

SEND policy

Jesson's Church of England Primary School



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1. Aims and objectives

Our special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) policy aims to:

- Make sure our school fully implements national legislation and guidance regarding pupils with SEND
- Set out how our school will:
 - Support and make provision for pupils with special educational needs and disabilities
 - Provide pupils with SEND access to all aspects of school life so they can engage in the activities of the school alongside pupils who do not have SEND
 - Help pupils with SEND fulfil their aspirations and achieve their best
 - Help pupils with SEND become confident individuals living fulfilling lives
 - Communicate with pupils with SEND and their parents or carers and involve them in discussions and decisions about support and provision for the pupil
 - To ensure that all pupils have access to a broad and balanced education
 - To provide equal opportunities for all
- Explain the roles and responsibilities of everyone involved in providing for pupils with SEND
- Communicate with, and involve, pupils with SEND and their parents or carers in discussions and decisions about support and provision for the pupil
- Make sure the SEND policy is understood and implemented consistently by all staff

2. Vision and values

At Jesson's we recognise that every child is an individual with educational needs and abilities. We are committed to offering a curriculum that is inclusive, broad and balanced. We aim to ensure the best possible outcomes for all our children, whatever their needs or abilities. Our educational aims for children with special educational needs and/or disabilities are the same as those for all children in school. Special educational needs may be experienced by an individual either throughout or at any time during their school career. This policy ensures that curriculum planning and assessment for pupils with special educational needs takes account of the type and extent of the needs of individual pupils. We are focused on creating an inclusive environment, where provision is tailored to the needs and abilities of pupils, no matter how varied. We are committed to making sure all our pupils have the chance to thrive and supporting them to meet their full potential.

3. Legislation and guidance

This is based on the statutory guidance [Special Educational Needs and Disability \(SEND\) Code of Practice](#), [Keeping Children Safe in Education](#) and [working together to improve school attendance](#).

This policy is also based on the following legislation:

- [Part 3 of the Children and Families Act 2014](#), which sets out schools' responsibilities for pupils with SEND
- [The Special Educational Needs and Disability Regulations 2014](#), which set out local authorities' and schools' responsibilities for education, health and care (EHC) plans, SEN coordinators (SENCOs) and the special educational needs (SEN) information report
- The [Equality Act 2010](#) (section 20), which sets out the school's duties to make reasonable adjustments for pupils with disabilities
- The [Public Sector Equality Duty](#) (section 149 of the Equality Act 2010), which set out the school's responsibilities to eliminate discrimination, harassment and victimisation; and advance equality of opportunity and foster good relations between people who share a protected characteristic (which includes having a disability) and those who don't share it
- The governance guide for [academy trusts](#) which sets out trustees' responsibilities for pupils with SEND
- The [School Admissions Code](#), which sets out the school's obligation to admit all pupils whose education, health and care (EHC) plan names the school, and its duty not to disadvantage unfairly children with a disability or with special educational needs

This document also complies with our funding agreement and articles of association.

4. Inclusion and equal opportunities

At our school we strive to create an inclusive teaching environment that offers all pupils, no matter their needs and abilities, a broad, balanced and challenging curriculum. We are committed to offering all pupils the chance to thrive and fulfil their aspirations.

We will achieve this by making reasonable adjustments to teaching, the curriculum and the school environment to make sure that pupils with SEND are included in all aspects of school life.

5. Definitions

5.1 Special educational needs

A pupil has SEN if they have a learning difficulty or disability that requires special educational provision to be made for them.

They have a **learning difficulty or disability** if they have:

- A significantly greater difficulty in learning than most others of the same age, or

- A disability which prevents or hinders them from making use of facilities of a kind generally provided for others of the same age in mainstream schools

Special educational provision is educational or training provision that is additional to, or different from, that made generally for other children or young people of the same age by mainstream schools.

5.2 Disability

Pupils are considered to have a **disability** if they have a physical or mental impairment that has a substantial and long-term adverse effect on their ability to do normal daily activities.

The school will make reasonable adjustments for pupils with disabilities, so that they are not at a substantial disadvantage compared with their peers.

5.3 The 4 areas of need

The needs of pupils with SEND are grouped into 4 broad areas. Pupils can have needs that cut across more than 1 area, and their needs may change over time.

Interventions will be selected that are appropriate for the pupil's particular area(s) of need, at the relevant time.

AREA OF NEED	
Communication and interaction	Pupils with needs in this area have difficulty communicating with others. They may have difficulty understanding what is being said to them, have trouble expressing themselves, or not understand or use the social rules of communication. Pupils who are on the autism spectrum often have needs that fall in this category.
Cognition and learning	Pupils with learning difficulties usually learn at a slower pace than their peers. A wide range of needs are grouped in this area, including: • Specific learning difficulties, which impact 1 or more specific aspects of learning, such as: dyslexia, dyscalculia and dyspraxia • Moderate learning difficulties • Severe learning difficulties • Profound and multiple learning difficulties, which is where pupils are likely to have severe and complex learning difficulties as well as a physical disability or sensory impairment

AREA OF NEED	
Social, emotional and mental health	These needs may reflect a wide range of underlying difficulties or disorders. Pupils may have: • Mental health difficulties such as anxiety, depression or an eating disorder • Attention deficit disorder, attention deficit hyperactive disorder or attachment disorder • Suffered adverse childhood experiences These needs can manifest in many ways, for example as challenging, disruptive or disturbing behaviour, or by the pupil becoming withdrawn or isolated.
Sensory and/or physical	Pupils with these needs have a disability that hinders them from accessing the educational facilities generally provided. Pupils may have: • A sensory impairment such as vision impairment, hearing impairment or multi-sensory impairment • A physical impairment These pupils may need ongoing additional support and equipment to access all the opportunities available to their peers.

6. Roles and responsibilities

6.1 The SENCO(s)

The SENCOs at our school are Mrs A Smith and Mrs V Brookes (both National Award for SEN Co-ordination).

They will:

- Inform any parents that their child may have SEND and then liaise with them about the pupil's needs and any provision made
- Work with the headteacher and SEND governor to determine the strategic development of the SEND policy and provision in the school
- Have day-to-day responsibility for the operation of this SEND policy and the co-ordination of specific provision made to support individual pupils with SEND, including those who have EHC plans
- Provide professional guidance to colleagues and liaise and work with staff, parents, and other agencies to make sure that pupils with SEND receive appropriate support and high-quality teaching
- Advise on the graduated approach to providing SEND support and differentiated teaching methods appropriate for individual pupils
- Advise on the deployment of the school's delegated budget and other resources to meet pupils' needs effectively
- Be a point of contact for external agencies, especially the local authority (LA) and its support services, and work with external agencies to make sure that appropriate provision is provided

- Liaise with potential next providers of education to make sure that the pupil and their parents/carers are informed about options and that a smooth transition is planned
- When a pupil moves to a different school or institution, make sure that all relevant information about a pupil's SEND and the provision for them are sent to the appropriate authority, school or institution in a timely manner
- Work with the headteacher and Local School Board to make sure the school meets its responsibilities under the Equality Act 2010 with regard to reasonable adjustments and access arrangements
- Make sure the school keeps its records of all pupils with SEND up to date and accurate
- With the headteacher, monitor to identify any staff who have specific training needs regarding SEND, and incorporate this into the school's plan for continuous professional development
- With the headteacher, regularly review and evaluate the breadth and impact of the SEND support the school offers or can access, and co-operate with the LA in reviewing the provision that is available locally and in developing the local offer
- Prepare and review information for inclusion in the school's SEND information report and any updates to this policy
- With the headteacher and teaching staff, identify any patterns in the school's identification of SEND, both within the school and in comparison with national data, and use these to reflect on and reinforce the quality of teaching

6.2 The Local School Board

The Local School Board is responsible for making sure the following duties are carried out, though the duties can be delegated to a committee or an individual:

- Co-operate with the LA in reviewing the provision that is available locally and developing the local offer
- Do all it can to make sure that every pupil with SEND gets the support they need
- Make sure that pupils with SEND engage in the activities of the school alongside pupils who don't have SEND
- Inform parents/carers when the school is making special educational provision for their child
- Make sure that the school has arrangements in place to support any pupils with medical conditions
- Provide access to a broad and balanced curriculum
- Have a clear approach to identifying and responding to SEND
- Provide an annual report for parents/carers on their child's progress
- Record accurately and keep up to date the provision made for pupils with SEND
- Publish information on the school website about how the school is implementing its SEND policy, in an SEND information report
- Publish information about the arrangements for the admission of disabled children, the steps taken to prevent disabled children being treated less favourably than others, the facilities provided to assist access of disabled children, and the school's accessibility plans
- Make sure that there is a qualified teacher designated as SENCO(s) for the school and that the key responsibilities of the role are set out, and monitor the effectiveness of how these are carried out
- Determine their approach to using their resources to support the progress of pupils with SEND

6.3 The SEND link governor

The SEND link governor is Mrs H Worrall.

The SEND governor will:

- Help to raise awareness of SEND issues at Local School Board meetings
- Monitor the quality and effectiveness of SEND provision within the school and update the governing board on this
- Work with the headteacher and SENCOs to determine the strategic development of the SEND policy and provision in the school

6.4 The headteacher

The headteacher will:

- Work with the SENCOs and SEND link governor to determine the strategic development of the SEND policy and provision within the school
- Work with the SENCOs and school governors to make sure the school meets its responsibilities under the Equality Act 2010 with regard to reasonable adjustments and access arrangements
- Have overall responsibility for, and awareness of, the provision for pupils with SEND, and their progress
- Have responsibility for monitoring the school's notional SEND budget and any additional funding allocated by the LA to support individual pupils
- Make sure that the SENCOs have enough time to carry out their duties
- Have an overview of the needs of the current cohort of pupils on the SEND register
- Advise the LA when a pupil needs an EHC needs assessment, or when an EHC plan needs an early review
- With the SENCOs, monitor to identify any staff who have specific training needs regarding SEND, and incorporate this into the school's plan for continuous professional development
- With the SENCOs, regularly review and evaluate the breadth and impact of the SEND support the school offers or can access, and co-operate with the LA in reviewing the provision that is available locally and in developing the local offer
- With the SENCOs and teaching staff, identify any patterns in the school's identification of SEND, both within the school and in comparison with national data, and use these to reflect on and reinforce the quality of teaching

6.5 Class teachers

Each class teacher is responsible for:

- Planning and providing high-quality teaching that is differentiated to meet pupil needs through a graduated approach
- The progress and development of every pupil in their class
- Working closely with any teaching assistants or specialist staff to plan and assess the impact of support and interventions, and consider how they can be linked to classroom teaching
- Working with the SENCOs to review each pupil's progress and development, and decide on any changes to provision
- Ensuring they follow this SEND policy and the SEND information report
- Communicating with parents/carers regularly to:
 - Set clear outcomes and review progress towards them
 - Discuss the activities and support that will help achieve the set outcomes
 - Identify the responsibilities of the parent, the pupil and the school

- Listen to the parents'/carers' concerns and agree their aspirations for the pupil

6.6 Parents or carers

Parents or carers should inform the school if they have any concerns about their child's progress or development.

Parents or carers of a pupil on the SEND register will always be given the opportunity to provide information and express their views about the pupil's SEND and the support provided. They will be invited to participate in discussions and decisions about this support. They will be:

- Invited to regular meetings to review the provision that is in place for their child.
- Asked to provide information about the impact of SEND support outside school and any changes in the pupil's needs
- Given the opportunity to share their concerns and, with school staff, agree their aspirations for the pupil
- Given an annual report on the pupil's progress

The school will consider the views of the parents or carers in any decisions made about the pupil.

If it is felt that some pupils are making progress which is sustainable, then they may be removed from the SEND register. If this is the case then the views of the teacher, SENCOs, pupil and parents need to be considered, as well as those of any other professionals involved. If it is agreed by all to take the pupil off the SEND register, then all records will be kept until the pupil leaves the school (and passed on to the next setting). The class teacher will then continue to monitor the pupil as part of the schools' monitoring procedures. If it is felt that the pupil requires additional assistance, then they may be added back onto the SEND register once the graduated approach has been implemented.

6.7 The pupil

Pupils will always be given the opportunity to provide information and express their views about their SEND and the support provided. They will be invited to participate in discussions and decisions about this support.

This might involve the pupil:

- Explaining what their strengths and difficulties are
- Contributing to setting targets or outcomes
- Attending review meetings
- Giving feedback on the effectiveness of interventions

The pupil's views will be considered in making decisions that affect them, whenever possible.

7. SEND information report

The school publishes a SEND information report on its website, which sets out how this policy is implemented in the school.

The information report will be updated annually and as soon as possible after any changes to the information it contains.

8. Our approach to SEND support

8.1 Identifying pupils with SEND and assessing their needs

At Jesson's we adopt the definition of SEND as stated in the Special Educational Needs Code of Practice: 0-25 Guidance (2015).

We will assess each pupil's current skills and levels of attainment when they start at the school. This will build on information from previous settings and Key Stages, where appropriate. We will also consider any evidence that the pupil may have a disability and if so, what reasonable adjustments the school may need to make.

Class teachers will regularly assess the progress of all pupils and identify any whose progress:

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

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

Pupils with SEND may have needs in one or more of the following areas:

- Communication and Interaction
- Cognition and Learning
- Social, Emotional, and Mental Health difficulties
- Sensory and/or Physical needs

Within school, pupils with SEND are identified on the school's SEND register so that provision to meet their needs can be routinely planned for. As children progress, they may be taken off the SEND register when their needs no longer require special educational provision.

There are other factors which impact upon progress and attainment, and care must be taken to ensure that these children are not incorrectly labelled as SEND. These factors include:

- Attendance and punctuality
- Health and Welfare
- English as an Additional Language
- Receiving free school meals
- Being a Child in Care

Many children and young people who have SEND may also have a disability under the Equality Act 2010 if they have '...a physical or mental impairment which has a long-term and substantial adverse effect on their ability to carry out normal day-to-day activities' (Equality Act, 2010). This definition provides a relatively low threshold and includes more children than many realise: 'long-term' is defined as 'a year or more' and 'substantial' is defined as 'more than minor or trivial'. This definition includes sensory impairments such as those affecting sight or hearing, and long-term health conditions such as asthma, diabetes, epilepsy and cancer. Children and young people with such conditions do not necessarily have SEND, but there is a significant overlap between disabled children and young people and those with SEND. Where a disabled child or young person requires special educational provision, they will also be covered by the SEND definition. The SEND Code of Practice outlines that schools must make 'reasonable adjustments' as part of the Equality Act, 2010 (DfE, 2015, p. 93).

When teachers identify an area where a pupil is making slow progress, they will target the pupil's area of weakness with differentiated, high-quality teaching. If progress does not improve, the teacher will raise the issue with the SENCOs to have an initial discussion about whether this lack of progress may be due to a special educational need. Where necessary they will, in consultation with the pupil's parents or carers, consider consulting an external specialist.

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

Potential short-term causes of impact on behaviour or performance will be considered, such as bullying or bereavement. Staff will also take particular care in identifying and assessing SEND for pupils whose first language is not English.

When deciding whether the pupil needs special educational provision, 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/carers. 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.

If a pupil is joining the school, and:

- Their previous setting has already identified that they have SEND
- They are known to external agencies
- They have an education, health and care plan (EHCP)

then the school will work in a multi-agency way to make sure we get relevant information before the pupil starts at school, so support can be put in place as early as possible.

8.2 Consulting and involving pupils and parents/carers

The school will put the pupil and their parents/carers at the heart of all decisions made about special educational provision.

When we are aiming to identify whether a pupil needs special education provision, we will have an early discussion with the pupil and their parents/carers. These conversations will make sure that:

- Parents and carers are encouraged to inform school of any difficulties that their child may be experiencing.
- Everyone develops a good understanding of the pupil's areas of strength and difficulty
- We take into account any concerns the parents/carers have
- Everyone understands the agreed outcomes sought for the child
- Everyone is clear on what the next steps are
- Parents and carers are kept informed
- Parents and carers are supported during assessment
- Parents and carers are involved in decision making
- All information is provided in an accessible format

Notes of these early discussions will be added to the pupil's record and given to their parents/carers. We will formally notify parents/carers if it is decided that a pupil will receive special educational provision.

8.3 The graduated approach to SEND support

Once a pupil has been identified as having SEND, we will take action to remove any barriers to learning and put effective special educational provision in place. This support will be delivered through successive rounds of a 4-part cycle known as the graduated approach.

1. Assess

The pupil's class teacher and the SENCOs will carry out a clear analysis of the pupil's needs. The views of the pupil and their parents/carers will be considered. The school may also seek advice from external support services.

The assessment will be reviewed regularly to help make sure that the support in place is matched to the pupil's need. For many pupils, the most reliable way to identify needs is to observe the way they respond to an intervention.

2. Plan

In consultation with the parents/carers and the pupil, the teacher and the SENCOs will decide which adjustments, interventions and support will be put into place, the expected outcomes, and a clear date for review.

All staff who work with the pupil will be made aware of the pupil's needs, the outcomes sought, the support provided and any teaching strategies or approaches that are needed. This information will be recorded on our management information system, Arbor, and will be made accessible to staff in a one-page profile.

Parents/carers will be fully aware of the planned support and interventions and may be asked to reinforce or contribute to progress at home.

3. Do

The pupil's class or subject teacher retains overall responsibility for their progress.

Where the plan involves group or 1-to-1 teaching away from the main class or subject teacher, they still retain responsibility for the pupil. They will work closely with any teaching assistants or specialist staff involved, to plan and assess the impact of support and interventions and how they can be linked to classroom teaching.

The SENCOs will support the teacher in further assessing the pupil's particular strengths and weaknesses, in problem solving and advising on how to implement support effectively.

4. Review

The effectiveness of the support and interventions and their impact on the pupil's progress will be reviewed in line with the agreed date.

We will evaluate the impact and quality of the support and interventions. This evaluation will be based on:

- The views of the parents/carers and pupils
- The level of progress the pupil has made towards their outcomes
- The views of teaching staff who work with the pupil

The teacher and the SENCOs will revise the outcomes and support considering the pupil's progress and development, and in consultation with the pupil and their parents/carers.

8.4 Levels of support

School-based SEND provision

Pupils receiving SEND provision will be placed on the school's SEND register. These pupils have needs that can be met by the school through the graduated approach. Where the pupil's needs cannot be adequately met with in-house expertise, staff will consider involving an external specialist as soon as possible.

The provision for these pupils is funded through the school's notional SEND budget.

On the census these pupils will be marked with the code K.

Education, health and care (EHC) plan

Pupils who need more support than is available through the school's school-based SEND provision may be entitled to an EHC plan. The plan is a legal document that describes the needs of the pupil, the provision that will be put in place, and the outcomes sought.

The provision for these pupils will be funded from the school's notional SEND budget, and potentially from the LA (from the high-level needs funding block of the dedicated schools grant).

On the census these pupils will be marked with the code E.

8.5 Evaluating the effectiveness of SEN provision

Progress is the crucial factor in determining the need for additional support. Pupil progress is monitored on a termly basis in line with the SEND Code of Practice using assessment data and feedback from teachers. Where pupils are identified as not making progress despite the use of Quality First Teaching a discussion will take place between the SENCOs and class teacher and a plan of action agreed.

We evaluate the effectiveness of provision for pupils with SEN by:

- › Reviewing pupils' individual progress towards their targets each term
- › Regular reviewing of the impact of any interventions carried out
- › Carrying out the review stage of the graduated approach in every cycle of SEN support
- › Monitoring by the SENCOs and SLT.
- › Holding annual reviews for pupils with EHC plans
- › Getting feedback from the pupil and their parents/carers.

9. Attendance

Many pupils with SEND face complex barriers to attendance. Their right to an education is the same as any other pupil and therefore the attendance ambition for these pupils is the same as it is for any other pupil. However, they may need additional support.

Our approach to supporting pupils who are absent from school due to their SEND is set out in our Attendance policy.

10. Safeguarding

We recognise that pupils with SEND can face additional safeguarding challenges. Children with disabilities are more likely to be abused than their peers, and additional barriers can exist when recognising abuse, exploitation and neglect in this group.

For more details of the pastoral support, we offer pupils with SEND, and the support we provide to help pupils overcome any communication barriers they face, see our Child Protection & Safeguarding policy.

11. Expertise and training of staff

Training will regularly be provided to teaching and support staff. The headteacher and the SENCOs will continuously monitor to identify any staff who have specific training needs and will incorporate this into the school's plan for continuous professional development.

We aim to keep all school staff up to date with relevant training and developments in teaching practice in relation to the needs of pupils with SEND. The SENCOs attend relevant SEND courses, including Dudley's SEND network meetings, to keep up to date with Local and National changes.

We recognise the need to train all our staff on SEND issues and we have funding available to support their professional development. The SENCOs, along with the senior leadership team, ensures that training opportunities are matched to school development priorities.

All teachers and support staff undertake induction on taking up a post and this includes meeting with the SENCOs to explain the systems and structures in place around the school's SEND provision and to discuss the needs of individual pupils.

12. Links with external professional agencies

The school recognises that it won't be able to meet all the needs of every pupil. Whenever necessary, the school will work with external support services such as:

- Speech and language therapists
- Specialist teachers or support services such as Dudley Learning Support Service
- Educational Psychologists
- Occupational Therapists, speech and language therapists or physiotherapists
- General practitioners or paediatricians
- School nurses
- Child and adolescent mental health services (CAMHS)
- Sycamore Outreach to support pupils with social, emotional, and mental health difficulties.
- Physical Impairment and Medical Inclusion Service (PIMIS)
- Integrated Early Years service (IEYs)
- Visual Impairment Service (VI)
- Hearing Impairment Service (HI)
- Education welfare officers
- Social services

Referrals to these services will be made by the school SENCOs or health professionals after gaining consent from parents/carers.

13. Admission and accessibility arrangements

13.1 Admission arrangements

Full information about our admission arrangements can be found in the Determined Admission Arrangements available at [insert link](#)

In accordance with legislation, a child with an Education Health Care Plan (EHCP) will be offered a place at the school named in the EHCP as the most appropriate to meet the child's individual needs, this may reduce the number of places available for children who do not have an EHCP.

The school's admissions criteria does not discriminate against pupils with special education needs and/or disabilities, and its admissions policy has due regard for the guidance in the Code of Practice which accompany the SEN and Disability Act. The school follows the current admissions criteria as laid down in the Dudley LA admissions team, which is available to all parents. Provided there is a place available within the appropriate year group, all children will be admitted whatever their learning ability. Parents or carers seeking the admission of a pupil in receipt of an EHCP must do so through the Dudley LA's SEN Team, who will arrange the appropriate consultation with the school's Governing Body regarding admission.

13.2 Accessibility arrangements

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

- Differentiating our curriculum through adaptive teaching 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 and paper, visual timetables, larger font, writing slopes, hearing sound field systems, etc.
- Differentiating our teaching through adaptive teaching techniques, for example, giving longer processing times, pre-teaching of key vocabulary, reading instructions aloud, 'chunking' a task, etc.
- Access arrangements for tests and examination are routinely applied to help support children with specific needs. This may mean that the children are allowed a reader or a scribe. It may also mean that the child is eligible for extra time.
- We ensure wherever possible that equipment used is accessible to all children regardless of their needs.
- After-school provision is accessible to all children, including those with SEND.
- Extra-curricular activities are accessible for children with SEND.
- There is a disabled toilet that is fully equipped with rails, an emergency pull cord, and changing facilities.
- The school is all on one level with internal steps but can also be accessed through external ramps and with doors wide enough to allow for a wheelchair.
- Access from outside areas such as the main front doors or from the KS2 playground is accessible via a ramp.
- Our TLC (The Learning Centre) SEND base is made up of two specialist classes, based within our extremely inclusive mainstream school, which caters for children who have special educational needs and an EHCP.
- At this time, we can accept 12 children to the setting.
- Please note: Jesson's C of E Primary School does not decide which children are admitted into TLC. To gain a place in TLC, the setting must be named in Section I of your child's EHCP. For further information, you should speak with your child's SEND Case Officer. It is not possible to apply for spaces in TLC by approaching the school or through the usual application route for school places.
- We offer specialised teaching and resources designed to deliver provision as set out by individual children's Education, Health and Care plans (EHCP). Staffing ratios in TLC are higher than in a mainstream class and staff are recruited and trained to offer skills and expertise in supporting children with SEND.
- All children given a place in TLC are placed on roll at Jesson's C of E Primary School. We offer a 'hybrid' model where we monitor the development of children within TLC, supporting them to access activities alongside peers in the mainstream classroom, where it is appropriate. These activities may be learning opportunities including Phonics, Maths and other lessons, or enrichment activities such as the annual Nativity play, our weekly assemblies or other whole-school events.

14. Complaints about SEND provision

Where parents/carers have concerns about our school's SEND provision, they should first raise their concerns informally with the Class Teacher or SLT. We will try to resolve the complaint informally in the first instance. If this does not resolve their concerns, parents are welcome to submit their complaint formally.

Formal complaints about SEND provision in our school should be made to the SENCO and/or headteacher. They will be handled in line with the school's complaints policy [insert link to complaints policy here](#).

If the parent or carer is not satisfied with the school's response, they can escalate the complaint. In some circumstances, this right also applies to the pupil themselves.

To see a full explanation of suitable avenues for complaint, see pages 246 and 247 of the [SEN Code of Practice](#).

To find out about disagreement resolution and mediation services in our local area, please see: <https://www.dudley.gov.uk/residents/dudley-local-offer/education-health-and-care-plan-ehcp/what-is-disagreement-resolution-and-mediation/>

15. Monitoring and evaluation arrangements

15.1 Evaluating the effectiveness of the policy

We are constantly looking for ways to improve our SEND policy. We will do this by evaluating whether or not we are meeting our objectives set out in section 1.

We will evaluate how effective our SEND provision is with regards to:

- › All staff's awareness of pupils with SEND at the start of the autumn term
- › How early pupils are identified as having SEND
- › Pupils' progress and attainment once they have been identified as having SEND
- › Whether pupils with SEND feel safe, valued and included in the school community
- › Comments and feedback from pupils and their parents/carers

15.2 Monitoring the policy

This policy will be reviewed by Mrs A Smith and Mrs V Brookes (SENCOs) **every year**. It will also be updated when any new legislation, requirements or changes in procedure occur during the year.

It will be approved by the Local School Board and approved by school Governors.

16. Links with other policies and documents

This policy links to the following documents:

- › SEND information report
- › The local offer <https://www.dudley.gov.uk/residents/dudley-local-offer/>
- › Behaviour policy
- › Equality information and objectives
- › EAL policy
- › Intimate care policy
- › Physical restraint policy
- › Medical conditions in school policy
- › Attendance policy
- › Child protection & safeguarding policy
- › Complaints policy?

17. Contact details of support services for parents of pupils with SEND

Dudley Special Educational Needs & Disability Information, Advice and Support Service (SENDIASS) provide a range of information, legally based advice and support to help parents/carers, children and young people on all matters relating to Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND). They offer free, confidential and impartial support to children and young people aged 0-25 years old with SEND and their parents and carers.

Further information can be found at:

<https://www.dudley.gov.uk/residents/learning-and-school/information-for-parents/dudley-sendiass/>

Email: dudley.sendiass@dudley.gov.uk

Call: 07824 543233, 07900 161363 or 07929 777744.

Also available through Dudley Local offer website: <https://www.dudley.gov.uk/residents/dudleys-local-offer/>