



### **SEND Information Report**

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# 1. Definitions

SEND: Special Educational Needs and Disabilities

SENDCo: Special Educational Needs and Disabilities Coordinator

SENIASS: Special Educational needs Independent Advice and Support Service

EHCP: Educational Health and Care Plan

High Quality Teaching: sometimes referred to as Quality First Teaching, this is the approach where the classroom teacher makes adaptations for the pupils in the classroom to ensure reasonable adjustments are being made.

## 2. St Peter's Collegiate Academy SEND Vision

At St. Peter's Collegiate Academy, our commitment is to foster an inclusive environment where every student is able to flourish as a lifelong learner regardless of their background or abilities. Our dedication to addressing Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) is integral to this mission, as we strive to empower all students to reach their fullest potential.

The interventions delivered at St Peter's Collegiate Academy are selected because they are evidence-based and they are designed to meet the needs of the students. We are extremely proud of the diversity and difference within our school community and we celebrate these across the academy.

Aligned with the five evidence-based recommendations of the Education Endowment Foundation, we uphold the belief that every teacher is responsible for high quality provision for all students, including those with SEND. Our focus is delivering quality first teaching to all students, ensuring that every lesson is inclusive and accessible. At St. Peter's Collegiate Academy, we view student support as a collective responsibility, involving every member of our community. Each individual plays a vital role in offering high-quality teaching, engaging experiences across all aspects of the curriculum, and pastoral care.

## 3. The kinds of SEND for which provision is made at the School

The SEND Code of Practice 2015 identifies four broad areas of needs relating to Special Education and Needs. Within this framework we work with pupils who have a range of needs including:

- **Communication and interaction**, for example, autistic spectrum disorder, speech and language difficulties
- **Cognition and learning**, for example, dyslexia, dyspraxia and moderate learning difficulties
- **Social, emotional and mental health difficulties**, for example, attention deficit hyperactivity disorder (ADHD)
- **Sensory and/or physical needs**, for example, visual impairments, hearing impairments, sensory processing difficulties, epilepsy, mobility difficulties.

We also have a number of pupils who have Educational Health and Care plans to support in their education. Our support is tailored to the students' needs and where necessary we will adapt to support the learner to support reasonable access arrangements as we are required to do under the Equality Act 2010.

## 4. Information about the school's policies for the identification and assessment of Children with SEND

Many pupils will have trouble in learning, for many reasons, at some point in their school life but with additional support from their teachers through “High Quality Teaching” will overcome these barriers to learning. Where necessary, other arrangements will be put into place to support pupils through our Graduated Response.

## a) How the school evaluates the effectiveness of the provision

The school follows the Graduated Response of Assess, Plan, Do and Review in planning our interventions. Where a child or young person is identified as having Special Educational Needs, schools and settings should take action to remove barriers to child or young persons learning and put effective special educational provision in place. This is called SEN support. Support should take the form of a four-part cycle involving the parent and carers and the child or young person. By taking this approach earlier decisions and actions are revisited, refined and revised with a growing understanding of the child or young person needs and of what support will help to secure good progress and good outcomes for them. This approach is known as the Graduated Response.

These provisions are regularly reviews, typically every term.

Reviews are evidence based and follow a 5 point scale:

+2 – Intervention has supported the need and no longer necessary.

+1 – The intervention is demonstrating progress and new targets should be set.

0 – The intervention is showing impact, however more time is needed to demonstrate progress.

-1 - The intervention is showing little impact, further support is required.

-2 - The intervention is showing no impact, alternate approaches are recommended.

Where the evidence demonstrates, the plans are either continued with adjusted targets, extended if more time is required to demonstrate progress or discontinued with other options explored.

## b) The school’s arrangements for assessing and reviewing the progress of children with SEN

The school uses a wide range of assessment tools to identify strengths and weaknesses. These tools are used for baseline purposes to help measure progress.

We will assess each pupil’s current skills and levels of attainment on entry using Cognitive Ability Tests (CATS), amongst other screening tools, which will build on previous settings and Key Stages, where appropriate. Class teachers will make regular assessments of progress for all pupils and identify those whose progress:

- Is significantly slower than that of their peers starting from the same baseline
- Fails to match or better the child’s previous rate of progress
- Fails to close the attainment gap between the child and their peers
- Widens the attainment gap

This may include progress in areas other than attainment, for example, social or emotional needs.

Slow progress and low attainment will not automatically mean a pupil is recorded as having SEN.

When deciding whether special educational provision is required, we will start with the desired outcomes, including the expected progress and attainment, and the views and the wishes of the pupil and their parents. We will use this to determine the support that is needed and whether we can provide it by adapting our core offer, or whether something different or additional is needed.

For some learners, despite the extra help offered and adjustments made to learning activities or environments,

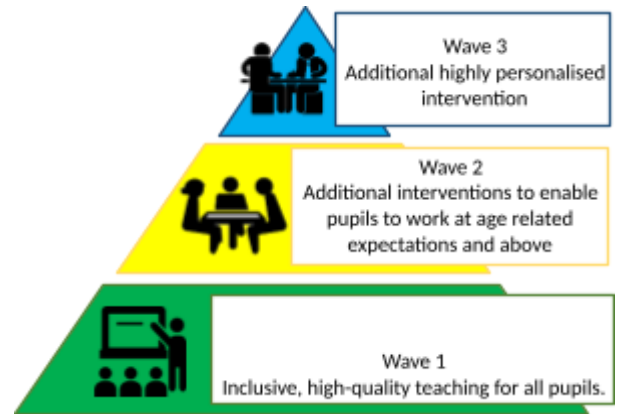
difficulties may worsen or persist longer term. These learners will undergo further assessment to consider if a learning need or difficulty is the cause. Teachers will work with and support the SEND team to carry out a clear analysis of the learner's needs using:

- Teacher assessment and observations
- Previous progress, reports, attainment and behaviour
- the learner's development in comparison to their peers and national data

### c) The school's approach to teaching pupils with SEN

At St Peter's Collegiate Academy we maintain a learning focused approach that removes the barriers faced by pupils and enables them to access the learning alongside their peers. We have a focus on providing teaching staff with information and strategies so that they are able to deliver High Quality Teaching to ensure that all pupils can access their learning and make progress.

We follow a wave model of interventions to support closing the gap. This may include interventions led by specialist staff and teaching assistants outside of the classroom to help close identified gaps.



### d) Adaptations to the curriculum and learning environment for children with SEN

In some instances, it may be necessary to make adaptations to the learning environment. Where this necessary the SENCo will liaise with the family and other relevant professionals to ensure that the needs of the pupils are met within the school.

We make the following adaptations to ensure all pupils' needs are met:

- Differentiating our curriculum to ensure all pupils are able to access it, for example, by grouping, 1:1 work, teaching style, content of the lesson, etc.
- Adapting our resources and staffing
- Using recommended aids, such as laptops, coloured overlays, visual timetables, larger font, etc.
- Differentiating our teaching, for example, giving longer processing times, pre-teaching of key vocabulary, reading instructions aloud, etc.

### e) Additional support for learning that is available to children with SEN

The school has a Learning Centre (located within T-Block) that provides a space where pupils with SEN are able to access for further support. This could be for support with homework, mentoring, a place to eat their lunch (in specific circumstances), or have a quiet place to spend their break times. It is also a place where pupils are able to come to simply have a chat.

Supportive interventions are also provided and the school will consult with parents should the school feel that specialist support is necessary. This could include mentoring, academic tutoring, mental health support, Education outreach or Educational Psychology.

- f) How the school enables pupils with SEND to engage in the activities of the school (including physical activities) together with children who don't have SEN.

St Peter's Collegiate Academy is committed to students accessing life in all its fullness, and therefore has an inclusive approach to all aspects of education, including extracurricular activities and trips. Where these activities require reasonable adjustments to be made to support the pupils, the SENCo will meet with parents and relevant professionals to ensure all reasonable adjustments are made to support a pupils needs and enable participation alongside their peers.

- g) Support that is available for improving the emotional, mental and social development of children with SEN

St Peter's Collegiate Academy has a wide range of support available for students' Social, Emotional and Mental Health, information can be found [here](#). Pupils who have been identified have a programme developed with them to support them in learning.

The school also provides access to mentoring, NHS services and Educational Psychology. A full description of the available provisions can be found [here](#).

Where necessary, pupils with SEN are provided additional support from specialist staff who will support students issues around their Social, Emotional and Mental Health.

## 5. The SENDCo

The Special Educational Needs Coordinator has a specific responsibility as the strategic lead for pupils who need something different to or in addition to their learning to develop pupil progress.

### 4.1 The Key people responsible for SEND at St Peter's Collegiate Academy are:

Name	Qualifications Relating to Education and SEND	Responsibilities in relation to SEND
<b>SENDCo</b> Mrs R Williams	Primary Education (BA) (QTS)  NASENCo Award  Autism Leader Award  Senior Mental Health Lead (Leed's Beckett Carnegie University)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Work with the Principal, Vice Principal and SEN governor to determine the strategic development of the SEN policy and provision in the school.</li> <li>• Have day-to-day responsibility for the operation of this SEN policy and the coordination of specific provision made to support individual pupils with SEN, including those who have EHC plans.</li> <li>• Provide professional guidance to colleagues and work with staff, parents, and other agencies to ensure that pupils with SEN receive appropriate support and high-quality teaching.</li> <li>• Advise on the graduated approach to providing SEN support.</li> <li>• Advise on the deployment of the school's delegated budget and other resources to meet pupils' needs effectively.</li> <li>• Be the point of contact for external agencies, especially the local authority and its support</li> </ul>

		<p>services.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Liaise with potential next providers of education to ensure that the school meets its responsibilities under the Equality Act 2010 with regard to reasonable adjustments and access arrangements.</li> <li>• Ensure the school keeps the records of all pupils with SEN up to date.</li> </ul>
	Phone	Email
	01902558600	rwilliams@stpetersacademy.org.uk

Name	Qualifications Relating to Education and SEND	Responsibilities in relation to SEND
<p><b><u>Vice Principal - Personal Development, Behaviour and Attitudes</u></b></p> <p>Mr D Sherriff</p>	<p>PGCE</p> <p>NPQSL</p> <p>NASENCo Award</p> <p>Senior Mental Health Lead</p>	<p>They will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ensuring the Special Educational Needs and/or Disabilities are supported and that the school's SEND Policy to make sure all children get a consistent, high quality response to meeting their needs in school.</li> <li>• Quality Assure the SEND provision</li> <li>• Supporting the complaints process in relation to SEND.</li> </ul>
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Name	Qualifications Relating to Education and SEND	Responsibilities in relation to SEND
<p><b><u>Deputy SENDCo</u></b></p> <p>Mrs E Green</p>	<p>PGCE</p> <p>NASENCo Award</p>	<p>They will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To work with the Teaching and Learning team to deliver CPD to support all staff to deliver Quality First Teaching across the curriculum</li> <li>• To support in writing support plans for students</li> <li>• To line manage Assistant SENDCo: SEMH</li> <li>• Quality Assure the SEND provision</li> </ul>
	Phone:	Email
	01902558600	egreen@stpetersacademy.org.uk

Name	Responsibilities in relation to SEND

<p><b><u>Principal</u></b></p> <p>Mr T Mullen-Furness</p>	<p>The Principal will:</p> <p>Work with the SENCO, Vice Principal and SEND governor to determine the strategic development of the SEND policy and provision within the school</p> <p>Have overall responsibility for the provision and progress of learners with SEND and/or a disability</p>
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Name	Responsibilities in relation to SEN
<p><b><u>Assistant SENCo - SEMH</u></b></p> <p>Miss K Brown</p>	<p>The Day to Day management of a case load linked to pupils with SEMH</p> <p>Support the SENCo and with requirements for the annual reviews of students with special needs at the school</p> <p>To be responsible, under the oversight of the SENCo, for drawing up the Individual Education Plans for designated students with special needs</p> <p>Identification, Implementation and Planning for pupils working within St Peter's, liaising with parents for meetings, induction and reviews of programmes</p> <p>Safeguarding and welfare of pupils on the SEND register</p> <p>Liaising with teachers to support pupils on the SEND register</p> <p>Set targets for raising achievement among leaders with SEMH Leads</p>

Name	Responsibilities in relation to SEN
<p><b><u>Assistant SENCo - Access Arrangements</u></b></p> <p>Mrs R Johal</p>	<p>Administer Access Arrangements Screenings</p> <p>To liaise with the SENDCo regarding the application for Access Arrangements to JCQ</p> <p>To ensure that all required paperwork for Access Arrangements is completed and held on file</p> <p>To support the Exams Officer to deliver Access Arrangements for students in the examination period</p>

Name	Responsibilities in relation to S.E.N.D
<p><b><u>SEND Link Governor</u></b></p> <p>Mr N Bradnick-Thompson</p>	<p>The SEN governor will:</p> <p>Help to raise awareness of SEN issues at governing board meetings</p> <p>Monitor the quality and effectiveness of SEN and disability provision within the school and update the governing board on this</p> <p>Work with the Principal, Vice Principal and SENCO to determine the strategic development of the SEN policy and provision in the school</p>

## 6. Consulting and involving pupils and parents/carers

Parents and pupils' views are the key to ensuring that the needs of pupils are met at St Peter's Collegiate Academy. Parents will be given the opportunity to engage with the development of plans and regular reviews of the pupils progress.

We will have an early discussion with the pupil and their parents or carers when identifying whether they need special educational provision. These conversations will make sure that:

- Everyone develops a good understanding of the pupil's areas of strength and difficulty
- We take into account the parents' concerns
- Everyone understands the agreed outcomes sought for the child
- Everyone is clear on what the next steps are

Notes of these early discussions will be added to the pupil's record on Provision Map and shared with their parents/carers. We will formally notify parents when it is decided that a pupil will receive SEN support.

All pupils are involved in the assessment, development and deployment of their SEN support plan. This includes:

- A conversation with the SENCO or SEN staff about their strengths and difficulties
- A baseline assessment focused on their area/s of difficulty.
- Development of a page profile (Pupil-Centred Plan) that informs teachers about what support they need

Families and Pupils are given the opportunity to feedback on their support and their views are included in the review of the plans.

Teaching staff are provided with pupil centred plans and relevant CPD to meet the needs of pupils that they teach to ensure that the quality of intervention is at the Highest Quality possible.



## **7. Assessing and reviewing pupils' progress towards outcomes**

At St Peter's Collegiate Academy we follow the graduated approach and the four-part cycle of assess, plan, do, review.

The class or subject teacher will work with the SENDCO to carry out a clear analysis of the pupil's needs. This will draw on:

The teacher's assessment and experience of the pupil

Their previous progress and attainment or behaviour

Other teachers' assessments, where relevant

The individual's development in comparison to their peers and national data

The views and experience of parents

The pupil's own views

Advice from external support services, if relevant the assessment will be reviewed regularly.

All teachers and support staff who work with the pupil will be made aware of their needs, the outcomes sought, the support provided, and any teaching strategies or approaches that are required. We will regularly review the effectiveness of the support and interventions and their impact on the pupil's progress.

Regular Team Around the Students meetings are held for each year group where SEND is discussed in relation to pupils progress and support.

The SENDCO will also review interim reports for pupils identified with SEND to monitor progress in learning.

## **8. Supporting pupils moving between phases and preparing for adulthood**

We will share information with the school, college, or other setting the pupil is moving to. We will agree with parents and pupils which information will be shared as part of this.

Pupils who have an Educational Health and Care Plan will be supported in their transition to Post-16 education through the Annual Review process, including meetings with Connexions to help support their preparation to adulthood. The Local Authority will consult and support on the transition should they choose to change to a different sixth form or college.

For learners on SEN support, independent careers advice is provided through the careers programme. Further supported work with Connexions is available where appropriate.

All learners are provided with the opportunity to engage in workplace educational experiences. Where reasonable adaptations need to be made to support this the SENDCO will consult with the families and participating employers to ensure the learners needs are met.

## **9. Contact details of support services for parents of pupils with SEN**

There are many support services available for parents of pupils with SEN that can provide valuable advice. Wolverhampton Information, Advice & Support Service: <https://wolvesiass.org/>

Educational Psychology Services:

<http://www.educationalpsychologywolverhampton.co.uk/parents/remote-consultation-service.html>

Educational Outreach Services: Please contact the SENCo for more details.

## **10. The local authority local offer**

At St Peter's Collegiate Academy we pride ourselves on our work with other schools and the surrounding authorities to provide a quality Mainstream Secondary education to pupils in the area.

Please refer to the Local Offer for more details about what St Peter's Collegiate Academy offers to pupils with SEN.

Our local authority's local offer is published here: [www.wolverhampton.gov.uk/localoffer](http://www.wolverhampton.gov.uk/localoffer)

## 11. Monitoring arrangements

This information report will be reviewed by the SENDCo **every year**. It will also be updated if any changes to the information are made during the year.