

St. Andrew's CE Primary School



Special Educational Needs

‘Learning together, we achieve great things’

Special Educational Needs (SEN)

New Code of Practice

The ‘New Code of Practice’ is statutory from September 2014 and includes changes to the support and services children and young people with special educational needs and disabilities receive. At St. Andrew's we value the ‘New Code of Practice’ because the child and the parents are central to the process.

Quality first teaching, appropriately differentiated for individual pupils is the first step in responding to possible special educational needs. For pupils who need special education provision above and beyond the high quality differentiated teaching, the code sets out the principles of a graduated response. Some children may require specific support from the school or external experts (such as an Educational Psychologist or a Speech & Language Therapist.)

Categories of ‘School Action’ and ‘School Action Plus’ have been replaced with a new system called special educational needs (SEN) support. Statements have been replaced with a single education, health and care (EHC) plan. These EHC plans are for children with complex needs. The EHC plan places the emphasis more on personal goals and will describe the support your child will receive while at school or in training. ‘All About Me’ is a section of the EHC Plan that needs to be completed by the parent of the child (with support from school.) This is only required when an EHC plan is deemed to be appropriate. The document invites parents to describe their child and the difficulties they are experiencing to ensure the appropriate provision is secured to satisfy their individual needs.

Individual Educational Plan (IEPs) has been replaced with a Pupil Profile. The profile sets out strengths, outcomes and targets for the child; it identifies the child's needs and stipulates the support strategies. The profile is reviewed three times a year.

‘The Local Offer’ is provided by the local authority. It is a signposting mechanism to provide parents with information on what is locally available to support the needs of your child.

For more information please refer to Oxfordshire County Council (OCC) guidance <https://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/cms/news/2014/sep/national-sen-and-disabilities-reforms>

Expectations of the SENCO:

- To act as mentor & support for teachers
- To train staff and keep them informed
- To monitor and evaluate the effectiveness of the provision made for children with SEN

Expectations of the Teacher:

- To have a clear understanding of your child's individual learning needs
- To provide high quality 1st teaching
- To write and review the Pupil Profile
- To lead the Profile meeting (with support from the SENCo)

Expectations of the parent:

- To complete 'All About Me' section of the EHC plan where appropriate
- To attend and contribute to the Profile meetings three times a year
- To work in partnership with the school

Expectations of the child:

- To take full advantage of the support & strategies provided
- To begin to take responsibility for their own learning
- To try their best all the time, so that they achieve their potential
- To take their place in society with confidence

SENCo (Special Educational Needs Co-ordinator)

The SENCo at St. Andrew's is Mrs Wade. She can be contacted via the office.

Policies

At St. Andrew's CE we follow Oxfordshire County Council guidance, which can be found at <https://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/cms/news/2014/sep/national-sen-and-disabilities-reforms>