

If you would like to discuss any specific issues about your child and you would like to speak to Miss Cooper, please speak to staff in the main school office or email Miss Cooper directly at senco@stgeorgesb19.bdmat.org.uk

For general information regarding Special Educational Needs and Disabilities at our school please visit www.stnewtown.bham.sch.uk/statutory-information/sen-local-offer

For information about the Local Authority SEND offer please visit www.localofferbirmingham.co.uk



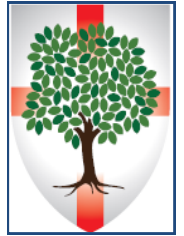
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Special Educational Needs

A guide for parents and carers



Special Educational Needs at St George's

Sometimes children do not make the progress that would be expected for their age, and school monitors this very closely. If we feel that this applies to your child, or if we have any other concerns about their learning, we will speak to you about it and invite you to meet with Miss Cooper who is our Special Needs and Disabilities Coordinator (SENCo) to discuss matters. Often a short intervention, a change in teaching methods or even working in a smaller group can solve the problem. However, if it does not, we will add your child to our SEN register. You will always be informed if this is the case.

What does this mean?

If a child is placed on the SEND register they will receive Additional Support based on their individual needs. These will be interventions that can be in class or out, whole class, in a small group or even 1 to 1. How much time and support they receive will depend on their needs. We may also take specialist advice to help us to support your child. You will always be asked for permission before professional input is sought.

What is an intervention?

Interventions are extra small groups or lessons that your child will receive to support their area of need. These can include 1 to 1 work with a member of staff, pre-tutoring of topic words, small group phonics work and many more.



What is 'Additional SEND Support'?

Additional SEND Support is the extra support that your child will need to help them make the best progress they can. The level of support will depend on their needs and the difficulties they are having. Most needs can be met in class.

I have heard of EHCPs, what are they?

If your child has complex or severe difficulties they may need an Education Health Care Plan (EHCP). This sets out the support needed and strategies that should be used to help children to achieve. If we think your child may need an EHCP you will always be consulted about it.



What do I need to do?

You do not need to do anything apart from supporting us so we can help your child achieve the best they can. However, if you are worried about your child's progress in school then you should discuss your concerns with their teacher in the first instance.

Sometimes it is necessary to involve outside agencies, or to take the SEND process further but in order for us to do that we will need your support and agreement.

To further support your child it is important to get involved in their learning. This could be by helping with homework, reading or talking about school and the day's lessons.

Finally, if there is any reason why children's learning might be affected, for example an illness, bereavement or difficult family circumstances please let us know.