



# **St George's Hanover Square Primary School**

## **Special Educational Needs and Disabilities SEND Information Report for Parents**

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### **Frequently asked questions**

#### **1. What kind of Special Educational Needs does St George's Hanover Square make provision for?**

At St George's we make provision for all 4 categories of Special Educational Needs:

##### **Communication and interaction**

Children and young people with speech, language and communication needs (SLCN) have difficulty in communicating with others. This may be because they have difficulty saying what they want to, understanding what is being said to them or they do not understand or use social rules of communication. The profile for every child with SLCN is different and their needs may change over time. They may have difficulty with one, some or all of the different aspects of speech, language or social communication at different times of their lives.

Children and young people with ASD, including Asperger's Syndrome and Autism, experience difficulties with language, communication and imagination, which can impact on how they relate to others.

##### **Cognition and learning**

Support for learning difficulties may be required when children and young people learn at a slower pace than their peers, even with appropriate differentiation. Learning difficulties cover a wide range of needs, including moderate learning difficulties (MLD), severe learning difficulties (SLD), where children are likely to need support in all areas of the curriculum and associated difficulties with mobility and communication, through to profound and multiple learning difficulties (PMLD)

##### **Social, emotional and mental health difficulties**

Children and young people may experience a wide range of social and emotional difficulties which manifest themselves in many ways. These may include becoming withdrawn or isolated, as well as displaying challenging, disruptive or disturbing behaviours. These behaviours may reflect underlying mental health difficulties such as anxiety or depression, self-harming, substance misuse, eating disorders or physical symptoms that are medically unexplained. Other children and young people may have disorders such as attention deficit disorder, attention deficit hyperactive disorder or attachment disorder.

##### **Sensory and/or physical needs**

Some children and young people require special educational provision because they have a disability which prevents or hinders them from making use of the educational facilities generally provided. These difficulties can be age related and may fluctuate over time.

*For further information regarding SEN provision at St George's please refer to our*

## **2. How does St George's identify and assess pupils with SEN?**

At St George's all teachers are responsible for identifying pupils with SEN/D and, in collaboration with the Special Educational Needs Coordinator (SENDco), Stephen Botterill, will ensure that those pupils requiring different or additional support are identified at an early stage.

Assessment is the process by which pupils with SEND can be identified. **Whether or not a pupil is making progress is seen as a significant factor in considering the need for SEND provision.**

*For further information regarding SEN identification and assessment at St George's please refer to our SEND policy*

### **3. What provision does St George's make for pupils with identified SEND whether or not they have Education & Health Care plans (EHC Plans)?**

At St George's we offer a range of interventions to support children with SEND

#### **Interventions**

The SENDco in collaboration with the class teacher will decide the action required to help the pupil progress. Based on the results of previous assessments, the actions might be:

- Deployment of extra staff to work with the pupil
- Provision of alternative learning materials/ special equipment
- Group support
- Provision of additional adult time in devising interventions and monitoring their effectiveness
- Staff development/training to undertake more effective strategies
- Access to LA support services for advice on strategies, equipment, or staff training

*For further information regarding SEN provision at St George's please refer to our SEND policy*

### **4. Who is our SEN Coordinator?**

Our SENDco is **Miss Nicole Wittenberg**. You can contact her on the following email: [nwittenberg@sghsprimary.co.uk](mailto:nwittenberg@sghsprimary.co.uk)

### **5. How do we ensure our staff are trained in relation to SEND and how do we secure specialist expertise?**

At St George's we ensure our staff are trained in relation to SEND by regular:

Training in school by school staff (PDMs)

Training in school by external professionals – Diabetic nurse / Educational Psychologist / Speech and Language Therapist etc

Training at / from the local authority – SENDco Forum, Westminster Special Schools

Training and Outreach Service, other specialist courses etc

Training and team work with external agencies and professionals such as:

- Educational psychologists
- Medical officers
- Speech therapists
- Physiotherapists
- CAMHs
- Occupational Therapists
- Hearing impairment services
- Visual impairment services
- Education Welfare Officer
- Social Services

## **6. How will we secure funding for specialist equipment and facilities to support children with SEND?**

The school budget has an allocation for SEND. The Governing Body ensures that resources are allocated to support appropriate provision for all pupils requiring it, and in meeting the objectives set out in the school SEND policy.

## **7. How do we consult with parents of children with SEN about the education of their child?**

At St George's we meet with parents of all children 3 times a year to discuss their attainment and progress. These are called Parents' Meetings.

For parents of children with SEND we have an additional meeting each term to discuss the child's progress towards outcomes identified in their SEN Support Plan.

**We therefore plan to meet with parents of children with SEND 3 times a year.** However in addition to this, parents are encouraged to make appointments to meet with school staff whenever they wish to discuss queries or questions regarding their child, and the school will contact parents for additional meetings whenever necessary.

*For further information regarding consultation with parents of children with SEND at St George's please refer to our SEND policy*

## **8. How do we consult with children with SEND about their education?**

At St George's we involve children with SEND in consultations about their education whenever this is appropriate, taking into account their age and level of understanding.

*For further information regarding consultation with children with SEND about their education at St George's please refer to our SEND policy*

## **9. What are the Governing Body's arrangements for dealing with complaints from parents of pupils with SEND concerning provision at St George's?**

Please refer to our Complaints Policy, Guidance for Parents and Carers, which can be found on our website.

## **10. How does the Governing body involve other bodies, in meeting the needs of pupils with SEND and supporting their families?**

### **Partnerships with external agencies**

The school recognises the important contribution that external support services make in assisting to identify, assess, and provide for pupils with SEND.

When it is considered necessary, colleagues from the following support services will be involved:

- Educational psychologists
- Specialist Advisory Teachers
- Medical officers
- Speech therapists
- Physiotherapists
- CAMHs
- Occupational Therapists
- Hearing impairment services
- Visual impairment services

In addition, important links are in place with the following organisations:

- The Local Authority
- Specialist Services
- Education Welfare Officer
- Social Services

*For further information regarding involvement of 'other bodies' in meeting the needs of pupils with SEN and supporting their families at St George's please refer to our SEND policy*

### **11. Contact details of support services for parents of pupils with SEND including those for arrangements made in accordance with clause 32 (information regarding mediation between parents and the local authority)**

*For further information regarding contact details of support services for parents of pupils with SEN/D including those for arrangements made in accordance with clause 32 please see Westminster's Local SEN Offer - (link below)*

<https://www.westminster.gov.uk/local-offer>

### **12. How do we support children with SEND in transferring between phases in education?**

Transition is a part of life for all learners whether it is moving to a new class or a new school and we recognise that it is an important time for all children, especially those with SEND.

At St George's we plan transitions carefully to ensure they run as smoothly as possible.

Planning for transitions within the school takes place in the Summer term and arrangements for pupils with SEND will be planned according to individual need.

*For further information regarding arrangements for supporting children with SEND in transferring between phases in education please make an appointment to come and meet with our school SENDco*

### **13. The Local Authority's local offer is published at**

<https://www.westminster.gov.uk/local-offer>