



## **St. Joseph's Primary School**

**"Love one another as I have loved you."**

### **SEND Local Offer**

#### **What does St. Joseph's offer FOR children with SEND?**

##### *Identification of needs*

**1. How does the school/college identify children with special educational needs? How do we involve parents in planning for those needs? If the school/college is specialist, which types of special educational need do you cater for?**

Information is gathered by the class teacher regularly throughout the year. Children working below age related expectations and those not meeting targets are monitored closely by the class teacher and SENCo. Data from formative and summative assessments are also closely monitored by the SLT and pupil progress meetings take place each term to discuss the attainment of each child in each year group.

Where appropriate after consultation with parents, a child with additional special needs will be placed on the school's SEN register. Review meetings for students with EHC plans (statements) take place annually.

##### *Support*

**2. Who in the school will support my child and how will this be monitored and evaluated? How are the decisions made about the type and amount of provision a young person will need?**

***Who will oversee and plan the education programme? Who will be working with my child and how often? Who will explain this to me? How does the school know its arrangements are effective? Who will make the decisions and on what basis? How will I be involved? How does the school judge whether the support has had an impact?***

The first point of contact is the class teacher who has the overall responsibility for the welfare of the children or young people in their class. They are supported in this role by the senior leadership team and health and social care professionals. Class teachers are supported in the classroom by teaching assistants.

Interventions groups and individual support is mapped across the school and appropriate resources are used. The SENCo is responsible for mapping the provision of support with the School Leadership Team.

Decisions are based on quality evidence the school has collected: both data evidence and that from talking to everyone involved in teaching a student;

Decisions will also be based on the advice from any other professionals who have been working with or assessing a student; the amount of provision is decided in line with the needs of the pupil;

Discussions with pupils and parents are carried out to understand and priorities needs.

### Curriculum

#### **3. How will the curriculum be matched to the needs of the young person?**

##### ***What is the approach of the school to differentiation?***

Overall curriculum structure is directed by the government and the National Curriculum;

All pupils have an entitlement to study a full curriculum; Differentiation is the responsibility of all teachers. Informed by the data and information on each pupil, teachers plan for and deliver using different styles of teaching and meeting individual needs through a range of strategies;

Especially within core subjects groups are set within ability bands and this leads to differentiation to the levels students are working at using quality first teaching and ensuring that targets are stretching and attainable. Children benefit from the support of Teaching Assistants if they need specific support to access the curriculum.

### Accessibility

#### **4. How accessible is the school environment? Is the building fully wheelchair accessible? Have there been improvements made to the auditory and visual environment? Are there disabled changing and toilet facilities?**

There is disabled parking at the front of school and all visitors are able to access the main reception via an accessible entrance. There is a disabled toilet in school. ICT is used to help some of our pupils access the curriculum; there are interactive white boards in every class.

Parental Involvement

**5. How will both the school and the parent know how the young person is doing and how will the school support the young person's learning?**

In addition to the normal reporting arrangements what other opportunities will there be to discuss the progress of my child? How will the school explain to me how my child's learning will be planned and how I can help to support this? Do you offer any parent training or learning events? How does the school know how well my child is doing?

Parents are encouraged to support their child's learning at home. Homework is provided by class teachers.

Parents are invited to an annual meeting to review their child's statement/EHCP and contribute their child's target setting.

Formal parent's meetings take place regularly throughout the school year. Parents are welcome to meet with their child class teacher when required at a time that is mutually convenient.

The head teacher is involved in parental consultation meetings during the spring term, meeting every parent individually with the class teacher.

Parents are invited into school regularly to share in a range of activities which include; school masses, class assemblies, performances and fund raising events.

*Overall Well Being*

**6. What support will there be for the young person's well-being?**

***What is the pastoral, medical and social support available in school for my child? How does the school manage the administration of medicines? How will my child be able to contribute his or her views?***

Attendance is monitored daily and an EWO works 2 days a week to support vulnerable families. The school nurse regularly visits school and our school has a full medicines policy.

Head boy, Head girl and Year 6 Prefects listen to the children, discuss ideas and concerns with staff members to ensure every child is happy.

The school office accepts medicines from parents every morning; staff are available each day to carry out what has been agreed with parents. Support staff are available in the playground every morning for parents to liaise with.

## Specialist Services

### **7. What specialist services and expertise are available at or are accessed by the school?**

*School has access to the following services:*

- *Speech therapy*
- *Occupational therapy*
- *Educational psychologist*
- *Learning support*
- *School Nurse*
- *Asthma, diabetic and epileptic nurse*
- *Visually impaired teacher*
- *CAHMS*
- *Social Care & Outreach*
- *Rainbows- bereavement support*
- *Attendance and Welfare service*
- *Banardos -Therapeutic support*
- *The Bungalow Project- support with play therapists, psychologists, mental well being*
- *Play Therapy*

## Staff Training

### **8. What training are the staff supporting children and young people with SEND had or are having?**

All teachers have qualified teacher status and teaching assistants have a minimum of a Level 2 qualification. There is an ongoing programme of professional development to ensure teachers and teaching assistants meet the special educational needs of our pupils and stay up to date with current research into teaching and learning.

Staff have a range of expertise either in a curriculum subject area such as art or in an area of special educational needs e.g. autism. Our school is a member of the Middlesbrough Schools Teaching Alliance and the Trinity Partnership.

Activities outside of school

### **9. How will the young person be included in activities outside of the classroom including school/college trips? *How do you involve parents and carers in planning activities and trips?***

Our school is committed to providing all pupils with equal access to an enriched and extended curriculum. Residential holidays are organised to centres that all pupils have an opportunity to take part. Visits to local theatres, art galleries, historic sites

etc. are used to enhance and enrich the curriculum. Visiting artists and theatre companies allow all students access to cultural experiences. A range of extra-curricular activities cater for a range of interests and abilities and include; craft, football, dance and gymnastics.

School holds a Youth Club once a month for Upper Key Stage 2 pupils. Children have the opportunities to socialise with peers, listen to music or participate in a range of fun activities including badminton, table tennis, pool and electronic interactive games.

### Transition

**10. How will the school prepare and support the young person to join that particular school/college and how will it support the transition to the next stage of education and life?**

***What preparation will there be before my son/daughter joins the school? How will he or she be prepared to move onto the next stage? How will you support any new setting to receive my child?***

Parents are invited to look around the school and to attend a new parents meeting so we can introduce the team of people who will be working with their child and gather vital information.

Children joining our school in the middle of an academic year do so by arrangement with the head teacher. Our website provides lots of useful information.

### SEND Resources

**11. How are the school/college's resources allocated and matched to the young person's special educational needs? *How is the SEND budget allocated?***

Every child receives base funding and a 'top up' based on their level of need. There are four levels of need and resources are allocated according to assessed need.

### Further information

Please click on the link to find out further useful information

Middlesbrough Council

Government SEND reforms

**Middlesbrough – Paul\_mitchell@middlesbrough.gov.uk**

## **St Joseph's offer for children and young people with SEND?**

### **How does the school know if I need extra help?**

Your teacher will know you very well and they will make sure that they will plan lessons that help you to learn.

### **What should I do if I think I need extra help?**

We want you to talk to the teachers and teaching assistants if you need help.

### **How will my school work be organised to meet my individual needs?**

You will usually work in class with the teacher. Sometimes another teacher or teaching assistant may give you support so that you make good progress. If you need any specialist equipment, the school will provide them.

### **How will I be involved in planning for my needs?**

All children are expected to talk about how they think they are doing and children are also asked about what they may need to do and what resources they might need to improve their learning?

### **Who will tell me what I can do to help myself and be more independent? How will I know if I am doing as well as I should be?**

The staff at St Joseph's will help you and they will do this by helping you to become as independent as possible. Teachers will talk to you about what they want you to do and about your next steps in your learning. You will be expected to talk about how you think you can improve. We have lots of rewards and certificates which are presented in our weekly House Assembly. You can work towards gaining a bronze, silver and gold badge which are given for achieving merit points for lots of different reasons.

### **What should I do if I am worried about my school work? How can I get help if I am worried about things other than my school**

## **work?**

If you are worried about anything at school we need you to talk to us. We will listen to you and try and help in any way we can.

Involvement in activities outside of the classroom – How will I know who can help me? Who can I talk to about getting involved in activities if I need extra help?

If I you have a disability or additional need you can join in school activities, we will do our very best to support you and make sure that you can join in the clubs you would like to.

## **What help is there to get ready to start school?**

We will meet with you and your family to talk about how we can make sure we can help you to settle into our school quickly. We might write a plan to make sure other people know how to help you in school. You can come and look around the school and meet your teacher and new friends. Our website has lots of information about the school which you may find useful.

## **How will the school support me in moving on to a new setting?**

When you are getting ready to go to secondary school we will make sure that your new school knows about your needs and how they can best help you. You will have visits to the school and will also get to meet the key people.