



SEN Information

At St Michael's School we respect and care for ourselves, and each other. We work hard and try our best to use the gifts and talents that God has given us. Our mission statement is fundamental in all we do, including our work with our children with additional learning needs. We want to be able to give families information about the variety of ways we ensure we support our children with special educational needs (SEN) to achieve their potential.

We provide a full range of educational and pastoral support to all and our children with SEN make very good progress. The information here is general; each child is an individual and will receive unique provision and resources where necessary. If you would like further information, please contact our SENCO by email: or phone on 0191 2739383.

St Michael's is a fully inclusive school. We ensure that all pupils are supported to reach their potential personally, socially, emotionally and academically regardless of their gender, ethnicity, social background, religion, physical ability or educational needs. We recognise, and value, the need for a full range of educational and pastoral support. In addition to a fully qualified SENCO (Special Educational Needs Co-ordinator) and SENTA (Special Educational Needs Teaching Assistant) we work very closely with various professionals from a wide range of outside agencies.

Parents can also contact their local **Newcastle Special Educational Needs and Disabilities Information, Advice and Support Service** for impartial information, advice and support in relation to their pupil's SEN and/or disability.

The Newcastle Special Educational Needs and Disabilities Information, Advice and Support Service officer is Judith Lane. She can be contacted on 0191 284 0480 or by email: judith.lane@newcastle.gov.uk

For all pupils with SEN:

- We use pupil friendly individual education plans (IEPs) which clearly state the pupil's area(s) of need, their targets and the provision and resources to be implemented to support them in meeting the targets set for them.
- Use Newcastle SEND Mainstream guidance to support provision.
- We involve the pupil, parents or carers and key staff members in the writing, implementing and reviewing of individual education plans.
- We deliver high quality teaching, differentiating the curriculum and our resources to meet the needs of individual pupils and to promote pupil progress.
- We seek support and advice from a range of outside agencies to ensure barriers to success are fully identified and responded to.
- We operate a graduated response based upon need; assess, plan, do, review which is monitored by the SENCO.
- All school-related activities are evaluated in terms of their positive impact on the learning success and inclusion of pupils with SEN.
- We use strategies to reduce anxiety/ promote emotional well-being.
- We ensure that our school activities and trips are accessible to all our SEN pupils.
- Support staff are placed where they are needed throughout the school to ensure pupil progress and independence.
- All staff have completed and continued to receive, on-going training in relation to meeting pupils' needs in the classroom.
- Support is offered to families and they are signposted to services and organisations which may offer appropriate support or advice via the Newcastle Local Offer.
- We offer support to all pupils and parents during all periods of transition
- We liaise closely with other schools at transition times to ensure that SEN pupil information is clearly communicated so that the move to the next school is as smooth as possible.
- We work in partnership with parents and carers to meet the needs of individual pupils.

Types of SEN	Support/provision/ staff expertise
<p>Communication and Interaction</p> <p>This may include;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Autistic Spectrum Disorders (ASD) • Speech, Language and Communication Needs (SLCN) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Visual timetables to support pupils to understand what will happen and when • Areas of classroom are clearly defined and labelled • Support and supervision at unstructured times of the day where appropriate • Areas of low distraction / individual workstations • Use of ICT where possible to reduce barriers to learning • Rewards of green treat/peer interaction for individual pupils • Resources to support pupils with speech and language difficulties e.g. word banks, visual prompts, writing frames • Opportunity to communicate in various ways e.g. communication books, Makaton, PECS • Small group or one-to-one support for developing pupil's speech, language and communication following programmes of work provided by outside specialists such as speech and language therapists • Resources to reduce anxiety and promote emotional wellbeing e.g. fiddle toy, stress ball • Use of individualised reward systems to promote learning and enhance self-esteem • Relevant staff qualifications • Advice / training from outside agencies
<p>Social, Emotional and Mental Health Difficulties</p> <p>This may include;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Social difficulties • Mental health conditions • Emotional difficulties 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clear sanctions and rewards are followed to offer pupils structure and routines (See Behaviour Policy) • Risk assessments are carried out to ensure the safety and inclusion of all pupils in all activities • Referrals to specialists outside of the school where appropriate (Educational Psychology Service, CYPS) • Small group or one-to-one targeted programmes are delivered to pupils to improve social skills and emotional resilience • Nurture groups during unstructured parts of the day • Counselling service • Effective pastoral care for all pupils • The school provides effective social and emotional scaffolding for all pupils in a nurturing environment. • Key members of staff who offer pastoral care and mentor systems where appropriate.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Residential trips which help to develop social, emotional and behavioural resilience and promote independence • Forest school • Support and additional preparation for examinations • Staff trained in positive handling • Relevant staff qualifications • Advice / training from outside agencies
<p>Cognition and Learning Needs</p> <p>This may include;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Learning Difficulties (Moderate – MLD) • Specific Learning Difficulties (Dyslexia, Dyscalculia, Dyspraxia) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strategies to promote and develop literacy and mathematical skills with increasing independence • Additional small group support in class from the class teacher and teaching assistant • Small group or one-to-one intervention programmes are delivered to improve skills in reading, writing and maths e.g. Lexia • Small group daily phonics teaching for lower Key Stage 2 pupils at their level of phonic acquisition • Use of ICT where possible to reduce barriers to learning e.g. Lexia Reading • Use of support materials and resources e.g. Numicon • Provision of table top resources to promote independence and ensure that learning is multi-sensory and practical • Strategies and resources to support dyslexic pupils e.g. coloured overlays for reading, word banks to support spelling of key words • Alternative approaches to recording promoted. • Opportunities for repetition of key learning. • Additional processing/thinking time for responding to questions, completing tasks, sharing ideas • Multi-agency involvement with the family as required • Advice and support from outside agencies. • Support for homework through in- school clubs and /or breakfast / after school clubs. • Differentiated and, where applicable, individually personalised homework. • Relevant staff qualifications • Advice / training from outside agencies • Pre-teach used to support pupils acquire new skills.
<p>Sensory and/or Physical Needs</p> <p>This may include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hearing impairment (HI) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Staff work with specialists such as ‘The Hearing Impairment Service’ or a member of the ‘Visually Impaired team’ to seek advice and guidance on meeting the needs of individual pupils • Staff work with specialists from outside the school during relevant training and professional development to support pupils with significant medical needs

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Visual impairment (VI) • Multi-sensory impairment • Physical Disabilities • Medical Needs | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strategies and programmes of work from the Occupational Therapy Service are followed for pupils with physical difficulties to support the development of gross and fine motor skills in the classroom and around school • Physical aids or resources where necessary or where advised by specialists e.g. posture cushion, pencil grips, spring scissors, therapy putty • We provide support with personal and intimate care, if and when needed • We make every effort to be as accessible as possible (See Accessibility Plan) • Our staff understand and apply the medicine administration policy. Designated first aid trained staff are assigned to break, lunchtimes, trips or visits, etc. (See Administering Medicines Policy) • Additional handwriting support through targeted intervention programmes • One-to-one support for gross and fine motor skills in the classroom as and when required • Movement breaks for pupils with motor coordination difficulties as and when required • Alternative ways of recording ideas/writing/investigations • Relevant staff qualifications • Advice / training from outside agencies • Relevant staff qualifications • Advice / training from outside agencies |
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If you are at all concerned about your child's needs, their class teacher will be more than happy to discuss this with you at a mutually convenient time. You can also talk to Miss Consterdine who is the co-ordinator for special educational needs in school (SENCO). Our role is to support children and parents to ensure the needs of your child are being met.

Additional Information

Newcastle's Local Offer is all of the information, advice and support that children and young people with Special Educational Needs or Disabilities (SEND) and their families might need to use. It's been brought all together and published in one place, here on the Local Offer website. It's also got places to go and fun things to do. You can find school holiday activities, short breaks, and clubs and groups to join in with. There's advice and guidance on education, health and care and a range of young people's issues.

<https://www.newcastlesupportdirectory.org.uk/kb5/newcastle/fsd/localoffer.page?localofferchannel=0>

