

LOCAL OFFER: Rectory CE Primary School, Nursery Unit, ASD & MLD Provision

Type of school	Mainstream with ASD & MLD Provision on site
How are Special Educational Needs defined?	The term 'special educational needs' has a legal definition, referring to children who have learning difficulties or disabilities that make it harder for them to learn than most children of the same age.
What about the additional provision that is available in this school?	<p>Rectory CE Primary School is unique in the fact that we have on site two additional resource bases:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ASD Resource Provision catering for 20 children with an ASD diagnosis • From September 2014 - MLD Provision was offered catering for up to 20 children with an MLD diagnosis <p>Admission to either of the above is through the St Helens Local Authority. Panel meetings are held every term and places are allocated as appropriate.</p> <p>Mrs Viswanathan is the lead teacher for both provisions.</p>

A. PEOPLE WHO SUPPORT CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL EDUCATIONAL NEEDS/ DIFFICULTIES WITH LEARNING IN THIS SCHOOL:

School based information	People	Summary of responsibilities
Who are the best people to talk to in this school about my child's difficulties with learning / Special Educational Needs (SEN)?	<p>SENCO / Deputy Head Mrs Leece</p> <p>Mrs Viswanathan is the lead teacher in</p>	<p>The SENCO is responsible for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coordinating all the support for children with special educational needs (SEN) and developing the school's SEN Policy to make sure all children get a consistent, high quality response to meeting their needs in school. • Ensuring that you are:

	<p>charge of the ASD and MLD Provisions. She is always available to talk to the parents of children within these provisions.</p> <p>Class teacher</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • involved in supporting your child's learning • kept informed about the support your child is getting • involved in reviewing how they are doing • part of planning ahead for them. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Liaising with all the other people who may be coming into school to help support your child's learning e.g. Speech and Language Therapy, Educational Psychology etc • Updating the school's SEN Records of Need (a system for ensuring all the SEN needs of pupils in this school are known) and making sure that there are excellent records of your child's progress and needs. • To provide specialist support for teachers and support staff in the school so they can help your child (and other pupils with SEN in the school) achieve the best possible progress in school. <p>He/She is responsible for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensuring that all children have access to good/outstanding teaching and that the curriculum is adapted to meet your child's individual needs (also known as differentiation) • Checking on the progress of your child and identifying, planning and delivering any additional help your child may need (this could be things like targeted work, additional support, adapting resources etc) and discussing amendments with the SENCO as necessary. • Writing Individual Education Plans (IEP) as necessary, and sharing and reviewing these with parents at least once each term and planning for the next term. • Ensuring that all members of staff working with your child in school are aware of your child's individual needs and/or conditions and what specific adjustments need to be made to enable them to be included and make progress. • Ensuring that all staff working with your child in school are helped to deliver the planned work/programme for your child, so they can achieve the best possible progress. This may involve the use of additional adults, outside
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	<p>Teaching Assistant (TA) may be allocated to some pupils with SEN and or disabilities</p> <p>Head teacher - Mrs Sweeney</p> <p>SEN Governor - Mrs Phythian</p>	<p>specialist help and specially planned work and resources.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ensuring that the school's SEN Policy is followed in their classroom and for all the pupils they teach with any SEN. <p>A Teaching Assistant (TA) may be allocated to a pupil with exceptional special educational needs and/or disabilities and whilst they take a very valuable role in your child's education we would prefer that questions regarding your child's learning and progress are directed initially to the class teacher and/or SENCO. Of course, as a school we welcome daily dialogue between parents and TAs on how a child's day has been and we do actively encourage this continued feedback.</p> <p>She is responsible for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The day to day management of all aspects of the school, this includes the support for children with SEN. She will give responsibility to the SENCO and class teachers but is still responsible for ensuring that your child's needs are met. She must make sure that the Governing Body is kept up to date about any issues in the school relating to SEN. <p>She is responsible for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Making sure that the school has an up to date SEN policy Making sure that the school has appropriate provision and has made necessary adaptations to meet the needs of all children in the school Making sure that the necessary support is made for any child who attends the school who has SEN and/or disabilities Making visits to understand and monitor the support given to children with SEN in the school and being part of the process to ensure your child achieves his/her potential in school.
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B. HOW COULD MY CHILD GET HELP IN SCHOOL? :

All children in school will get the support that is specific to their individual needs. This may be all provided by the class teacher or may involve:

- Other staff in the school including staff within the ASD, MLD Provisions
- Staff who will visit the school from the Local Authority central services such as the Educational Psychologist, LASC Outreach Team, Behaviour Outreach Team, Learning Support or Sensory Service (for students with a hearing or visual need)
- Staff who visit from outside agencies including Health such as the Speech and Language Therapy (SALT) Service.

	Types of support provided also showing the stage of the Code of Practice (the document that schools use to plan their SEN input) children will be at when receiving this input.	What would this mean for your child?	Who can get this kind of support?
What are the different types of support available for children with SEN in this school?	Class teacher input via excellent targeted classroom teaching also known as Quality First Teaching.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensuring that the teacher has the highest possible expectations for your child and all pupils in their class. • Ensuring that all teaching is based on building on what your child already knows, can do and can understand. • Putting in place different ways of teaching so that your child is fully involved in learning in class. This may involve things like using more practical learning or providing different resources adapted for your child • Putting in place specific strategies (which may be suggested by the SENCO or outside agencies) to support your child to learn. 	All children in school should be getting this as a part of excellent classroom practice when needed.

	<p>Specific group work with in a smaller group of children. This group may be</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Run in the classroom or outside. • Run by a teacher or most often a teaching assistant who has had training to run these groups. <p>These are often called Intervention groups by schools.</p> <p><i>Stage of SEN Code of Practice: SEN Support, which means they have been identified by the class teacher as needing some extra support in school.</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Your child's teacher will have carefully checked on your child's progress and will have decided that your child has gaps in their understanding/learning and needs some extra support to help them make the best possible progress. • He/ She will plan group sessions for your child with targets to help your child to make more progress. • A teaching assistant/teacher or outside professional (like a Speech and Language Therapist) will run these small group sessions using the teacher's plans, or a recommended programme. 	<p>Any child who has specific gaps in their understanding of a subject/area of learning.</p> <p>Children will be at the stage of the SEN Code of Practice called SEN Support, which means they have been identified by the class teacher as needing some extra support in school.</p>
	<p>Specialist groups run by outside agencies e.g. Speech and Language therapy OR occupational therapy groups</p> <p>AND/OR Individual support for your child of less than 15 hours in school</p> <p><i>Stage of SEN Code of Practice: SEN Support, which means they have been identified by</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If your child has been identified as needing more specialist input instead of or in addition to excellent class room teaching and intervention groups, referrals will be made to outside agencies to advise and support the school in enabling your child to make progress • Before referrals are made you will be asked to come to a meeting to discuss your child's progress and help plan possible ways forward. • You may be asked to give your permission for the school to refer your child to a specialist professional e.g. a Speech and Language 	<p>Children with specific barriers to learning that cannot be overcome through Quality First Teaching and intervention groups.</p>

	<p>the class teacher/SENCO as needing some extra specialist support in school from a professional outside the school. This may be from:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Local Authority central services such as LASC, BIT, Learning Support or Sensory Service (for students with a hearing or visual need) • Outside agencies such as the Speech and Language therapy (SALT) Service. 	<p>Therapist or Educational Psychologist. This will help the school and yourself understand your child's particular needs better and be able to support them better in school.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The specialist professional will work with your child to understand their needs and make recommendations, which may include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Making changes to the way your child is supported in class e.g. some individual support or changing some aspects of teaching to support them better ○ Support to set better targets which will include their specific expertise ○ A group run by school staff under the guidance of the outside professional e.g. a social skills group or sensory circuit ○ A group or individual work with outside professional • The school may suggest that your child needs some agreed individual support in school. They will tell you how the support will be used and what strategies will be put in place. 	
	<p>Specified Individual support for your child of more than 15 hours in school.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The school (or you) can request that the Local Authority carry out a statutory assessment of your child's needs. This is a legal process and you can find more details about this in the Local Authority (LA) based Local Offer (on the St Helens 	<p>Children whose learning needs are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Severe, complex and lifelong

	<p><i>This is usually provided via Enhanced SEN Support, a Statement of Special Educational Needs or an Education, Health and Care Plan (EHCP).</i> This means your child will have been identified by the class teacher/SENCO as needing a particularly high level of individual or small group teaching (more than 15 hours a week), which cannot be provided from the budget available to the school.</p> <p>Usually your child will also need specialist support in school from a professional outside the school. This may be from:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Local Authority central services such as any Outreach Team or Sensory Service (for students with a hearing or visual need) • Outside agencies such as the Speech and Language therapy (SALT) Service. 	<p>Website)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • After the school have sent in the request to the Local Authority (with a lot of information about your child, including some from you), they will decide whether they think your child's needs (as described in the paperwork provided), seem complex enough to need a statutory assessment. If this is the case they will ask you and all professionals involved with your child to write a report outlining your child's needs. If they do not think your child needs this, they will ask the school to continue with the support at School Action Plus. • After the reports have all been sent in the Local Authority will decide if your child's needs are severe and complex and that they need more than 15 hours of support in school to make good progress. If this is the case they will write a Statement of Special Educational Needs or an EHC Plan. If this is not the case, they will ask the school to continue with the support at School Action Plus. • The Statement or EHC Plan will outline the number of hours of individual/small group support your child will receive from the LA and how the support should be used and what strategies must be put in place. It will also have long and short term goals for your child. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Need more than 15 hours of support in school
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How will we support your child with identified special needs starting at school?	<p>We will first invite you to visit the school with your child to have a look around and speak to key staff (SENCO, Head Teacher).</p> <p>If other professionals are involved, it is possible that a multi-agency meeting will be held to discuss your child's needs, share strategies used, and ensure provision is put in place before your child starts. Your child's key person may make a home visit and also visit your child if they are attending another provision.</p> <p>We may suggest adaptations to the settling in period to help your child settle more easily</p>		
How can I let the school know I am concerned about my child's progress in school?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> If you have concerns about your child's progress you should speak to your child's class teacher initially. If you are not happy that the concerns are being managed and that your child is still not making progress you should speak to the SENCO or Head Teacher If you are still not happy you can speak to the school SEN Governor. 		
How will the school let me know if they have any concerns about my child's learning in school?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> When a teacher or a parent has raised concerns about your child's progress, and targeted teaching has not met the child's needs, the teacher must raise this with the SENCO. Schools also have meetings every term between each class teacher and a senior staff member in the school to ensure all children are making good progress. This is another way your child may be identified as not making as much progress as they could be. If your child is then identified as not making progress the school will set up a meeting to discuss this with you in more detail <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To listen to any concerns you may have too To plan any additional support your child may receive To discuss with you any referrals to outside professionals to support your child's learning 		
How is extra support allocated to children and how do they move between the different levels?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The school budget, received from the Local Authority, includes money for supporting children with SEN. The Head Teacher decides on the budget for Special Educational Needs in consultation with the school governors, on the basis of needs in the school. 		

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Head Teacher and the SENCO discuss all the information they have about SEN in the school, including <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ the children getting extra support already ○ the children needing extra support ○ the children who have been identified as not making as much progress as would be expected. <p>And decide what resources/training and support is needed.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All resources/training and support are reviewed regularly and changes made as necessary.
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Who are the other people providing services to children with an SEN in this school?	A. Directly funded by the school	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Learning Mentor • Learning Support Service (as requested by the school) • An Educational Psychologist (through a service level agreement taken out with the Local Authority)
	B. Paid for centrally by the Local Authority but delivered in school	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ASD Specialist Teacher / MLD Specialist Teacher • LASC Service, BIT Service • Sensory Service for children with visual or hearing needs • Professional training for school staff re medical conditions • Parent Partnership Service (to support families through the SEND processes and procedures)
	C. Provided and paid for by the Health Service (but delivered in school)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SALT (Speech & language Therapy) • School Nurse • Occupational Therapy • Physiotherapy
How are the teachers in school helped to work with children with an SEN and what training do they have?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The SENCO's role is to support the class teacher in planning for children with SEN. • The school has a training plan for all staff to improve the teaching and learning of children including those with SEND. This includes whole school training on SEND issues such as ASD, dyslexia, sensory difficulties etc • Whole staff training to disseminate knowledge, strategies and experience, to ensure 	

	<p>consistency of the school's approach for children with an SEN.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Individual teachers and support staff attend training courses run both in house and by outside agencies that are relevant to the needs of specific children in their class e.g ASD, Sensory service etc. <p>Training takes place on a regular basis. If you would like to hear about the training which is currently taking place or has taken place by the staff members in the school, please speak to the Head Teacher or SENCO.</p>
<p>How will the teaching be adapted for my child with learning needs (SEND)?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Class Teachers plan lessons according to the specific needs of all groups of children in their class, and will ensure that your child's needs are met. • Suitably trained support staff can adapt the teachers planning to support the needs of your child where necessary. • Specific resources and strategies will be used to support your child individually and in groups. • Planning and teaching will be adapted on a daily basis if needed to meet your child's learning needs.
<p>How will we measure the progress of your child in school?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Your child's progress is continually monitored by his/her class teacher. • His/her progress is reviewed formally every term and assessments are made as to whether your child is below, in line or exceeding the National age related expectations in reading, writing and numeracy. (For EYFS judgements are made against all areas of the curriculum, taking account of the age related statements in supporting curriculum documents.) • If your child is in Year 1 and above, but is not yet at towards age related curriculum objectives, a more sensitive assessment tool is used which shows attainment and progress in more detail and will also show smaller but significant steps of progress. The levels are called 'P levels'. • At the end of each key stage (i.e. at the end of year 2 and year 6) all children are required to be formally assessed using Standard Assessment Tests (SATs). This is something the government requires all schools to do and are the results that are published nationally.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Children at SEN Support will have an IEP which will be reviewed with your involvement, every term and the plan for the next term made. • The progress of children with a statement of SEN/ EHC Plan is formally reviewed at an Annual Review with all adults involved with the child's education. • The SENCO will also check that your child is making good progress within any individual work and in any group that they take part in. • A range of ways will be used to keep you informed, which may include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Home/school contact book - Letters/positive praise texts / certificates sent home - Parents evenings - Additional meetings as required - Reports
<p>What support do we have for you as a parent of child with an SEN?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We would like you to talk to your child's class teacher regularly so we know what they are doing at home and we can tell you about what we are doing in school. We hope this will make sure that we are doing similar things to support your child both at home and school and can share good practice with each other. • The SENCO or Head Teacher is available to meet with you to discuss your child's progress or any concerns/worries you may have by appointment. • All information from outside agencies/professionals will be discussed with you with the person involved directly, or where this is not possible, in a report. The SENCO will also arrange to meet with you to discuss any new assessments and ideas suggested by outside agencies for your child. • IEP's will be reviewed with your involvement each term. • Homework / home learning projects will be adjusted as necessary to meet your child's individual needs • A home/school contact book may be used to support communication with you, when this has

	<p>been agreed to be useful for you and your child.</p> <p>In addition:</p> <p>If your child is undergoing statutory assessment you may also be supported by a member of the Parent Partnership Service. They will ensure that you fully understand the process.</p>
<p>How have we made this school accessible to children with SEN? (including after school clubs etc)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The school is accessible to children with physical disability via ramps and a lift. • We ensure that equipment used is accessible to all children regardless of their needs. • The school has disabled toileting facilities. • The school has a sensory room situated in the ASD Base. • Enrichment activities / after school clubs are extended to all pupils irrelevant of their needs (risk assessments will be carried out and the access decisions are made by the Head Teacher) • Adaptations to the environment for children with visual impairment • Mentoring is available at lunchtimes to children who require this input.
<p>How will we support your child when they are leaving this school? OR moving on to another class?</p>	<p>We recognise that transition / 'moving on' can be difficult for a child with SEN and take steps to ensure that any transition is as smooth as possible.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If your child is moving child to another school: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ We will contact the school SENCO and ensure he/she knows about any special arrangements or support that may need to be made for your child. ○ We will make sure that all records about your child are passed on as soon as possible. • When moving classes within school: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Information will be passed on to the new class teacher IN ADVANCE and if necessary, a planning meeting will take place with the new teacher. All IEP's will be shared with the new teacher. ○ In some cases a transition book will be used to support the transition process. • In Year 6 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The SENCO will meet with the relevant High School Professionals (usually the

	<p>SENCO) to discuss the specific needs of your child.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Your child will attend induction sessions as part of the transition package. Additional visits can be arranged as necessary and in some cases staff from the new school will visit your child in this school. It is sometimes necessary to create a 'pen picture profile' of your child which includes information about themselves for their new school.
What if my child needs transport to and from school?	<p>The Local Authority has a dedicated criteria in which they apply to children requesting transport.</p> <p>If your child has a place within the ASD or MLD provision, the Local Authority will arrange transport to and from school.</p>
Who can I contact for further information?	<p>If you need to discuss a school matter, please contact the main school office: Tel: 01744 678470 Email: rectory@sthelens.org.uk</p> <p>The office staff will contact your child's class teacher, the SENCO or the Headteacher and the relevant person will get back to you.</p> <p>If you need information regarding support services or the Local Authority you may either contact the school or look on the St Helens website for further information.</p>

GLOSSARY OF TERMS	
IEP	Individual Learning Plan
S	Statement stage of the SEN Code of Practice
SEN or SEND Support	Intervention Stage / additional Agency involvement of the SEN Code of Practice
SEN	Special Educational Needs
SEN Code of Practice	The legal document that sets out the requirements for SEN
EHCP	Education, Health, Care Plan
SEND	Special Educational Needs and/or disabilities

SALT	Speech and Language Therapist
CAMHS	Child and Adolescent Mental Health Service
LASC	Language and Social Communication Service
BIT	Behaviour Improvement Team
EP	Educational Psychologist
ASD	Autistic Spectrum Disorder
MLD	Moderate Learning Difficulty

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