

**St. Luke's C of E Primary School - School Information Report for SEND Provision**  
**2023-2024**

**Consortium statement**

**"As part of the Tiptree and Stanway Consortium of a group of schools, we have a similar approach to meeting the needs of pupils with SEND and are supported by the local authority to ensure that all pupils, regardless of their specific needs make the best possible progress in school. We make a school offer based on our collective resources, as well as the individual ethos specific to our individual schools."**

St. Luke's C of E Primary School is committed to providing an appropriate and high-quality education to all the children on roll. We believe that all children, including those identified as having special educational needs have a common entitlement to a broad and balanced academic and social curriculum, which is accessible to them, and to be fully included in all aspects of school life.

We believe that all children should be equally valued in school. We will strive to eliminate prejudice and discrimination and to develop an environment where all children can flourish and feel safe.

We believe that educational inclusion is about equal opportunities for all learners, whatever their age, gender, ethnicity, impairment, attainment and background. We pay particular attention to the provision for and the achievement of different groups of learners:

- girls and boys
- minority ethnic and faith groups, travelers, asylum seekers and refugees
- learners who need support to learn English as an additional language (EAL)
- learners with special educational needs
- learners who are disabled
- those who are looked after by the local authority
- any learners who are at risk of exclusion

**The questions below will support you in understanding the SEND provision offered.**

**How does St. Luke's C of E Primary School know if my child needs extra help?**

The school regularly observes, assesses and records the progress of all children to identify those who are not progressing at the expected rate or who may have additional needs. This information is collected from:

- Baseline assessment results
- Progress measured against the objectives in the National Curriculum
- National Curriculum descriptors for the end of a key stage
- Progress against age related expectations
- Standardised screening and assessment tools
- Concerns raised by parents
- Observations of behavioural, emotional and social development
- An EHCP
- Assessments by a specialist service, such as educational psychology.

- Another educational setting or LA which has identified or has provided for additional needs

### Who are the best people to talk to if I think my child may have special educational needs?

- The class teacher is the initial point of contact for responding to parental concerns.
- Where appropriate the concern will then be shared with the SENCO, Mrs Clare Walker. Further discussions may then take place between all the relevant parties to determine the best way forward for your child.
- All parents/carers will be listened to. Their views and their aspirations for their child will be central to the assessment and provision that is provided by the school.

### What is the process for identifying my child's needs?

There are four broad areas of SEND, these are:

#### **Communication and Interaction**

This area of need includes children with Autism Spectrum Condition and those with Speech, Language and Communication Needs

#### **Cognition and Learning**

This includes children with Specific Learning Difficulties, Moderate Learning Difficulties, Severe Learning Difficulties and Profound and Multiple Learning Difficulties

#### **Social, Emotional and Mental Health Difficulties**

This includes any pupils who have an emotional, social or mental health need that is impacting on their ability to learn

#### **Sensory and/or Physical Difficulties**

This area includes children with hearing impairment, visual impairment, multi-sensory impairment and physical difficulties.

At St. Luke's C of E Primary School, we follow a graduated support approach which is called "**Assess, Plan, Do, Review**".

This means that we will:

- **Assess** a child's special educational needs
- **Plan** the provision to meet your child's aspirations and agreed outcomes
- **Do** put the provision in place to meet those outcomes
- **Review** the support and progress

Each pupil's education will be planned for by the class teacher as part of high-quality teaching. It will be differentiated accordingly to suit individual needs. This may include additional general support by the teacher or learning assistants in class.

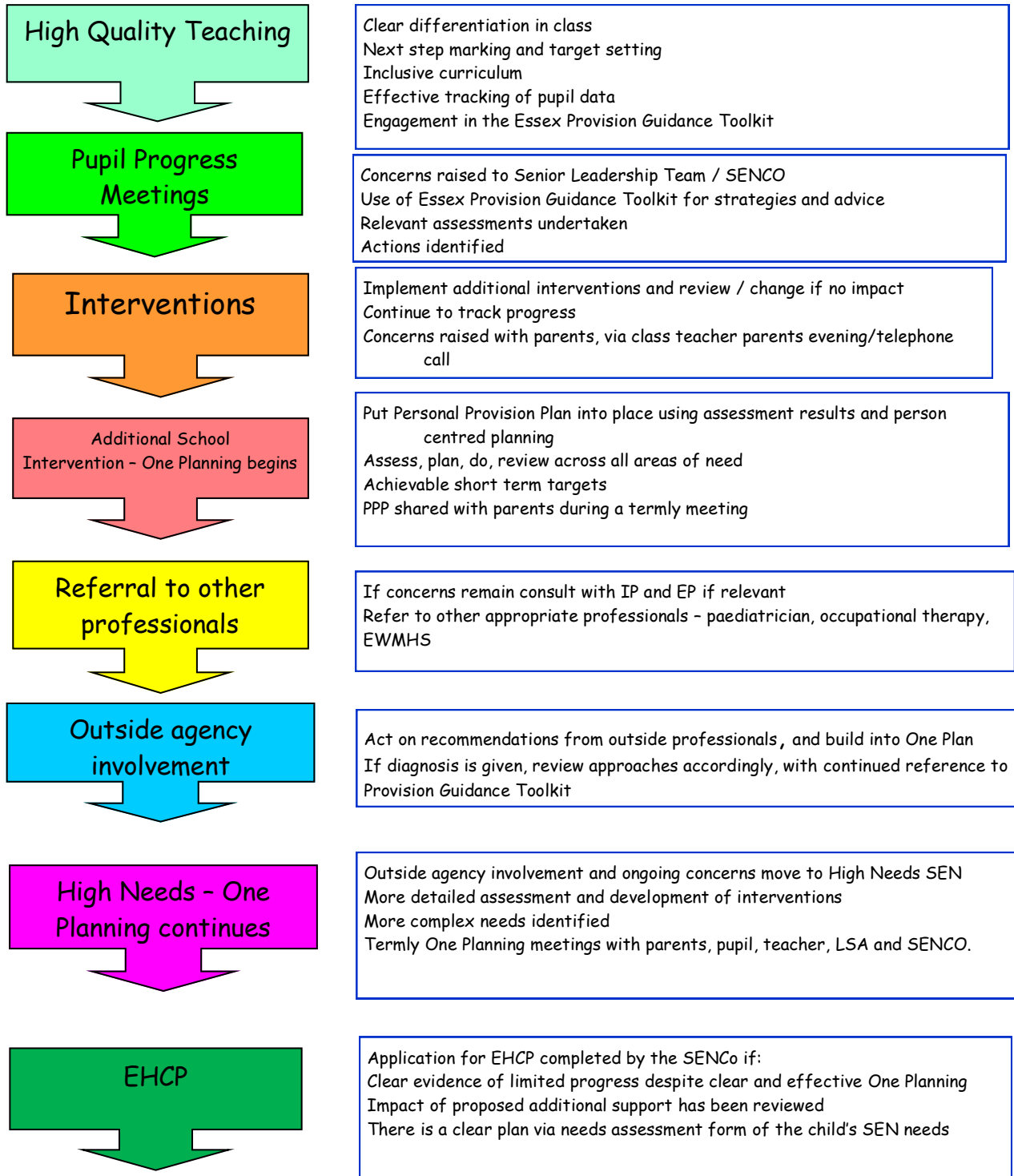
If a pupil's needs relate to more specific areas of their education such as spelling, handwriting, Mathematics or English skills then the pupil may be placed in a small focus group. This may be run by the teacher or learning assistant. The length of time of the intervention may vary according to need but will be monitored regularly. Interventions will be reviewed by the SENCO to ascertain

the effectiveness of the provision and to inform future planning. The pupils who require this type of significantly different support are placed on Additional School Intervention and will receive a Personal Provisional Plan each term.

If a pupil's needs are more complex this may result in the creation of a 'One Plan'. The 'one planning process' involves the family, the child and other relevant professionals. This process will identify outcomes for the child and how they may be achieved. These are reviewed termly with the SENCO, class teacher and learning support assistant where possible.

When a pupil's needs are highly complex an assessment of education, health and care needs may be undertaken by the authority and an EHC plan developed. This is developed in collaboration with the family, child, and as appropriate, other relevant professionals.

# SEND Graduated Approach



## How will St. Luke's C of E Primary School support my child and match the curriculum to my child's needs?

The school is committed to "High Quality Teaching" and ensuring that lessons meet the 'needs of' and 'stretch' all pupils. Our teachers are trained to differentiate and scaffold lessons and break down any barriers to learning that may be causing difficulties for the child. Teachers use a variety of different approaches including visual and kinesthetic methods as well as 'peer to peer' collaboration and effective questioning. Lessons are rigorously planned to encourage all types of learners to participate and reach their expected outcomes. Teachers and learning assistants work with children with SEND regularly each week. As well as encouraging all learners to work independently and take responsibility for their learning.

Learning Standards meetings are carried out at strategic points throughout the year to assess and review pupil progress and to ensure needs are being met effectively and strategies reviewed.

Appropriate specialist equipment may be given to your child e.g. writing slopes, pencil grips, coloured overlays.

Targeted intervention in small groups or 1:1

E.g. following specialist advice such as when a child is on a speech and language programme.

### **Intervention may include:**

- Preparing for Adulthood (Life Skills)
- Lego Therapy
- Pre- writing Skills
- Creative Play
- Turn taking group
- Fine Motor skills group
- Gross Motor skills group
- Sensory Gym trail
- Speech and Language support on an individual basis
- 1:1 Pastoral Support with school Play Therapist
- Musical Communication
- Intensive Interaction
- PECs
- Occupational Therapy support on an individual basis
- Social Interaction
- Attention Bucket
- Visual timetables and resource banks
- Consistent Management Plans
- Precision Teaching
- The Zones of Regulation
- Sensory Play and Brain Breaks
- Social Mapping
- Preparing for Secondary School

All children are encouraged to take part in all areas of school life including events and visits off site arranged by the school. Where necessary, support for individual children will be agreed in collaboration with parents and school staff prior to the event.

### **How will my child and I be involved in making decisions about my child's education?**

We believe in a child centered approach where by when children have additional needs the thoughts and feelings of the child and their parents together with the views of the school staff and relevant professionals are considered when making decisions about their education e.g. when writing a One Plan or Annual Review.

Other opportunities for involvement maybe:

- Informal discussions with staff
- Parent's Evening
- Review meetings including outside agencies where appropriate
- Parent surveys and feedback forms where appropriate

### **What training have staff supporting children and young people with SEND had?**

SENCO Mrs Clare Walker is completing the qualification 'National Award for Special Educational Needs Co-ordination'.

Different staff members have received training related to the following areas of SEND:

- How to support pupils on the autistic spectrum
- How to support pupils with social and emotional needs
- How to support pupils with speech and language difficulties
- How to support pupils with trauma
- How to support pupils with specific literacy difficulties
- How to support pupils with working memory difficulties
- How to support pupils with moderate learning difficulties
- ADHD Aware
- Precision Teaching
- Sensory Gym Trail
- Medical support

As part of The Tiptree and Stanway Consortium all members have access to, up to date and relevant training on all matters related to SEND in order to support the needs of our pupils.

### **What specialist services and expertise can be accessed by the school?**

We can refer to:

- Children's Therapy Team (Speech and Language/Occupational Therapy)
- School Nurse/Doctor
- Social Services
- Emotional Wellbeing and Mental Health Service
- Educational Welfare Service
- Educational Psychology Service

And other agencies as appropriate.

Parents may also be able to access some of these services through their family GP.

## How will I know how my child is doing?

We support and involve parents in their child's learning both formally and informally, this may include:

- We have an open-door policy which provides parents with the opportunity for discussions face to face or on the telephone.
- Celebration assemblies
- Class pages on the school website
- School Facebook
- Parents Evenings
- Termly Review Meetings (One Planning/PPPs) - to discuss progress towards specific targets.
- Annual Reports and report cards
- Accelerated Reader results
- Parental surveys
- Newsletters
- Home school liaison books
- Email updates

Additional appointments can be made with the class teacher or SENCO through the school office.

## How will you help me to support my child's learning?

- The class teacher may suggest ways of how you can support your child alongside set homework activities.
- The SENCO may meet with you to discuss how to support your child with strategies specific to your child's needs.
- If outside agencies or the Educational Psychologist have been involved suggestions and programme of study can be used at home.
- The school website can be used to access resources, curriculum policies and links that will provide further support.
- Workshops such as phonics and mathematics.
- Meet the teacher sessions at the beginning of the year.
- Online resources and parental booklets can be found on the school website.

## What support is available for my child's overall well-being?

Members of staff are available for pupils who wish to discuss issues and concerns. Where it is deemed appropriate parents will be invited in to school to discuss concerns and plan for further support.

Other provision may include:

- Individual behaviour management plans
- Individual reward systems
- Sensory Room
- Counselling opportunities with our qualified Play Therapist
- Parent support from our qualified Play Therapist
- The Zones of Regulation

Where it is felt that pupils are encountering significant emotional difficulties the support of outside agencies will be considered, such as Emotional Wellbeing and Mental Health Service and the School Nurse.

The school's PSHE and SMSC promotes positive mental health.

### **How will my child's medical needs be met?**

If a pupil has a medical need then a Care Plan is compiled with support from parents and in consultation with medical practitioners where appropriate. These are shared with all staff who work with the child.

- A proportion of the staff have basic first aid training
- Staff in all areas of the school have Pediatric First Aid Training in line with national requirements.
- EpiPen, stoma, defib and Asthma training is undertaken by staff regularly
- Where a child has specific medical needs additional staff training will be arranged in consultation with the relevant professionals.

All medicine administration procedures adhere to the LA policy and Department of Education (DfE) guidelines included within Supporting Pupils at school with medical conditions (DfE) 2015 and identified in the Supporting Pupils in School with Medical Conditions Policy.

### **How accessible is the school environment?**

As a school we are happy to discuss individual access requirements. The facilities we have at present include:

- The school site, which is accessible to all users.
- A purpose-built accessible toilet and wet room facility.
- Coloured overlays, coloured exercise books and sensory equipment
- Consideration during tests for learners with additional needs
- A range of technology including laptops, Ipads, talking postcards, modified keyboards and modified mouse control
- Disabled parking bay in school car park

### **How will the school prepare and support my child when joining St. Luke's C of E Primary or transferring to a new school?**

Strategies are in place to enable your child's transition to be as smooth as possible.

These may include:

- Transition meetings between settings and at each Key Stage
- Additional visits may also be arranged for children/parents
- The SENCo will liaise between settings and with relevant staff
- Transition groups and resources are available for children who may benefit
- Social stories and One Page Profiles will be used when appropriate
- Attendance at SEN meetings during the summer term within the pre- school setting
- A week of transition for all pupils at the end of July

## How are the school's resources allocated and matched to children's special educational needs?

The budget allocation is agreed between our school and the Local Authority at the beginning of each financial year. This is monitored each term by the Governing Body.

This is used to support children and young people with SEND through:

- Improved pupil:teacher ratio
- Purchase of additional resources to support specific outcomes for pupils
- Tracking and monitoring of achievement
- Targeted intervention and support programmes
- Specialist Learning Assistants to provide effective support
- Early identification and assessment
- Improved ICT resources - iPads/ New Model Interactive Whiteboards in all classrooms/ Laptops
- Continuous professional development for all staff
- Purchase of Service Level Agreements to provide additional specialist and targeted support
- Educational Visits

If a child has complex special educational needs, we could also receive additional funding from the Local Authority to meet the agreed outcomes.

## Who can I contact for further information?

### Key Contacts

Head Teacher - Martin Moriarty 01621 815456

SENCO - Clare Walker 01621 815456

Chair of Governors - Stewart Eastbrook

Educational Psychologist helpline - 01245 433293

Parent Partnership - 01245 436036

Statutory Assessment Service - 0300 0034127

Essex Local Offer - [www.essexlocaloffer.org.uk](http://www.essexlocaloffer.org.uk)

### The Local Offer

The purpose of the local offer is to enable parents and young people to see more clearly what services are available in their area and how to access them. It includes provision from birth to 25, across education, health and social care.

Information on the Essex Local Offer can be found at: [www.essexlocaloffer.org.uk](http://www.essexlocaloffer.org.uk)



## What should I do if I am concerned?

If you have any concerns relating to the school's provision for your child regarding SEND please speak to the Class Teacher or SENCO. We aim to resolve any concerns parents have in person to arrive at a mutual understanding to support your child.

If a complaint is made and cannot be resolved, the parent can submit a formal complaint to the Headteacher in writing. The Headteacher will reply within 10 working days. Any issues that remain unresolved at this stage will be managed according to the school's Complaints Policy. This is available, on request, from the school office and the school website.

Which other policies might be helpful?

SEND POLICY  
COMPLAINTS POLICY  
PUPIL PREMIUM STRATEGY STATEMENT  
ATTENDANCE POLICY  
BEHAVIOUR POLICY  
ANTI BULLYING POLICY  
SUPPORTING PUPILS WITH MEDICAL CONDITIONS

These may be found online or by request at the school office.