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Named personnel with designated responsibility for SEND

Academic year	SENCO	Designated Senior Person	Nominated Governor	Chair of Governor
2023-24	Rebecca Edmonds	Ian Doswell	Elyse Wilson-Frier	Caroline Chambers/ Elyse Wilson-Frier
2024-25	Rebecca Edmonds	Claire Greene/Corinne Clarke	Elyse Wilson- Frier	Caroline Chambers
2025-26	Rebecca Edmonds	Sarah Trudgeon/Lisa Harvey		Sarah Lewis
2026-27	Rebecca Edmonds	Sarah Trudgeon/Lisa Harvey		Sarah Lewis/ James Cridland

Report review dates

Review Date	Changes Made	By whom
September 2023	Yes	Rebecca Edmonds
July 2024	Yes	Rebecca Edmonds
November 2024	Yes	Rebecca Edmonds
July 2025	Yes	Rebecca Edmonds
March 2026	Yes	Rebecca Edmonds
September 2026	Yes	Rebecca Edmonds

Dates of training for the academic year 2025-26

Dates	Course Title	Staff
Term 3	Trauma informed practice	All staff
10.9.26	Excellence in teaching	All teachers
1.10.25	SEND 5 a day	All teachers
8.10.25	Curriculum by design- with a SEND focus	All teachers
12.1.26	Bringing teaching alive	All teachers
19.1.26	PACE approach	All teachers
2.2.26	IEP writing workshop	All teachers
2.3.36	Neurodiversity training-PINS- impact of sensory processing difficulties	All staff invited

9.3.26	EBSA	All teachers
25.3.36	Social communication and peer relationships	All teachers



St John the Evangelist Church School

Special Educational Needs and Disability (SEND)

Information report 2026-27



1. What are Special Education Needs and Disability (SEND)?

The SEND code of practice tells us that the identification of need should be early, be used to inform provision and should include external professionals where needed.

[SEND code of practice: 0 to 25 years - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/send-code-of-practice-0-to-25-years)

Special Educational Needs (SEN) is term used to refer to children who have a disability or disability that makes learning and accessing the curriculum harder for them than other children of the same age and subsequently they may provision that is different to or additional to those in receipt of universal provision

When identifying SEND, we work within our Trust framework and identification of need, and our Local Authority guidance

Special Educational Needs could mean that a child has difficulties within one or more of the four areas of need, described in the Code of Practice, these are:

Communication and Interaction

Cognition and Learning

Social, emotional and mental health

Sensory or physical

- They may have a diagnosis, have a working diagnosis or no diagnosis at all

Our current Special Educational Needs and Disability (SEND) profile for the academic year 2026-27 shows that children attending St John's from Reception to Year 6 have been identified as requiring Special Educational Needs (SEN) support in the following areas:

Autism 18% of our SEND cohort

Speech, language and communication needs 25% of our SEND cohort

Gross/fine motor skills 7% of our SEND cohort

Social, emotional and mental health needs 21% of our SEND cohort

Specific learning difficulties 19% of our SEND cohort

Hearing and/or medical needs 7% of our SEND cohort

Comparison to UK statistics

TOTAL SEND 12% **National 18.2%**

TOTAL SEND WITHOUT EHCP 9% **National 14.8%**

TOTAL SEND WITH EHCPs 3% **National 3.5%**

2. What are our aims for SEND at St John's Church School?

At St John's Church School our aim is to ensure that all children have access to an enriching curriculum that is broad, balanced, differentiated, relevant and appropriate to the developmental needs of the learner. The curriculum is delivered in an atmosphere of encouragement, acceptance and respect for the individual,

underpinned by the school's Christian values. We endeavour to ensure that all pupils are happy and secure in an environment that preserves and enhances self-esteem and personal development. Our approach to inclusion champions all additional needs which are described in the Special Education Needs Code of Practice;

-  Communication and Interaction which can include those with a diagnosis of Autism
-  Cognition and Learning
-  Social, Mental and Emotional Health
-  Sensory/Physical
-  Medical needs will be supported through a medical plan, overseen by the Head Teacher.

We foster effective partnerships with parents and carers that will enhance and support children's progress. We also value the views and wishes of the children, in a manner that is age appropriate and takes their views into account when we are planning provision.

3. How can I let school know that I am concerned about my child's learning, special educational needs or disability?

- If you have concerns about your child you should speak to your child's class teacher initially. It is likely that the class teacher will have discussed your concerns with the teacher in charge of SEND (the SENCO) - Mrs Rebecca Edmonds, or the Head teacher - Mrs S. Trudgeon
- If you are not happy that your concerns are being managed and that your child is still not making progress in school you should speak to Mrs Edmonds and arrange a meeting with them. You can do this by calling the school on 01275 873417 or email office@stje.bwmat.org.
- You may wish to speak to the Link SEND Governor-

4. How will the school let me know if they have any concerns about my child's learning, special educational needs or disability?

- Your child's class teacher may initially speak to you at the beginning or end of a normal school day and arrange a further time to discuss the concerns.
- The class teacher may also talk to you about any issues at a parent/teacher consultation meeting.
- The SENCO may contact you and arrange a meeting to discuss your child's difficulties with learning and possible support strategies the school might be considering.
- During these meetings school will listen to any concerns you may have too and plan any additional support your child may receive. We will also discuss with you any referrals to outside professionals to support your child's learning.

5. How is extra support allocated to children?

- St John's Church School receives funding from the Educational Funding Agency and/or the local authority. These funds include money to support the learning of children with SEN or disabilities.
- The Head teacher, in consultation with the school governors and the Bath and Wells Multi Academy Trust (BWMA), decide the budget for SEN provision on the basis of the needs of the children in the school.
- The Head teacher and the SENCO discuss the effectiveness of the school's current interventions and provisions and prioritise an action plan, which may include additional or alternative interventions, staff training and equipment needs. They will discuss the children getting extra support already, the children needing extra support and the children who have been identified as not making as much progress as would be expected.
- All resources/training and support are reviewed regularly to ensure the best possible support is provided to those children who require additional support to learn.

6. Who are the other people providing services to children with SEND in this school?

Directly funded by the school

- Learning mentors who work across the school
- Highly trained intervention Learning Support Assistants
- One to one Teaching Assistants for pupils who have an Education Healthcare plan (EHC)
- A 'Mindfulness' therapist who attends the school one day per week.
- Forest school sessions led by a qualified forest school leader
- ELSA trained member of staff delivering sessions across the school

Outside Professionals that the school can access by 'buying in' to their provision

- Educational Psychology Service (EPS)
- Speech and Language Therapy (SALT)
- Dyslexia Specialist Assessor/teacher
- Local charities which offer bespoke mentoring and/or tutoring

7. What are the kinds of Special Educational Needs for which St John's Church School makes provision?

- We strive to make our best endeavours to support children with their special educational or additional needs
- There are other kinds of special educational needs which do not occur as frequently and with which the school is less familiar, but we can access training and advice so that these kinds of needs can be met.
- The school also currently meets the needs of students with an Educational Healthcare Plan (EHC Plan) with the following kinds of special educational need:
 - ✚ Language and communication needs
 - ✚ Cognition and learning needs
 - ✚ Social, emotional and mental health needs
 - ✚ Physical and sensory needs

8. What additional support for learning is available for pupils with special educational needs?

- At St John the Evangelist Church School we have a three tiered approach to supporting children's learning:
 - ✚ Universal Support
At Universal level, we use our notional SEN funding – money we receive as part of our budget – to provide quality first teaching, which may include some very minor adaptations to match learning needs.
 - ✚ Targeted Support
We provide targeted support when we consider it appropriate to make additional short term special educational provision to remove or *reduce* any obstacle to your child's learning, or to help them catch up when they have fallen behind their peers. This takes the form of a graduated four part approach of –
 - *Assessing* your child's needs
 - *Planning* the most effective and appropriate short term intervention
 - *Providing* this intervention
 - *Reviewing* the impact on your child's progress towards individual learning outcomes

Such specific targeted one to one or small group interventions may be run outside of the classroom. These will be limited to a number of weeks to minimise disruption to the regular curriculum. You will be kept informed of your child's progress towards learning outcomes.



Specialist Support

We seek specialist support when necessary to seek specialist advice and/or regular long term support from a specialist professional outside the school in order to plan for the best possible learning outcomes.

As part of the Bath and Wells Multi Academy Trust, we are guided by their identification of needs policy and their SEND policy, both of which can be found on our website.

<https://stjohnnevangelistbwmat.org/wp-content/uploads/sites/11/2022/11/Identification-children-with-SEND-FINAL.pdf>
[SEND policy Poster summary1.pdf \(stjohnnevangelistbwmat.org\)](https://stjohnnevangelistbwmat.org/wp-content/uploads/sites/11/2022/11/SEND_policy_Poster_summary1.pdf)

We currently work within the framework of North Somerset Local Authority
[Special Educational Needs & Disabilities \(SEND\) Partnership Board | North Somerset Online Directory \(n-somerset.gov.uk\)](https://www.n-somerset.gov.uk/special-educational-needs-disabilities-send-partnership-board/)

Provision delivered at St John the Evangelist Church School for the academic year 2025-26 can be found on the School website

9. What is an EHC Plan, and who can request on for my child?

- An EHC Plan is a legal document that sets out the specifically assessed learning needs of a student with complex learning needs, along with outcomes to secure provision across education, health and social care through targeted and specialist teaching strategies and interventions.
- The plan contains:
 - The views and aspirations of you and your child
 - A full description of her/his special educational needs, along with any health and social care needs
 - Outcomes for your child's progress
 - Provision and support required to achieve outcomes, and how education, health and social care will work together to meet your child's needs
- An EHC Plan can be requested by any number of people, including:
 - You as a parent or carer
 - Your child – (where appropriate and aged 16 or over)
 - The SENCO
 - The Head Teacher
 - Health or social care professionals

The plan is held by the Local Authority and School's must do their best endeavours to support the needs of the child and fulfil on their provision

All EHC needs assessments can be requested via the North Somerset Online Portal, it is then managed online by a case coordinator at the Local Authority

Requests can be made at [Education, Health and Care Hub \(n-somerset.gov.uk\)](https://www.n-somerset.gov.uk/education-health-and-care-hub/)

All EHCPs are reviewed annually, and the Local Authority are invited for those children who are in a transition, those whose placement are at risk of breakdown and also if you wish a change of placement.

Currently, North Somerset Local Authority are in a consultation phase to review the way top up funding and EHCPs are delivered and maintained.

Key contacts for North Somerset can be found here:

[SEND-Key-Contacts-Poster-North-Somerset-Sept-2022.pdf \(stjohnnevangelistbwmat.org\)](https://stjohnnevangelistbwmat.org/SEND-Key-Contacts-Poster-North-Somerset-Sept-2022.pdf)

10. How does St John the Evangelist Church School ensure the teaching staff are appropriately trained to support my child's special educational needs and/or disability?

- At St John's we believe your child's learning needs will be first met through the high quality teaching delivered by her/his class teacher. The SENCO's job is to support the class teacher in planning for the children with SEND.
- We regularly review our school training schedule and professional development for all teaching and support staff to ensure there is the appropriate expertise to support children with special educational needs.
- The school is able to access training programmes from different organisations including the BWMAT and North Somerset Local Authority, as well as accessing private providers where appropriate.
- Individual training can also be accessed where necessary.

11. How will the curriculum and learning environment be adapted for my child with SEND?

- At St John the Evangelist Church School we believe that your child's learning needs will first be met by the high quality teaching delivered by her/his class teacher.
- We carefully plan our curriculum to match the age, ability and needs of all children.
- Class teachers adapt lesson planning and teaching on a daily basis if needed, to match to your child's special educational needs and/or disability.
- Specially trained support staff can adapt or modify the teacher's planning to support the needs of your child where necessary.
- It may be appropriate to adopt different strategies or resources and adapt outcomes to meet your child's learning needs.
- Additional specialist advice is sought when appropriate and, when necessary, accessibility aids and technology may be used to support your child's learning. For example, we provide laptops for pupils who are unable to write due to physical disabilities or those with illegible handwriting.
- Specialist advice is sought for children who make little or no progress in spite of differentiated and targeted work. For children with an Educational Health and Care Plan (EHC Plan) we follow the advice and strategies described in these documents.
- We regularly review our Accessibility Plan to ensure that all children have the fullest access to the curriculum and the school site as possible. The Accessibility Plan can be found on the school's website: <http://stjohnnevangelistbwmat.org/key-information/policies/local-policies>

12. How will we measure the progress of your child in school?

- Your child's progress is continually monitored by her/his class teacher.
- Her/his progress is reviewed formally every term and a score is given in reading, writing and mathematics.
- If your child is in Year 1 or above, but not yet working at ARE (Age Related Expectations), a more sensitive assessment tool is used which shows their progress and achievement in more detail and will also show smaller but significant steps of progress.
- At the end of each key stage (i.e. at the end of Year 2 and Year 6) all children are required to be formally assessed using SATs (Standard Assessment Tests). This is something the government requires all schools to do and Year 6 results are published nationally.
- Children at School Support with have an IEP (Individual Education Plan) which will be reviewed at an annual review with all adults involved with the child's education.
- The SENCO will also check that your child is making good progress with any individual work and in any group they take part in.

13. What support do we have for you as a parent/carer of a child with SEND?

- The class teacher is regularly available to discuss your child's progress or any concerns you may have and to share information about what is working well at home and school so similar strategies can be used.
- The SENCO is available to meet with you to discuss your child's progress or any concerns/worries you may have.
- All information from outside professionals will be discussed with you, with the person involved directly, or where this is not possible, in a report.
- IEPs (Individual Education Plans) will be reviewed with your involvement three times a year, in addition to parent's evening meetings with your class teacher
- Homework will be adjusted as needed to your child's individual needs.
- The SENCO may also support you with strategies, resources and ideas for supporting your child's learning at home.
- A home/school contact book may be used to support communication with you, when this has been agreed to be useful to you and your child.
- Parents are informed and actively encouraged to support shared goals at home.
- We sometimes run parent/carer events (such as coffee mornings and workshops) in school to help you understand the strategies used in school. In addition, we may be able to offer you individual training in specific support strategies relevant to your child.
- Access to parent groups is also sought from professionals involved with your child, e.g. Speech and Language Services.
- We host regular tea and tips meetings for parents of children with SEND or those who need some additional pastoral support. These meetings are hosted by the SENDCo or the pupil premium champion, and occasionally may have an additional speaker such as a community nurse or sleep expert.

14. What support is there for my child's overall well-being?

- At St John the Evangelist Church School we believe that the happiness and well-being of all of our pupils is paramount. All members of staff take this aspect of school life very seriously.
- We underpin everything we do with our Christian vision and values and through the special Christian ethos that exists in our school.
- We understand how important emotional well-being is for learning. An important part of the school is to enable all students to develop emotional resilience and social skills, both through direct teaching and indirectly with every conversation that adults have with children.
- We cover aspects of emotional well-being through our acts of daily worship, class PSHE work and in other areas of the curriculum where relevant.
- Three members of staff are identified as learning mentors and have been trained in aspects of social and emotional health and well-being.
- We employ a Mindfulness therapist who attends school weekly and works with children identified as needing specialist support to assist with their social and emotional well-being.
- We are an inclusive school. We welcome and celebrate diversity and difference. The staff believe that children having high self-esteem is crucial to a child's wellbeing. We have an extremely caring and understanding team who look after and nurture our children.
- For some pupils with the most need for help in this area, we are also able to provide the following:
 - Time out space for identified pupils to use when upset or agitated.
 - Mentor time with the Learning Mentors.
 - Access to therapy – through Mindfulness and other professionals where possible.
- If you have any concerns over your child's happiness and well-being your first point of contact would be your child's class teacher. They have overall responsibility for the pastoral, medical and social welfare of every child in their class during their time in school.

- If further support is required, the class teacher will liaise with the SENCO for further advice and support. This may involve working alongside outside agencies such as Health and Social Care, and/or specialist educational services.

15. How does the school manage the administration of medicines?

- The school's policy regarding the administration and management of medication can be found on the school website, as part of our Health and Safety Policy.
<http://stjohnnevangelistbwmat.org/key-information/policies/local-policies/>
- Parents need to contact the school office if medication needs to be taken during the school day. This needs to be on the advice of a medical professional and should be accompanied by a letter or formal request from the child's doctor.
- On a day to day basis the office staff generally oversee the administration of any medicines.
- As a staff we have regular training and updates on conditions and medication affecting individual children, so that all staff are able to manage medical situations.

16. How is St John the Evangelist Church School accessible to children with SEND?

- We are an inclusive school and committed to providing equal opportunities for all children.
- The building is accessible to children with disabilities. The school occupies the ground floor level and all classrooms have doors facing onto the outside of the building, as well as internal doors. All children will have an assessment upon entry to the school.
- The acoustics in the teaching areas have been approved to meet BB93 standards.
- The lighting in the teaching areas have been approved to meet BB90 standards.
- We ensure teaching resources and equipment used are accessible to all children regardless of their needs.
- Where external advisors recommend the use of equipment or facilities which the school does not have, we will seek to fund it through the local authority or purchase it using the notional SEN funding.
- When necessary the school will make reasonable adjustments to ensure that children with SEN and/or disabilities are included in all activities.
- After school and extra provision, as well as educational and residential trips, are accessible to all children including those with SEND. We will provide the necessary support to ensure that this is successful and will liaise with parents/carers as necessary.
- A risk assessment is carried out prior to any off-site activity to ensure everyone's health and safety will not be compromised. In the unlikely event that it is considered unsafe for a child to take part in an activity, alternative activities, which cover the same curriculum areas, will be provided by the school.

17. How will we support your child when they are leaving this school, or moving on to another class?

We recognise that transitions can be difficult for a child with SEND and, therefore, take steps to ensure that any transition is as smooth as possible. In all situations, we work closely with parents/carers and the other setting before the child transfers to us/from us in order to make the transfer as seamless as possible so that all staff are aware of individual pupil needs, learning progress and best support strategies.

- If your child is moving to another school:
 - We will contact the school SENCO and ensure he/she knows about any special arrangements or support that needs to be made for your child.
 - We will make sure that all records about your child are passed on as soon as possible.
- When moving classes in school:
 - Information will be passed on to the new class teacher in advance and in most cases, a planning meeting will take place with the new teacher. All support plans will be shared with the new teacher and discussed with the SENCO

- Children who find change challenging will meet their new teachers in advance, where possible, and will explore their new learning environment in the month of July.
- If your child would be helped by other resources to support them in understanding moving on then these will be provided for them, wherever possible.
- If appropriate you may be informed earlier than other parents about the new class so the child can have additional visits to spend time with the teacher and the class.
- In Year 6:
 - Staff from the secondary schools attend St John's to meet the children and discuss the individual needs of the children with our staff.
 - Children's plans, such as IEPs (Individual Education Plans) and PSPs (Personal Support Plans) are shared between schools.
 - Where a child is in receipt of an EHC Plan (Education Health Care Plan) a special meeting may be held between both schools with the SEND officer from the Local Authority
 - Our children attend a transition day at secondary school where they begin to get to know the staff and the school environment.
 - For children with specific needs, extra transitions days will be provided if this is felt necessary and useful for the child.
 - St John's runs a "Moving On, Moving Up" programme, which is a series of lessons which are designed to support the children's transition to secondary school.
 - Some children are invited to Summer workshops run by local charities

18. How will my child be able to contribute their views?

- At St John the Evangelist Church School we value and celebrate each child being able to express their views on all aspects of school life. This is usually carried out through the School council, which has an open forum for any viewpoints or issues to be raised.
- Children who have IEPs (Individual Education Plans) complete their aspirations with the teacher where pupils can share their views before the targets are reviewed and new targets are decided.
- There is an annual pupil questionnaire where we actively seek the viewpoints of children especially concerning being able to speak to an adult if they have a worry.
- If your child has an EHC Plan their views will be sought before any review meetings and they will be invited to attend if this does not distress the child.

19. What support is there for behaviour, avoiding exclusion and increasing attendance?

- As a school we have a very positive approach to all types of behaviour, with a clear reward system that is followed by all staff and pupils.
- If a child has behavioural difficulties, a PSP (Pastoral Support Plan) is written in consultation with the child. The parents and the class teacher to identify the specific issues, put relevant support in place and set targets. As a result of the support we give, our rate of exclusions is currently.
- After any behaviour incident we expect the child to reflect on their behaviour with an adult, by completing a reflection form. This helps to identify why the incident happened and what the child needs to do differently next time to change and improve their behaviour.
- Attendance of every child is monitored on a daily basis by the office team. Lateness and absence are recorded and reported upon to the Head Teacher. Support is given through an incentive scheme where good attendance is actively encouraged throughout the school. Regular communication is put in place for all families who struggle to get their children to school on time or where attendance is particularly low. Attendance surgeries are held with families who are causing concern. If attendance is persistently low then the Education Welfare Officer will become involved.
- Our current target for attendance is **97%+**

20. How are the school's resources allocated and matched to children's SEND needs?

- We ensure that all children who have special educational needs have their needs met to the best of the school's ability with the funds available.
- We have a team of LSAs (Learning Support Assistants) who deliver programmes designed to meet groups of children's needs.
- The budget is allocated on a needs basis. The children who have the highest level and complex needs are given the most support, often involving a one-to-one LSA who delivers the provision

21. What specialist services and expertise are available at/or accessed by the school?

As a school we work closely with any external agencies that we feel are relevant to individual children's needs within our school, including:

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| ❖ Educational Psychologists | ❖ Hearing and Visual Impairment Team | ❖ Autism Team |
| ❖ Behaviour Support Team | ❖ Social Care | ❖ Health: Clinical Psychologists |
| ❖ Health: GPs | ❖ Health: School Nursing Team | ❖ Health: Physiotherapists |
| ❖ Health: Paediatricians | ❖ Health: Speech and Language | ❖ Health: (CAMHS) Children's Mental Health Service |
| ❖ Health: Occupational Therapists | | |

22. What provision will my child have access to?

At St John the Evangelist Church School we offer a range of interventions. The class teacher and SENCO work together to decide what provision is most appropriate for your child. This might include:

- Talk Boost
- ELSA
- One to one phonics booster/small group phonics booster
- Catch Up Numeracy
- Catch Up Literacy
- Mindfulness
- Lego based therapy
- Precision teaching
- Learning mentor time
- Anxiety based workshops
- Family jigsaw
- Forest school
- Spld (dyslexia) spelling interventions

23. Who can I contact if I have a complaint about SEN provision made for my child?

- Initially speak with your child's class teacher and/or the SENCO. Hopefully, they will be able to address your concerns.
- You can then contact the Head teacher, who may direct you to the school's Complaints Policy and Procedure.

24. Who can I contact outside of the school for impartial advice about special educational needs?

SEN Officer

Address: Town Hall, Walliscote Road, Weston super Mare. Tel: 01275 884428

Speech and Language Therapy

Address: Drove House, Drove Road. Weston super Mare. Tel: 01934 881306

Community Paediatrician

Address: Drove House, Drove Road. Weston super Mare. Tel: 01934 881340

Physiotherapy Department

Address: Drove House, Drove Road. Weston super Mare. Tel: 01934 624799

Occupational Therapy

Address: The Barn, Great western Road. Clevedon. Tel: 01934 426622

25. Where can I find information about the local offer of the Local Authority, North Somerset?

- The Local Authority's local offer is published here:
<https://www.n-somerset.gov.uk/my-services/children-young-people-families/local-offer-and-early-help/local-offer/>
- Parents without internet access should make an appointment with the SENCO for support to gain the information they require.

Parent Guide to St John the Evangelist Church School Interventions

