



St Joseph's SEND Newsletter

September 2024

'Inspire Each Other, Grow Together'



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Welcome to our first termly SEND newsletter! A newsletter addressing all things related to SEND (Special Educational Needs and Disabilities). In this issue find out about how we as a school ensure that we meet the needs of all our learners through **assess, plan, do, review**, also learn about a **project** we are starting as a school and **local support services** available

Key SEND Dates

September

23rd International Sign Language Day
23rd- 29th National Inclusion Week

October

ADHD Awareness month
2-8th Dyslexia Awareness Week
10th World Mental Health Day

12th World Sight Day

22nd SEND parent's evening

November

14th World Diabetes Day

Spotlight on provision

The SEN code of practice uses the term 'assess, plan, do, review'... ...
what does this mean or look like at St Joseph's Primary?

At St Joseph's, our children are at the centre of everything we do. We aim to identify the needs of all pupils as early as possible. This is part of our graduated approach, in which we Assess, Plan, Do, Review. This ongoing cycle ensures that effective provision is put in place and also removes barriers to learning. We believe in inclusivity for all and strive to make this a reality for all our pupils.

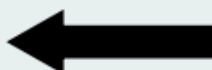
Assess : This is where we look at your child's needs to help us all understand your child and best way that we can support them. Your views and concerns will be gathered and included in our assessment.



Plan : We will agree with you what adjustments in the classroom we can make, what interventions and support your child will have and what we think the outcomes of the support will be. This will be reviewed after 2 terms of implementation.



Review: This will take place session by session, week to week and at the end of the Pupil Passport cycle. You will have a reviewed copy of the Pupil Passport and will be asked for your views and we will share the effectiveness of the interventions and progress towards the targets. We will also consider next steps.



Do: We put everything in place from the plan and observe and assess carefully what happens for your child as a result. You can come into school and make contact with us if you have any questions.



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PINS

Derbyshire Parent Carer Voice (DPCV) are helping us as a school to take part in The Partnership for Inclusion of Neurodiversity in Schools (PINS). This is an exciting new programme that St Joseph's are taking part in and it is funded jointly by the Department for Education (DfE), NHS England (NHSE), and the Department for Health and Social Care (DHSC). Its goal is to bring health, social care and education specialists, as well as parent carers, into primary schools to:

- Help shape a whole school approach to inclusion but has the potential to directly impact how school is experienced by young people who are neurodiverse, so they can thrive and belong.
- Help schools to build better parent/carer partnerships in each school grow and get stronger.
- For staff to be more proactive in making accommodations in how school is experienced and how learning takes place interventions at the school level.
- Upskill school staff.

Derbyshire Parent Carer Voice (DPCV) can provide:

- Parent/carer social meet ups
- School support meet ups/coffee mornings (PINS project)
- Parent/carer Support, advice, signposting
- Training workshops/informative events
- Online support (social media channels)
- Wellbeing events
- SEND survey/data collection reports

[Click here to join](#)

DIASS

Derbyshire Information, Advice and Support Service (DIASS) provides independent information, advice and support to children and young people with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND), as well as their parents and carers.

We aim to help parents and carers increase their involvement in the education of their children and ensure that they have access to information and advice about issues relating to a child or young person's health and social care. The service is impartial, confidential, and works at arm's length from the local authority. Our advice is free and accessible to all parents of children with SEND. We also offer support for children and young people with SEND.

We can also support you with:

- the law around SEND
- health and social care in relation to special educational needs provision
- personal budgets
- education health care plans (EHCP)
- information on the Local Offer (services and provision available for those with SEND)
- transition post 16 - preparing for adulthood
- resolving any disagreement
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Follow this link for further information: <https://www.derbyshireiass.co.uk/home.aspx>



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SEND Events in the area



Friday, 1 November

SEND Family Activity Day Fri 1st November 2024 - £34.05

An activity day designed to cater to various abilities and needs in a supportive and accessible environment.



The Arc Leisure Centre in Matlock holds a SEN Swim event every Sunday from 08:00am until 09:00am which offers a quieter family swim session. The centre offers disabled parking, ramp access, automatic doors and pool hoists. Booking in advance is required.



A Buxton Opera House Production

Jack and the Beanstalk - Autism Friendly Performance

Wed 11 Dec 2024, 5:30pm

Buxton Opera House