupils' learning needs for each lesson • Structured environment within each class • Consistent routines and systems across the whole school • Streamed phonics teaching in KS1 • HLTA led interventions • Handwriting and Spelling lessons planned and delivered in each class. • Forest school opportunities for every class • Interventions led by HLTA'S 3x a week to pick up any misconceptions from the morning or pre-teach new strategies. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Teaching Assistant support provided in afternoons where additional support is required • Additional visual clues and guidance • 1:1 tuition sessions delivered by class teacher where appropriate • Individual behaviour systems, rewards and motivators where required • Recording equipment used as appropriate; ICT, Talking tins, microphones, etc. • Maths interventions once a week led by my maths specialist teacher for targeted pupils. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1:1 teaching support where appropriate • Teaching at times can be in separate rooms/ areas • Specified/Identified time with class peers • Access to identified resources such as sensory etc. • Access to streamed daily phonics support with KS1 where required.
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5. Self-help skills and independence

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Multi-sensory storytelling approach • Clearly labelled and laid out classrooms • Adult modelling of expectations and interactions • Whole school rewards and behaviour policy • Independent work opportunities • Consistent routines and behaviour expectations • Classroom monitors with specific responsibilities • Assessment for learning • School buddies system • Regular Personal, Social and Health Education (PSHE) • Medical protocols • Maths and literacy toolkits in every class. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Teaching Assistant modelling / supervision at play and other Social skills group workshops • Lunchtime clubs for playtime support when required • Breakfast and After School Club • School Camp in Years 4 and 6 • Yoga- SATs, Yoga sessions • Fun Fit 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Intimate care plans following advice from professionals aiming towards independence. • Communication aids, adapted ICT, voice type software, etc. • Access to experienced staff who can confidently support physical movement around school.
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6. Health, wellbeing and emotional support

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Positive learning environment with excellent staff role models • A body of staff trained in first aid to ensure the safety of students • After school clubs • School camps in Years 4 and 6 • PE co-ordinator • Well trained and experienced staff • All staff trained in emotional coaching and trauma informed school induction • Forest school lessons 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increased time allocated to emotional development and understanding • Circle of Friends intervention when required • Specific medical routines and programmes fully implemented seamlessly throughout school day • Social stories • Support at playtimes where appropriate • Reflection areas across the school • Draw and talk • Yoga sessions • Small group forest school sessions for targeted pupils 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Emotional development and wellbeing focus • Increased joint working between parents, school and multi agencies • Individual health protocols and programmes drawn up with support from agencies when required • Links with Education Psychologist • Team Around the Child (TAC) meetings • Emotionally available adult
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7. Social Interaction opportunities

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Extra - curricular activities. • Year 4 and 6 residential trips. • Class day trips for 'Dazzling Start.' • Circle Time. • Activities at lunch and break times. • Partner classes. • Subject Days. • Playground buddies (year 6 supporting younger children at playtimes) • Forest school lessons 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Small group Social Skills sessions. • Supervised lunch and break times. • Learning Mentor social sessions. • Stay and Play. • Breakfast Club. • Fun Fit • Forest school small group sessions for targeted pupils 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Referrals to partner agencies. • External support groups. • Individual Speech and Language sessions. • 1:1 supervision at lunch and break times. • 1:1 supervision for extra - curricular activities and trips. • Use of Social Stories. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1:1 draw and talk sessions.

8. The physical environment (accessibility, safety and positive learning environment).

<p>Whole school approaches The universal offer to all children and YP</p> 	<p>Additional, targeted support and provision</p> 	<p>Specialist, individualised support and provision</p> 
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Full appreciation and provision of access requirements for all children • Reading areas in every classroom • Large and well-resourced environments - canopies planned for Upper KS2 classrooms • Visually clear classrooms • Level access or ramps /lifts to all areas of the school • Stimulating external play areas • Accessible toilets • Interactive displays • Appropriately sized tables, chairs and furniture for each class to give full access for pupils. • Learning environment audits done with pupils • Literacy and maths toolkits in every classroom • Forest School 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Access to specialist resources such as sensory equipment • Quiet areas (tents/ reading corners) • Reflection areas around school • Fun-fit programmes • Small group teaching spaces available • Small group forest school sessions 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Designated teaching areas for identified pupils • Dedicated resources matched to pupils behavioural, physical, social and learning needs with individual motivators and rewards • Specialist communication aids eg. Hearing system/radio hearing aids.

9. Transition from year to year and setting to setting

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Transition meetings for staff passing on information • Move Up Morning in new class / setting for children timetabled in • 'Meet the teacher' opportunities for children / parents • Year 6 transition support by feeder secondary schools. E.g. Roadshows and activity days • Reception class teacher visits nursery schools before children start at primary. • Teddy bears picnic for new reception parents 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Transition booklets • Transition meetings for Teaching Assistant / support staff handover • Additional transition time planned in where appropriate 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Individual transition visits with support staff • Meetings with parents and colleagues from other settings. • Transition training provided by supporting agencies (E.g Autism Spectrum Team) in Summer term for parents and teachers.
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10.The SEND qualifications of, and SEND training attended by, our staff

<p>To enable all children to have access to the curriculum, information and guidance, physical environment, school and wider community</p> 	<p>To enable targeted support and provision</p> 	<p>To enable specialist, individualised support and provision</p> 
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- Regular observations of classroom practise and intervention sessions.
- Monitoring children’s academic progress.
- Read, Write, Inc in-house training run by the reading leader.
- Autism Friendly classrooms training for all staff- ran by the Autism team.
- Emotional coaching training for all staff run by an educational psychologist.

- An overview of the Code of Practice for SEN 2015
- Writing IEPs and conducting review meetings for NQTs and new teaching staff
- Using Numicon to support children with additional mathematical needs.

- Supporting communication using PECS
- Using iPads to support communication
- Supporting children with visual impairment
- Touch Typing for children with visual impairment
- Using the Sound Field System to support children with auditory needs
- Training for using a hoist and walking equipment (Provided by Scope)
- 2 day Read, Write Inc phonics programme training
- Curriculum training according to individual needs. E.g. Guided reading for gifted learners
- Autism awareness training
- Dyslexia and dyscalculia training
- National Award for SEN coordination Post Graduate Certificate
- Autism champion course
- Selective mutism training
- All staff completed induction to “Trauma informed schools” and 2 teachers completed the full training.

11.Services and organisations that we work with:

Service/organisation	What they do in brief	Contact details
Educational Psychologists	Assess and observe children and assist schools in meeting the needs of children on the SEN register for whom our school support and provision needs further input.	Referrals can only be made through school, However, there is a telephone advice line (01872 322888) that is open on Wednesdays between 2:00 and 5:00 pm. School Educational Psychologist : Joe Brooks
Behaviour Support	The behaviour support team may work with children in school. They will also support school staff and parents on a range of strategies when working with children with behavioural difficulties.	Please contact Mrs Spencer for more information as referrals can only be made through school.
Physical Disability Support	Assist school in accessing equipment and developing strategies to improve access to all areas of school life.	Referral through SENCo ICT support: physicalandmedicalneeds@cornwall.gov.uk
Social Care	Children or families can be referred to social care who can offer practical support at home.	Family Information Service Cornwall Council 39 Penwinnick Road St Austell Cornwall PL25 5DR Tel: 0800 587 8191 / 01872 323 535 Email: fis@cornwall.gov.uk
CAMHS	Assess children who have an emotional or mental health need. Liaise with the school and families as to how to best assist these children and families.	Referral through GP, Family Support Worker/ Parent Support Advisor or SENCo childrens.services@cornwall.nhs.uk Care Management Centre Truro Health Park Infirmary Hill Truro TR12JA 01872 221400
Speech and Language Therapists	Assess children to determine their speech and language difficulties. Provide school with targets and strategies for these children.	Referral through health visitors/ school nurse/GP or SENCo to Mel Meadows or Suzanne Lobb. Sedgemoor Centre, Priory Rd, St Austell. PL25 5AB. 01872 323061

Occupational Therapists	Observe and work with children in school to assess their needs in terms of physical development and sensory needs.	Referral through GP, Paediatrician, SENCo
Physiotherapists	Observe and work with children in school to assess their needs in terms of physical development.	Referral through GP, Paediatrician, SENCo
SENDiASS	Information, advice and support for any child or young person and their parents/carers and families age 0-25 with a special educational need or disability.	01736 751921
School Nurse Team	Support given to children and families with health related issues.	Clare Pascoe: 01872 221704
SEN Assessment and Provision Team	Responsible for carrying out Statutory Assessments and maintaining Statements/ EHCPs for children with special educational needs.	01872 322417 3 rd Floor, West Wing (W3), New County Hall, Truro TR1 3AY
Early Help Hub	Children's community health and social care services.	01872 322277 www.cornwall.gov.uk/earlyhelphub

For contact details and information about other organisations follow the link on the Family Information Service website to Cornwall's Local Offer: www.cornwallfisdirectory.org.uk

12.Pupil progress

How you assess and review pupils' progress towards outcomes, including how work with parents and young people?

Pupil progress is regularly assessed by the teachers through observation, marking, conferencing and assessments. Final assessment by testing occurs at the end of the academic year. Pupil profile meetings are held in October, February and July between the teacher, the assessment co-ordinator and the Headteacher, where every child's progress and attainment is reviewed. Pupils who are identified as not making sufficient progress will have an intervention programme created; tailored to meet their specific needs.

The school has a variety of ways to allow parents/carers and to share their views and concerns. Teachers endeavour to be available at the end of the school day, if parents/carers wish to discuss their child. Alternately, a Home-School link book can be provided. Children

with an Individual Educational Plan in place will be invited into school twice a year to discuss their child (with an additional written update in the spring term). In addition, the school holds parent information evenings/consultations 2 times a year.

13. How we know how good our SEND provision is

How you evaluate the effectiveness of provision for pupils with SEND?

The Assess, Plan, Do, Review Cycle:

For children on our Record of Need, an Assess, Plan, Do, Review cycle will be established as part of their regular IEP review meetings in partnership with the child, their parents and the class teacher.

This year, provision made for children on our Record of Need has been:

- ✓ Communication and Interaction
 - Speech and Language sessions run by experienced HLTA each week for identified children in Reception
 - Use of PECS (symbols and pictures) to support communication for non-verbal communicators
 - Use of the Sound Field System to support children with auditory needs

- ✓ Cognition and Learning
 - Weekly HLTA led intervention sessions, planned specifically for individual needs. These are delivered for all children with additional educational needs, as well as all children in receipt of the Pupil Premium.
 - Additional time allowances for assessments when required for children with additional needs
 - Use of dyslexia friendly resources in the classroom
 - Use of Numicon to support pupils with dyscalculia and mathematical difficulties

- ✓ Social, Emotional and Mental Health
 - Draw and talk counselling sessions, delivered by a trained HLTA (and supported by Educational Psychologist)
 - Lunchtime clubs arranged for children who find lunchtimes a challenge.
 - Social stories for children who require additional support with routine etc
 - Became a 'Trauma Informed School'

- ✓ Sensory and/or Physical Needs
 - Daily physiotherapy delivered for children with physical needs
 - Daily FunFit sessions before school

- Access to sensory resources for sensory breaks

We monitor the quality of this provision by regular observations of classroom practise and intervention sessions. We measure the impact of this provision by monitoring academic progress, as well as development in children's confidence and well-being.

14.If you wish to complain

How you handle complaints about SEND provision?

If you are not happy with the SEND provision at the school, please contact the class teacher or SEND co-ordinator or the Headteacher, to share your concerns.

If you wish to make a complaint about the school, please direct your grievance to the school's chair of governors. A complaint form is available from the school office.

Answers to Frequently asked Questions

1. How does the school assess the progress of pupils and what would they do if my child was falling behind?

Pupil progress is regularly assessed by the teachers through observation, marking, conferencing and assessments. Final assessment by testing occurs at the end of the academic year. Pupil profile meetings are held in October, February and July between the teacher, the assessment co-ordinator and the Headteacher, where every child's progress and attainment is reviewed. Pupils who are identified as not making sufficient progress will have an intervention programme created; tailored to meet their specific needs.

2. How accessible is the school environment?

The school is easily accessible for children with a disability. Ramps have been installed to provide access to all areas. The car park has one space designated for disabled badge holders. Further information is provided in our schools accessibility report, which is on our website.

3. Who is the person responsible for children with SEND?

Every teacher has the responsibility for children with SEND in their class. The SEND co-ordinator is the person responsible in ensuring this support meets the needs of the children and provides support and advice to teachers and parents where required. The SEND Governor liaises with the SEND co-ordinator and monitors the work of the school regarding SEND provision and reports to the full governing body.

5. How do I contact the person responsible for SEND or arrange to meet them?

The SEND co-ordinator can be contacted by telephone or by Email. See the 'Contact Us' tab on the home page of the school's website. Alternatively, visit the school and leave a message with the school's receptionist. A link is provided on the school website.

6. What training or specialist expertise does your staff have around SEND?

School staff have been trained to provide a variety of specialist support. Where a training need is identified and the expertise is not present, the school is committed to ensuring that training gap is addressed. The SENco is accredited by Plymouth University and has been awarded the National Award for Special Educational Needs Co-ordination Post Graduate Certificate.

7. What support can the school provide for children with SEND?

The school will provide a variety of support for children with SEND. This may include 1 to 1 intervention and group work. The school will also access external agencies when appropriate to enhance provision.

8. What further external support can the school access and when would this happen?

The school has access to several external agencies that can provide additional support. Where a need has been identified by the parents and/or by the school, the SEND co-ordinator will seek advice and support from the appropriate agency in order to meet the needs of the child.

9. Who can I contact to provide additional advice and support for my family?

Additional advice may be obtained from the Family Information Service - a link is provided on the school website.

10. How are parents/carers and children with SEND supported to share their views and concerns and work alongside the school?

The school has a variety of ways to allow parents/carers and to share their views and concerns. Teachers endeavour to be available at the end of the school day, if parents/carers wish to discuss their child. Alternately, a Home-School link book can be provided. Children with an Individual Educational Plan in place will be invited into school twice a year to discuss their child (with an additional written update in the spring term). In addition, the school holds parent information evenings/consultations 2 times a year.

11. If I am not happy with the provision at the school, how can I share my concerns or make a complaint?

If you are not happy with the SEND provision at the school, please contact the class teacher or SEND co-ordinator or the Headteacher, to share your concerns. If you wish to make a complaint about the school, please direct your grievance to the school's chair of governors. A complaint form is available from the school office.

12. Where can I find information about the Local Authority's Local Offer for children with SEND and their family?

Information about the Local Authority's Local Offer can be found on the Cornwall Council website. A link is provided on the school website.

13. How can I apply for a school place at St Mary's school for my child?

If your child has an Education, Health and Care Plan (EHC Plan) or a Statement of Special Educational Needs, you do not need to complete an application form as a school place will be identified through a separate process. However, if a request has been made for an EHC needs assessment for your child, or your child is currently being assessed to decide whether an EHC Plan is necessary, you will need to make an application using the normal process. Please contact the Statutory SEN Team for more information on 01872 324242 or via email: specialeducation@cornwall.gov.uk.