

## What types of special educational need are there?

- **Communication and interaction:** Children with these difficulties may have problems talking to or understanding other peoples' words or feelings.
- **Understanding and learning:** Children with difficulties in this area may learn at a slower pace than others their age or find it difficult to remember and organise things. They may find one particular part of their learning particularly difficult such as reading or maths.
- **Social, emotional and mental health:** Children with difficulties in this area may have trouble getting on with others. They may avoid others, find it difficult to behave or sometimes hurt themselves or others accidentally. Sometimes children with these difficulties find it hard to focus in school.

## How does the school support children with special educational needs?

The school supports children with special educational needs by:

- making sure all teaching is good or outstanding
- setting targets and goals that encourage all children to aim high
- talking regularly to children and their parents about their special needs and making sure that decisions are made jointly
- providing support in lessons when it is needed (e.g. adult support)
- changing the classroom to meet the needs of learners (e.g. using visual timetables or reducing noise)
- running extra 'booster' sessions to help children with a particular difficulty (as needed)
- using adults from outside the school with special skills and knowledge to

## St Francis Primary School

How we help pupils with special needs and disabilities

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## Our values

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At St Francis Primary school, we recognise that every person is unique and special. They all have things they are good at and things they find more difficult. We believe that every child deserves to achieve to the best of their ability and that they should have the help and support they need to succeed in whatever they want to achieve.

Every person is valued within our community and we believe that every child has the right to take part fully in school life.

The staff here want everybody to aim high. They work hard to make sure that all children find learning fun and challenging and that every child's successes are celebrated.

We strongly believe that children and their parents should have a big say in any decisions affecting them. We aim to explain clearly and fully all choices and

## What are special educational needs?

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A child has a special educational need if they:

- find it a lot harder to learn than most other children of the same age
- have a disability which makes it difficult or impossible for them to use the same buildings, equipment and services as other children of the same age

## What will the school do if you have a special educational need?

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If you have a special educational need, the school will:

- agree with you and your parents what support you need and give you that support
- meet regularly with you and your parents to discuss whether there should be any changes to that support
- make sure that you are given all the help you need to achieve everything you are capable of. This may mean getting support from people outside of school

- make sure you get to do the same things as other children

**It is a good thing when we find out that a child has special educational needs because that means they will get the extra help and support they need to be happy and achieve at school.**



## How will the school find out if you have a special educational need?

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Teachers are always checking your work to find out how you are getting on. They also meet with the headteacher and SENCo each term to talk about who might need extra help.

Sometimes we might ask a teacher or adult with special skills to work with you. This person will give your teacher advice about what they can do to help and support you.