



St Margaret Mary's RC Primary School SEND Policy 2024-2025

Our Mission

We try to follow Jesus in everything we do.

We help everybody in our school family and we try to let our light shine as the light of Jesus shines.

*Everyone at St. Margaret Mary's is special. We feel happy and safe.
We are encouraged to value ourselves and each other in an atmosphere of trust, good humour, acceptance and enjoyment.*

Saint Margaret Mary's school is where we come to learn through exciting and fun lessons. We try to always be welcoming and caring to all. We want to do our best, even if we find it difficult.

Aims and objectives

Within a caring and mutually supportive environment we aim to make sure our school fully implements national legislation and guidance regarding pupils with SEND. Our SEND Policy sets out how our school will:

- Support and make provision for pupils with special educational needs and disabilities
- Provide pupils with SEND access to all aspects of school life, proportionate to their needs so they can engage in the activities of the school alongside pupils who do not have SEND
- Help pupils with SEND fulfil their aspirations and achieve their best
- Help pupils with SEND become confident individuals living fulfilling lives
- Communicate with pupils with SEND and their parents or carers and involve them in discussions and decisions about support and provision for the pupil
- Ensure a high level of staff expertise to meet pupil need, through well targeted continuing professional development
- Identify the roles and responsibilities of all staff in providing for children's special educational needs
- Work in cooperation and productive partnerships with the Local Education Authority and other outside agencies, to ensure there is a multi-professional approach to meeting the needs of all vulnerable learners

Legislation and guidance

This is based on the statutory [Special Educational Needs and Disability \(SEND\) Code of Practice](#) and the following legislation:

- [Part 3 of the Children and Families Act 2014](#), which sets out schools' responsibilities for pupils with SEND
- [The Special Educational Needs and Disability Regulations 2014](#), which set out local authorities' and schools' responsibilities for education, health and care (EHC) plans, SEN co-ordinators (SENCOs) and the special educational needs (SEN) information report
- The [Equality Act 2010](#) (section 20), which sets out the school's duties to make reasonable adjustments for pupils with disabilities
- The [Public Sector Equality Duty](#) (section 149 of the Equality Act 2010), which set out the school's responsibilities to eliminate discrimination, harassment and victimisation; and advance equality of opportunity and foster good relations between people who share a protected characteristic (which includes having a disability) and those who don't share it
- The [Governance Handbook](#), which sets out governors' responsibilities for pupils with SEND
- The [School Admissions Code](#), which sets out the school's obligation to admit all pupils whose education, health and care (EHC) plan names the school, and its duty not to disadvantage unfairly children with a disability or with special educational needs

Inclusion and equal opportunities

At all times at St Margaret Mary's the school endeavours to be as inclusive as possible. At our school we strive to create an inclusive teaching environment that offers all pupils, no matter their needs and abilities, a broad, balanced and challenging curriculum. We are committed to offering all pupils the chance to thrive and fulfil their aspirations.

We will achieve this by making reasonable adjustments to teaching, the curriculum and the school environment to make sure that pupils with SEND are included in all aspects of school life. It is important that in this school we meet the diverse needs of pupils to ensure inclusion for all and that all pupils are prepared for full participation in a multi-ethnic society.

Through appropriate curricular provision, we respect the fact that children:

- require different strategies for learning
- acquire, assimilate and communicate information at different rates
- need a range of different teaching approaches and experiences
- have different educational and behavioural needs and aspirations

All pupils take part in all areas of the curriculum and no pupil is ever excluded from taking part in an activity or learning due to their SEN or disability. We do recognise that there are some barriers to learning for some of our pupils and when/where this is the case, sensitive adaptations are made to enable pupils to access their learning and/or experiences.

Definitions

Special education needs

A pupil has SEN if they have a learning difficulty or disability that requires special educational provision to be made for them.

They have a learning difficulty or disability if they have:

- A significantly greater difficulty in learning than most others of the same age, or
- A disability which prevents or hinders them from making use of facilities of a kind generally provided for others of the same age in mainstream schools

Special educational provision is educational provision that is additional to, or different from, that made generally for other children or young people of the same age by mainstream schools.

Disability

Pupils are considered to have a disability if they have a physical or mental impairment that has a substantial and long-term adverse effect on their ability to do normal daily activities.

The school will make reasonable adjustments for pupils with disabilities, so that they are not at a substantial disadvantage compared with their peers.

The 4 areas of need

The needs of pupils with SEND are grouped into four broad areas. Pupils can have needs that cut across more than one area, and their needs may change over time.

Interventions will be selected that are appropriate for the pupil's particular area(s) of need, at the relevant time.

AREA OF NEED	
Communication and interaction	<p>Pupils with needs in this area have difficulty communicating with others. They may have difficulty understanding what is being said to them, have trouble expressing themselves, or do not understand or use the social rules of communication.</p> <p>Pupils who are on the autism spectrum often have needs that fall in this category.</p>

AREA OF NEED	
Cognition and learning	<p>Pupils with learning difficulties usually learn at a slower pace than their peers.</p> <p>A wide range of needs are grouped in this area, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Specific learning difficulties, which impact 1 or more specific aspects of learning, such as: dyslexia, dyscalculia and dyspraxia • Moderate learning difficulties • Severe learning difficulties • Profound and multiple learning difficulties, which is where pupils are likely to have severe and complex learning difficulties as well as a physical disability or sensory impairment
Social, emotional and mental health	<p>These needs may reflect a wide range of underlying difficulties or disorders. Pupils may have:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mental health difficulties such as anxiety, depression or an eating disorder • Attention deficit disorder, attention deficit hyperactive disorder or attachment disorder • Suffered adverse childhood experiences <p>These needs can manifest in many ways, for example as challenging, disruptive or disturbing behaviour, or by the pupil becoming withdrawn or isolated.</p>
Sensory and/or physical	<p>Pupils with these needs have a disability that hinders them from accessing the educational facilities generally provided.</p> <p>Pupils may have:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A sensory impairment such as vision impairment, hearing impairment or multi-sensory impairment • A physical impairment <p>These pupils may need ongoing additional support and equipment to access all the opportunities available to their peers.</p>

Roles and responsibilities

Provision for children with special educational needs is a matter for the whole school. The governing body, the school's Headteacher, the SENCO and all other members of staff. Particularly class teachers and teaching assistants have important day-to-day responsibilities. All teachers are teachers of children with special educational needs.

The SENCO

The SENCO at our school is Mrs McHugh. Mrs McHugh has completed the National Award for SENCO qualification. Please contact the school office and/or email contact@st-margaretmarys.manchester.sch.uk

The SENCO will:

- Inform any parents that their child may have SEN and then liaise with them about the pupil's needs and any provision made
- Work with the Headteacher and SEN governor to determine the strategic development of the SEND policy and provision in the school
- Have day-to-day responsibility for the operation of this SEND policy and the co-ordination of specific provision made to support individual pupils with SEN, including those who have EHC plans
- Provide professional guidance to colleagues and liaise and work with staff, parents, and other agencies to make sure that pupils with SEN receive appropriate support and high-quality teaching
- Advise on the graduated approach to providing SEN support and differentiated teaching methods appropriate for individual pupils
- Advise on the deployment of the school's delegated budget and other resources to meet pupils' needs effectively
- Be a point of contact for external agencies, especially the local authority (LA) and its support services, and work with external agencies to ensure that appropriate provision is provided
- Liaise with potential next providers of education to make sure that the pupil and their parents are informed about options and that a smooth transition is planned
- When a pupil moves to a different school or institution: Make sure that all relevant information about a pupil's SEN and the provision for them are sent to the appropriate authority, school or institution in a timely manner
- Work with the Headteacher and school governors to make sure the school meets its responsibilities under the Equality Act 2010 with regard to reasonable adjustments and access arrangements
- Make sure the school keeps its records of all pupils with SEND up to date and accurate
- With the Headteacher, monitor to identify any staff who have specific training needs regarding SEN, and incorporate this into the school's plan for continuous professional development
- With the Headteacher, regularly review and evaluate the breadth and impact of the SEND support the school offers or can access, and co-operate with the LA in reviewing the provision that is available locally and in developing the local offer

- Prepare and review information for inclusion in the school's SEN information report and any updates to this policy
- With the Headteacher and teaching staff, identify any patterns in the school's identification of SEN, both within the school and in comparison with national data, and use these to reflect on and reinforce the quality of teaching

The governing board

The governing body has decided that children with special educational needs will be admitted to the school in line with the school's agreed admissions policy.

The governing board is responsible for making sure the following duties are carried out, though the duties can be delegated to a committee or an individual:

- Co-operate with the LA in reviewing the provision that is available locally and developing the local offer
- Do all it can to make sure that every pupil with SEND gets the support they need
- Make sure that pupils with SEND engage in the activities of the school alongside pupils who do not have SEND
- Inform parents when the school is making special educational provision for their child
- Make sure that the school has arrangements in place to support any pupils with medical conditions
- Provide access to a broad and balanced curriculum
- Have a clear approach to identifying and responding to SEND
- Provide an annual report for parents on their child's progress
- Record accurately and keep up to date the provision made for pupils with SEND
- Publish information on the school website about how the school is implementing its SEND policy, in a SEN information report
- Publish information about the arrangements for the admission of disabled children, the steps taken to prevent disabled children being treated less favourably than others, the facilities provided to assist access of disabled children, and the school's accessibility plans
- Make sure that there is a qualified teacher designated as SENCO for the school and that the key responsibilities of the role are set out, and monitor the effectiveness of how these are carried out
- Determine their approach to using their resources to support the progress of pupils with SEND

The Governing Body reviews this policy annually and considers any amendments in light of the annual review findings. The Headteacher reports the outcome of the review to the full governing body.

The SEND link governor

The SEND link governor is Mrs Angela Ager. Please contact the school office and/or email contact@st-margaretmarys.manchester.sch.uk

The SEND governor will:

- Help to raise awareness of SEND issues at governing board meetings
- Monitor the quality and effectiveness of SEND provision within the school and update the governing board on this
- Work with the Headteacher and SENCO to determine the strategic development of the SEND policy and provision in the school

The Headteacher

The Headteacher will:

- Work with the SENCO and SEND link governor to determine the strategic development of the SEND policy and provision within the school
- Work with the SENCO and school governors to make sure the school meets its responsibilities under the Equality Act 2010 with regard to reasonable adjustments and access arrangements
- Have overall responsibility for, and awareness of, the provision for pupils with SEND, and their progress
- Have responsibility for monitoring the school's notional SEND budget and any additional funding allocated by the LA to support individual pupils
- Make sure that the SENCO has enough time to carry out their duties
- Have an overview of the needs of the current cohort of pupils on the SEND register
- Advise the LA when a pupil needs an EHC needs assessment, or when an EHC plan needs an early review
- With the SENCO, monitor to identify any staff who have specific training needs regarding SEN, and incorporate this into the school's plan for continuous professional development
- With the SENCO, regularly review and evaluate the breadth and impact of the SEND support the school offers or can access, and co-operate with the LA in reviewing the provision that is available locally and in developing the local offer
- With the SENCO and teaching staff, identify any patterns in the school's identification of SEN, both within the school and in comparison with national data, and use these to reflect on and reinforce the quality of teaching

Class teachers

Each class teacher is responsible for:

- Planning and providing high-quality teaching that is differentiated to meet pupil needs through a graduated approach
- The progress and development of every pupil in their class
- Creating Individual Provision Maps and One Page Profiles to support pupils specific learning needs and development
- Developing pupils' self- esteem through praise, rewards, merits and a caring ethos
- Helping children to manage their emotions and behaviour so they can take part in learning effectively and safely
- Working closely with any teaching assistants or specialist staff to plan and assess the impact of support and interventions, and consider how they can be linked to classroom teaching

- Working with the SENCO to review each pupil's progress and development, and decide on any changes to provision
- Ensuring they follow this SEND policy and the SEN information report
- Communicating with parents regularly to:
 - Set clear outcomes and review progress towards them
 - Discuss the activities and support that will help achieve the set outcomes
 - Identify the responsibilities of the parent, the pupil and the school
 - Listen to the parents' concerns and agree their aspirations for the pupil

Parents or carers

Parents or carers should inform the school if they have any concerns about their child's progress or development.

Partnership plays a key role in enabling children and young people with SEND to achieve their potential. All parents of children with special educational needs will be treated as partners and given support to play an active and valued role in their child's education. We inform parents of any intervention, and share the process of decision-making by providing clear information relating to the education of their child.

Parents will be:

- Invited to termly meetings to review the provision that is in place for their child
- Asked to provide information about the impact of SEN support outside school and any changes in the pupil's needs
- Given the opportunity to share their concerns and, with school staff, agree their aspirations for the pupil
- Given an annual report on the pupil's progress

The school will take into account the views of the parent or carer in any decisions made about the pupil.

Parents always have access to the SENCO through the school email address contact@st-margaretmarys.manchester.sch.uk and through contacting the school office for a face to face appointment (0161 681 1504).

The pupil

Pupils will always be given the opportunity to provide information and express their views about their SEND and the support provided. They will be invited to participate in discussions and decisions about this support.

This might involve the pupil:

- Explaining what their strengths and difficulties are
- Contributing to setting targets or outcomes

- Attending review meetings
- Giving feedback on the effectiveness of interventions

The pupil's views will be taken into account in making decisions that affect them, whenever possible.

SEND information report

The school publishes a SEND information report on its website, which sets out how this policy is implemented in the school.

The information report will be updated annually and as soon as possible after any changes to the information it contains. It also has links to Manchester's local offer which details support families can access.

Our approach to SEND support

Identifying pupils with SEND and assessing their needs

For some children SEND can be identified early in their school journey. However, for other children, difficulties often only become evident as they develop. At St Margaret Mary's we aim to be alert to any emerging difficulties or concerns and act early upon these.

At St Margaret Mary's we are continually assessing and monitoring pupils to ensure that all children can fully access the curriculum and thrive. In our school it is the belief that all children have an equal right to a full and rounded education which will enable our pupils to achieve their full potential.

We will assess each pupil's current skills and levels of attainment when they start at the school. This will build on information from previous settings and Key Stages, where appropriate. We will also consider any evidence that the pupil may have a disability and if so, what reasonable adjustments the school may need to make.

Class teachers will regularly assess the progress of all pupils. Reasons for a child being added to the school's **SEN register** may include:

- Children whose progress is significantly slower than that of their peers starting from the same baseline
- Children making little or no progress, even when teaching approaches are targeted particularly in a child's identified area of weakness
- Children who fail to match or better their previous rate of progress
- Children presenting with persistent emotional or behavioural difficulties which are not improved by the behaviour management techniques usually employed in the school
- Children who display sensory or physical difficulties, and continues to make little or no progress, despite the provision of specialist equipment
- Children who display communication and / or interaction difficulties, and continues to make little or no progress

When teachers identify an area where a pupil is making slow progress, they will target the pupil's area of weakness with differentiated, high-quality teaching. If progress does not improve, the teacher will raise the issue with the SENCO to have an initial discussion about whether this lack of progress may be due to a special educational need. When deciding whether the pupil needs special educational provision, we will start with the desired outcomes, including the expected progress and attainment, and the views and the wishes of the pupil and their parents. We will use this to determine the support that is needed and whether we can provide it by adapting our core offer, or whether something different or additional is needed. At this point, the class teacher will create an Individual Provision Map and/or a One Page Profile to provide targeted support. Where necessary they will, in consultation with the pupil's parents or carers, consider consulting an external specialist.

Potential short-term causes of impact on behaviour or performance will be considered, such as a bereavement. Behavioural difficulties do not necessarily mean that a child or young person has a SEND and should not automatically lead to a pupil being registered as having SEND. Slow progress and low attainment do not necessarily mean that a child has SEND and should not automatically lead to a pupil being recorded as having SEND. Persistent disruptive or withdrawn behaviours do not necessarily mean that a child or young person has SEND. Identifying and assessing SEND for children or young people whose first language is not English requires particular care; difficulties related solely to limitations in English as an additional language are not SEND.

If a pupil is joining the school, and:

- Their previous setting has already identified that they have SEN
- They are known to external agencies
- They have an education, health and care plan (EHCP)

then the school will work in a multi-agency way to make sure we get relevant information before the pupil starts at school, so support can be put in place as early as possible.

Access to the Curriculum

All children have an entitlement to a broad and balanced curriculum, which is differentiated to enable children to succeed. All pupils are encouraged to take part in all areas of the curriculum. No pupil is ever excluded from taking part in an activity or learning due to their SEN or disability. However, there are sometimes barriers to learning which prevent some children from making the appropriate progress and accessing the curriculum as their peers would. Where this is the case, sensitive adaptations are made to enable all pupils to access their learning entitlement and provision.

We support the children through quality first teaching and teachers use a range of strategies to meet children's special educational needs. Lessons have clear learning objectives and staff differentiate work appropriately, and use assessment to inform the next stages of learning. The use of differentiated work, along with different and appropriate teaching styles to meet the needs of the children is implemented. Planning and teaching will be adapted on a daily basis if needed, to meet each child's learning needs.

Wherever possible, we do not withdraw children from the classroom situation. There are times though when, to maximise learning, we ask the children to work in small groups, or in a one-to-one situation outside the classroom. Peer support through mixed ability grouping and group reading and writing activities are also encouraged.

The use of teaching assistants to provide extra individual or small group learning is planned for and used. Specific resources and strategies (essential provision) will be used to support a child individually and in groups, based on a child's individual needs.

Monitoring Children's Progress

The school's system for observing and assessing the progress of individual children will provide information about areas where a child is not progressing satisfactorily. Under these circumstances, teachers may need to consult the SENCO to consider what else might be done. This review might lead to the conclusion that the pupil requires help over and above that which is normally available within the particular class or subject. The key test of the need for action is that current rates of progress are inadequate.

Adequate progress can be identified as that which:

- Prevents the attainment gap between the child and their peers from widening
- Closes the attainment gap between the child and their peers
- Better the child's previous rate of progress
- Ensures access to the full curriculum
- Demonstrates an improvement in self-help, social or personal skills
- Demonstrates improvements in the child's behaviour

In order to help children with special educational needs, St Margaret Mary's will adopt a graduated response. This may see us using specialist expertise if as a school we feel that our interventions are still not having an impact on the individual. The school will keep a provision map of interventions and the SENCO will have responsibility for ensuring that records are kept and available when needed. If we refer a child for an Education Health and Care Plan, we will provide the LEA with a record of our work with the child to date.

When any concern is initially noticed it is the responsibility of the class teacher to take steps to address the issue. Parents will be consulted and the child will be monitored for a period of up to one term. If appropriate, a specific intervention and/or strategies or a personalised learning plan may be put in place and, if no progress is noted after a further term, the child may be added to the school SEND register with parental permission. The class teacher, after discussion with the SENCO, will provide additional interventions that are additional to those provided as part of the school's differentiated curriculum and the child will be given an Individual Provision Map.

These targets will be monitored by the class teacher and teaching assistants within the class and reviewed formally with the SENCO, parents and young person termly. A child may be removed from the SEND register at any point, should they be making the expected progress.

Consulting and involving pupils and parents

At St Margaret Mary's we put pupils and their parents at the heart of all decisions made about special educational provision.

When we are aiming to identify whether a pupil needs special education provision, we will have an early discussion with the pupil and their parents. These conversations will make sure that:

- Everyone develops a good understanding of the pupil's areas of strength and difficulty
- We take into account any concerns the parents have
- Everyone understands the agreed outcomes sought for the child
- Everyone is clear on what the next steps are

The graduated approach to SEN support (Assess-Plan-Do-Review)

Once a pupil has been identified as having SEN and has been added to the school's SEN register, the school will then seek to remove barriers to learning and put effective special educational provision in place. An Individual Provision Map (IPM) is written to help the pupil make progress with specific targets. These targets are SMART- Specific, Measurable, Achievable, Relevant and Time-limited. This begins a cycle of assess, plan, do, review with the child/young person at the centre of the process.

LAC children who are identified with SEND will follow this procedure and social care will be kept fully updated at PEP reviews.



The four part cycle:

Assess:

This involves clearly analysing the pupil's needs using the class teacher's assessment and experience of working with the pupil, details of previous progress and attainment, comparisons with peers and national data, as well as the views and experience of the parents. Advice from external support services and staff will be sought if appropriate and with the agreement of parents. The assessment will be reviewed regularly to help make sure that the support in place is matched to the pupil's need. For many pupils, the most reliable way to identify needs is to observe the way they respond to an intervention.

Plan:

In consultation with the parents and the pupil, the teacher and the SENCO will decide which adjustments, interventions and support will be put into place, the expected outcomes, and a clear date for review. All staff who work with the pupil will be made aware of the pupil's needs, the outcomes sought, the support provided and any teaching strategies or approaches that are needed. This information will be recorded on an Individual Provision Map and One Page Profile. Parents will be fully aware of the planned support and interventions, and may be asked to reinforce or contribute to progress at home. A copy of the plan is discussed and given to parents for their records.

Do:

The pupil's class teacher remains overall responsibility for a child's progress. Where the plan involves group or 1-to-1 teaching away from the main class, they still retain responsibility for the pupil. They will work closely with any teaching assistants or specialist staff involved, to plan and assess the impact of support and interventions and how they can be linked to classroom teaching.

The SENCO will support the teacher in further assessing the pupil's particular strengths and weaknesses and advise on how to implement support effectively.

Review:

The effectiveness of the support and interventions and their impact on the pupil's progress will be reviewed in line with the agreed date. We will evaluate the impact and quality of the support and interventions. This evaluation will be based on:

- The views of the parents and pupils
- The level of progress the pupil has made towards their outcomes
- The views of teaching staff who work with the pupil

The teacher and the SENCO will revise the outcomes and support in light of the pupil's progress and development, and in consultation with the pupil and their parents.

Support/Intervention

Pupils who have received quality first teaching (QFT) but have not made expected progress and require additional support to try to close the gap. The adaptations and additions that are made as part of targeted support are internal to the school. If targeted support does not have adequate impact and concerns are that the child is falling further behind, the child will move to the next stage.

Targeted support (Higher level of need)

If targeted internal support does not have adequate impact, specialist support and agencies are introduced. Pupils are assessed by specialist agencies and new targets are set. These targets might need additional resources to be provided and a higher level of adult input.

If the needs of the pupil continue to give cause for concern, the needs are appearing to be persistent and long-term, and the family and specialist agencies are in agreement, then the pupil will be considered for statutory assessment.

Education Health Care Plan [EHCP]

A request will be made by the school to the LA if the child has demonstrated significant cause for concern. The LA will be given information about the child's progress over time, and will also receive documentation in relation to the child's special educational needs and any other action taken to deal with those needs, including any resources or special arrangements put in place.

The evidence will include:

- Previous targets for the pupil and if they have met them
- Records of regular reviews and their outcomes
- Records of the child's health and medical history where appropriate
- Where the child is working at across the curriculum
- Education and other assessments, for example from an advisory specialist support teacher or educational psychologist
- Views of the child and parents

The parents of any child who is referred for statutory assessment will be kept fully informed of the progress of the referral.

If statutory assessment is successful, the pupil will receive an EHCP. Resources, usually in the form of some additional adult support and specialist approaches, will be part of the pupil's daily access to the curriculum.

All levels of support consist of a four-part process.

Monitoring and evaluation arrangements

Evaluating the effectiveness of SEN provision and the SEN Policy

The SENCO monitors the movement of children within the SEND system in school and provides the Headteacher, staff and governors with regular summaries. They are responsible for coordinating all the support for children with special educational needs or disabilities (SEND) and developing the school's SEND Policy to make sure all children receive a consistent, high quality response to meeting their needs in school.

They are involved in supporting teachers and in drawing up the Individual Provision Maps for children requiring additional support and intervention, providing support for teachers and support staff in the school - so they can help children with SEND in the school achieve the best possible progress.

The SENCO and the Headteacher hold regular meetings to review the work of the school in this area. In addition, the SENCO and the named governor with responsibility for special needs have opportunities to meet.

We will evaluate how effective our SEND provision is with regards to:

- All staff's awareness of pupils with SEND at the start of the autumn term
- How early pupils are identified as having SEND
- Pupils' progress and attainment once they have been identified as having SEND
- Whether pupils with SEND feel safe, valued and included in the school community
- Comments and feedback from pupils and their parents
- The tracking of pupils' progress, including by using provision maps
- Carrying out the review stage of the graduated approach in every cycle of SEN support
- Using pupil questionnaires
- Monitoring by the SENCO
- Holding annual reviews for pupils with EHC plans
- Working with the Local Authority

Monitoring the policy

This policy will be reviewed by the SENCO and Headteacher **every year**. It will also be updated when any new legislation, requirements or changes in procedure occur during the year. It will be approved by the full governing board.

Expertise and training staff

Training will regularly be provided to teaching and support staff. The Headteacher and the SENCO will continuously monitor any specific training needs and will incorporate this into the school's plan for continuous professional development.

Links with external professional agencies

The school recognises that it will not be able to meet all the needs of every pupil. Whenever necessary the school will work with external support services such as:

- Speech and language therapists
- Specialist teachers or support services
- Educational psychologists
- Occupational therapists or physiotherapists
- General practitioners or paediatricians
- School nurses
- Child and adolescent mental health services (CAMHS)
- Social Communication Pathway services (SCP)

- Education welfare officers
- School based CARITAS social worker
- Social services
- Early Help
- Manchester Local Authority Outreach Services

These services may become involved if a child continues to make little or no progress despite considerable input and adaptations. They will work alongside the SENCO and class teacher in order to establish which strategies have already been employed and which targets have previously been set.

The external specialist may act in an advisory capacity, or provide additional specialist assessment or be involved in teaching the child directly. The child's individual targets will set out strategies for supporting the child's progress. These will be implemented, at least in part, in the normal classroom setting if appropriate.

Complaints about SEND provision

Where parents have concerns about our school's SEND provision, they should first raise their concerns informally with the class teacher. This will then be discussed and further actioned by the SENCO if required. We will try to resolve the complaint informally in the first instance. If this does not resolve their concerns, parents are welcome to submit their complaint formally.

Formal complaints about SEND provision in our school should be made to the SENCO and Headteacher in the first instance. They will be handled in line with the school's complaints policy (see website).

If your child has an Education, Health and Care plan, you can also contact the Statutory Assessment Team by emailing sen@manchester.gov.uk or by ringing **0161 245 7439**.

If the parent or carer is not satisfied with the school's response, they can escalate the complaint. In some circumstances, this right also applies to the pupil themselves.

To see a full explanation of suitable avenues for complaint, see pages 246 and 247 of the [SEN Code of Practice](#).

To find out about disagreement resolution and mediation services in our local area, visit: <https://www.iasmanchester.org/disagreement-resolution-mediation-services-manchester>

Links with other policies and documents

This policy links to the following documents:

- SEND Information Report
- The Local Offer
- Accessibility Plan
- Behaviour Policy

- Equality Information and Objectives
- Supporting Pupils with Medical Conditions Policy
- Attendance Policy
- Safeguarding / child Protection Policy
- Complaints Policy

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