

Kingshill Church School

SEN Local Offer



Parent Information

Helping your child achieve the very best they can at school...

How do you know if a child needs extra help?

All children at Kingshill Church School are monitored closely by their Class Teachers. This is done through on-going monitoring and assessment and regular Pupil Progress Meetings to discuss individual needs and progress. We have developed a graduated response to identifying children with needs. These needs could be in relation to speech and language, cognition and learning, social, emotional and mental health issues or sensory/ physical needs. Initially this assessment is completed by the class teacher to ensure needs are being met within the class. If the Class Teacher feels the child still isn't making the required progress, they will have a discussion with the Special Education Needs Co-ordinator (SENCO) Mrs J Smith. Assessments may be carried out and parents will be consulted. If necessary a referral will be made an external agency with the consent of the Parents. If Parents have any concerns they should not hesitate to contact the school.

How will the school support my child?

The Class Teacher is responsible for your child's education. They will oversee, plan and work with each child with additional needs in the class to ensure that progress in every area is made. Our SENCo oversees all support and progress of any child requiring additional needs across the school. There may be a Learning Support Assistant (LSA) working with your child either individually or as part of a group. If this is above the normal support given in the class these sessions will be explained to the Parents via a letter or meeting when the support starts or during Parents' evenings. Children will be involved in any decisions about arrangements for their education.

How will the curriculum be matched to my child's needs?

All work within class is pitched at an appropriate level so that all children are able to access according to their specific needs. Typically this might mean that in a lesson there would be three different levels of work set for the class, however on occasions this can be individually differentiated. Groupings of children can change regularly according to needs and understanding and specific interventions are put in place for specific needs.

How will I know how my child is doing?

There are parents' evenings in the Autumn and Spring terms and reports are written in the Summer term. Parents will also receive information about their child's progress after each half termly assessment period. In addition to this, children with complex needs or in receipt of an Education, Health and Care Plan (formerly known as a Statement) will have an Annual Review meeting to inform and plan for next steps.

What support will there be for my child's overall wellbeing?

In addition to support received for academic subjects, there is a range of pastoral support available through our Learning Mentor. She runs sessions to help children express their feelings and manage their emotions. There is always the opportunity for any child to talk with a trained adult over any concerns and anxieties given parent permission. Specific support plans will be put into place for children experiencing difficulties with behaviour and those needing medical support or intimate care.

What are the specialist services that the School can access?

When a child has a specific need, we access county services such as Educational Psychology, Learning Support Services and Learning and Behavioural Advisors. We also access advice for physical impairments and medical conditions, including hearing and vision support. We can access speech and language therapists, physiotherapists and occupational therapists via the NHS when needed.

How accessible is the School environment?

All children have the right to access class trips wherever it is safe for them to do so. For those children with additional needs, alternative provision can be made, for example, additional adult support, alternative travel arrangements, or alternative arrangements for the administration of medicines.

How will the School support my child's transitions to a new setting?

Prior to starting in Foundation Stage, children identified as having Special Educational Needs will have a School Entry Planning meeting. This will be attended by you, pre-school staff, school staff and any external professionals involved in supporting your child. It plans out how all concerned can make the transition to school as smooth as possible. For children with medical needs, this will include identifying staff training needs to ensure your child's needs are fully met. All families will be invited to a new parents meeting to gather information. The Foundation Stage teacher and at times the SENCo will also visit pre-schools to meet the children in a familiar setting. All children will be invited to attend transition afternoons to ensure they are familiar with the staff and the setting in advance.

On moving to Secondary School, children in Year 6 with additional needs are discussed with the SENCo at the Secondary School once places have been allocated. Additional visits can be organised by the Secondary School for children with additional needs. If your child has complex needs an Annual Review meeting will happen in the summer term and a representative from the Secondary School will be invited to attend.

What training is provided for support staff who work with children with SEN?

All LSAs who work with individuals or groups of children on interventions will have received training to deliver the sessions. These sessions are overseen by the Class Teacher and SENCo to monitor the progress of the children. Where additional specific training is required to address a child's individual needs, the School may use external training to deliver this. On-going training and updates are delivered by the Headteacher through regular meetings.

How are the School's resources allocated and matched to children's SEN needs?

We ensure that all children who have Special Educational Needs are met to the best of the School's ability with the funds available. We have a team of LSAs who are funded from the SEN budget and deliver programmes to meet groups and individual needs. The budget is allocated on a needs basis. The children who have the most complex needs are given the most support often involving an LSA. Parents of children on an Educational Health Care Plan will be offered the chance to oversee their child's budget with the support of the North Somerset SEN Department and the school

Who do I see if I am worried?

- Speak to your child's teacher.
- If you are still concerned you can make an appointment to meet the SENCo (Julia Smith)
- If you feel matters are still not resolved, you can make an appointment with the Headteacher to discuss your concerns.

Who might work with my child?

A range of outside professionals might be called in to support the School in providing the best opportunities for every child. These include:

- Speech and Language Therapists
- Educational Psychologists
- Learning Support Advisory Teachers
- Social, Emotional and Behavioural Advisory Teachers
- Physical Impairment and Medical Support
- Hearing Impairment Advisory Teachers
- Visual Impairment Advisory Teachers
- Occupational Therapists
- Physiotherapists
- Autism and Communication Advisors

Further Support

You can also access support from our Learning Mentor, Alison Cleeves. She can support and advise you in a wide range of situations and is in school every afternoon.

For more information

Contact the School Office on: 01275 852720