



SEND Information Report

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MISSION:

TOGETHER WE CAN ACHIEVE

Be kind to one another and build each other up. 1 Thess 5:11

VISION:

WE AIM TO DEVELOP A **PASSION FOR LIFELONG LEARNING**
EXPLORING **LIFE IN ALL ITS FULLNESS**
WITH **HOPE AND ASPIRATION**
THROUGH A **WORLD CLASS EDUCATION**

I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full. John 10:10

SCHOOL VALUES:



Jeremiah 31:3

*I have loved you with an everlasting love;
I have drawn you with unfailing kindness.*



Psalms 118:24

*This is the day that the Lord has made;
let us rejoice and be glad in it.*



Psalms 133:1

*How good and pleasant it is when
God's people live together in unity!*



Jeremiah 29:11

*For I know the plans I have for you,
declares the Lord.
Plans to prosper you and not to harm you,
plans to give you hope and a future.*

Sneinton St Stephen's Church of England Primary School

Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) Information Report

1. Introduction

At Sneinton St. Stephen's Church of England Primary School, we are committed to providing every child with an inclusive, broad, and relevant education. Our SEND provision is grounded in our values of kindness, community, and aspiration, ensuring that each child is supported to reach their full potential. Whether through tailored interventions, family partnerships, or our robust graduated approach, we ensure all pupils thrive within a nurturing, faith-led environment.

2. Nottingham City Local Offer

The Nottingham City Local Offer provides an online resource where parents/carers and young people can find out about the services and support available to children and young people with SEND. The Local Offer includes details of services for children and young people from birth to 25 years old.

You can access the Nottingham City Local Offer [here](#).

3. Definition of Special Educational Needs and Disability

A child or young person has SEND if they have learning difficulties or disabilities that call for special educational provision to be made.

This can include:

- Communication and interaction difficulties (e.g., Autism Spectrum Disorder)
- Cognition and learning difficulties (e.g., dyslexia)
- Social, emotional, and mental health difficulties (e.g., ADHD, anxiety)
- Sensory and physical needs (e.g., visual or hearing impairments)

4. SEND Support at Our School



Josephine Curtis – Assistant Headteacher & SENDCo

Hi, I'm Josephine Curtis. I oversee the SEND provision at Sneinton St. Stephen's, ensuring that our pupils with special educational needs or disabilities receive personalised and effective support. My role includes working closely with families, teachers, and external professionals to develop and implement strategies that help each child thrive in their learning and emotional well-being. We believe that working collaboratively with families is key to ensuring every child reaches their full potential.



Rachel Pruszk – Learning Mentor

Hello! I'm Rachel Pruszk, a Learning Mentor and trained Emotional Literacy Support Assistant (ELSA). I work with individual children and small groups, focusing on emotional well-being and positive relationships. My role is to support children in managing their emotions, developing friendships, and building resilience so they can access their learning confidently.



Christopher Tucker – SEND Governor

Hi, I'm Christopher Tucker, the SEND Link Governor. I advocate for children with SEND during governing body meetings and work closely with the SENDCo to ensure our school meets its legal and moral responsibilities to support every child's needs.

5. Identifying SEND

Children's needs may be identified through:

- Teacher assessments and observations
- Discussions with parents/carers
- External agency input
- Health diagnoses

6. Our Graduated Approach

We follow a cycle of Assess, Plan, Do, Review to ensure appropriate support is provided:

1. **Assess** – We evaluate each child's needs.
2. **Plan** – We develop a support plan with parents/carers.
3. **Do** – We implement interventions.
4. **Review** – We assess progress and adjust support.

Types of Support

- **Quality First Teaching:** Teachers adapt lessons for all learners.
- **Small group interventions:** Extra help in key areas.
- **Specialist support:** External professionals (e.g., Speech and Language Therapy) may work with your child.

For children with more complex needs, we may apply for Higher Level Needs Funding or an Education, Health, and Care Plan (EHCP).

7. Using Technology to Support SEND

As an Apple Distinguished School, we use technology to create inclusive and engaging learning experiences for all pupils, including those with SEND. Some examples of the technology and tools we use include:

Speech-to-text software: Helps children who struggle with writing or typing to express their ideas more freely.

Visual learning tools: Enhance understanding through diagrams, videos, and images to support different learning styles.

Translation apps: Provide support for children with English as an Additional Language (EAL) and those with communication barriers.

Specialist apps: Tools like 'Clicker' for writing support, and 'TTRS' for touch typing, are designed to support children with dyslexia, dyspraxia, or other learning difficulties.

Technology at Sneinton St. Stephen's enables us to create more inclusive and engaging learning experiences for all pupils.

8. Pupil and Parent Voice

We believe in the power of collaboration between pupils, parents/carers, and staff to shape our SEND provision. Along with termly Support Plan review meetings, parents/carers are encouraged to share their thoughts in the following ways:

- **Surveys and Questionnaires:** We regularly gather feedback from families about the effectiveness of our SEND provision, and your insights inform the development of our strategies.
- **Parent/Carer Forums:** These annual events provide a platform for parents/carers to share ideas, ask questions, and work with staff to enhance SEND support.
- **Parent/Carer Drop-in Sessions:** Informal drop-in sessions with the SENDCo allow parents/carers to discuss any concerns or suggestions regarding their child's support.

Our pupils with SEND are also actively involved in shaping their learning experience. They provide valuable feedback on their progress, identify areas where they need more support, and share their strengths. This helps us tailor interventions to their needs.

9. Supporting Children with SEND During Transitions

Transitions can be challenging for children with SEND. We have robust procedures in place to ensure smooth and positive experiences during key transition points:

- **Starting School:** The SENDCo and class teachers will visit nurseries, liaise with professionals involved in your child's early education, and invite your child to visit our school for a 'play date' to help them feel comfortable.
- **Moving to a New Class:** All children meet their new teacher before the summer holidays. For children with SEND, additional visits or transition groups can be arranged, and transition booklets are provided where needed.
- **Transition to Secondary School:** We work closely with local secondary schools to ensure a seamless transition for our pupils with SEND. This process begins early in the year, where the SENDCo liaises with secondary school staff to ensure that all information regarding the child's needs is shared effectively. Transition activities are tailored to individual pupils and can include extra visits to the new school, meeting key staff, and preparing personalised transition resources (such as transition booklets). Parents/carers are also fully involved in the process, helping to plan key aspects of the transition to ensure their child feels prepared and supported.

Parents/carers are actively involved in transition planning to ensure that their child feels supported at every stage.

10. Our Accessibility Commitment

Sneinton St. Stephen's is committed to being accessible for all pupils. We regularly review **our Accessibility Plan** to ensure our buildings, curriculum, and communication methods meet the needs of all children.

11. Inclusion in Trips and Extracurricular Activities

We believe that every child, regardless of their needs, should have the opportunity to participate fully in all aspects of school life. This includes school trips, residentials, and extracurricular activities.

We ensure that:

- Risk assessments are completed with consideration of SEND needs.
- Any necessary adaptations are made (e.g., additional adult support, tailored activities).
- Parents/carers are involved in planning and decision-making around their child's participation.

If your child has specific medical or sensory needs, we will make the required arrangements to ensure their comfort and safety during trips or activities. We work closely with external providers to make sure all environments are accessible.

12. Measuring and Reviewing Progress

We regularly review the progress of children with SEND using the Assess, Plan, Do, Review cycle. This ensures that interventions remain relevant and impactful. **Parents/carers are invited to review meetings each term** to discuss their child's progress and adjust any support as necessary. In addition, feedback from the child is actively sought, ensuring that they feel involved in their learning journey and can express their needs and successes. External professionals, such as educational psychologists or speech and language therapists, are consulted if further advice is needed.

We measure the impact of interventions using:

- **Insight Tracking:** This system helps us track each pupil's progress, ensuring that interventions are making the desired impact.
- **Pupil Progress Meetings:** These termly meetings allow us to review each pupil's progress and adapt interventions accordingly.
- **Support Plan and EHCP Reviews:** These are done in collaboration with parents/carers and external professionals to ensure the right level of support is in place.
- **Feedback from Stakeholders:** Gathering feedback from pupils, parents/carers, and staff helps us refine our SEND provision.

Parents/carers will be updated regularly through termly meetings, and you are welcome to discuss progress at any time with your child's class teacher or the SENDCo.

13. Emotional and Social Development

Our Personal, Social, and Health Education (PSHE) curriculum supports all children's emotional and social growth. For children who need extra help, we offer:

- ELSA sessions
- Nurture groups
- Playtime buddies
- Access to the Mental Health Support Team (MHST)

14. How to Raise Concerns

At Sneinton St. Stephen's, we are committed to working in partnership with parents/carers to ensure the best outcomes for every child. If you have any concerns about your child's SEND provision, we encourage open communication and collaboration to resolve issues quickly and effectively.

1. Speak to the Class Teacher or SENDCo

In the first instance, we recommend discussing any concerns directly with your child's class teacher or our SENDCo, Josephine Curtis. Often, a conversation can help clarify and resolve issues before they escalate.

2. Escalate to the Headteacher

If your concern is not resolved after speaking with the class teacher or SENDCo, or if you feel the issue requires further discussion, you may arrange a meeting with the Headteacher. We will work together to ensure your concerns are addressed.

3. Formal Complaints Procedure

If the issue is still unresolved, we follow the school's formal **Complaints Procedure**. This procedure ensures that concerns are investigated thoroughly and fairly. Details of the formal complaints process can be found in our school's **Complaints Policy**.

15. External Support and Key Contacts

At Sneinton St. Stephen's, we work closely with external agencies to ensure that children with SEND receive the specialized support they need. Below are some of the key services and contacts that you may find useful:

Nottingham City Local Offer: Find services and support for children with SEND in Nottingham.

[Nottingham City Local Offer](#)

Speech and Language Therapy Service: Provided through the NHS. Your child's referral will be made by the SENDCo or another healthcare professional.

Phone: 0300 123 3387

Educational Psychology Service: Supporting children with learning, emotional, and social difficulties. Contact via the school's SENDCo for referral details.

Mental Health Support Team (MHST): Offers support for children struggling with anxiety, stress, or other emotional concerns.

For more information, contact MHST via the school office.

16. Further Reading and Resources for Parents/Carers

For more information and support on SEND topics, we recommend the following resources:

- **Nottingham City SEND Support Service:** [Nottingham SEND Support](#)
- **Council for Disabled Children:** www.councilfordisabledchildren.org.uk
- **IPSEA (Independent Provider of Special Education Advice):** www.ipsea.org.uk
- **National Autistic Society:** www.autism.org.uk

These websites provide useful information, advice, and tools for parents/carers navigating SEND support and services.

17. Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

1. How will the school communicate with me about my child's progress?

We will meet with you termly to review your child's Support Plan. Additionally, class teachers are always available for informal chats, and we encourage you to get in touch if you have concerns at any time.

2. What happens if my child doesn't meet the targets set in their Support Plan?

If your child is not making the expected progress, we will review the interventions and discuss alternatives with you. We may involve external professionals, if necessary, to ensure the best support is in place.

3. Can my child participate in school trips or extracurricular activities?

Yes, all children, including those with SEND, are fully included in trips and extracurricular activities. We make any necessary adjustments to ensure they can participate safely and successfully.

4. What if I disagree with the provision or the outcomes of my child's EHCP?

If you have concerns or disagree with any part of the SEND provision or EHCP, you should first speak to the SENDCo. If the issue isn't resolved, the school's complaints process can guide you through the next steps (see Complaints Policy).