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SEN and Disabilities Report

These pages set out information about our provision for children and young people with special educational needs (SEN) and the effectiveness of these arrangements. They are updated annually.

About our school

At St John's School we believe all children have the right to a broad, balanced, relevant and differentiated curriculum. We provide for children and young people with a wide range of special educational needs including those with:

- Communication and interaction needs;
this includes children who have speech language and communication difficulties, including autistic spectrum conditions.
- Cognition and Learning needs;
this includes children who have learning difficulties and specific learning difficulties like dyslexia, dyspraxia and dyscalculia.
- Social, Emotional and Mental Health needs
- Sensory and/or Physical needs;
this includes children who have visual or hearing needs, or a physical disability that affects their learning

We are a mainstream school with one form entry per year (seven classes).

Our special educational needs co-ordinator (SENCo) is: Miss Charlotte Miles
She can be contacted on: 01491 837305

Our governor with responsibility for SEN is: Mrs Lisa Strange

Our SEN policy can be found here: <http://stjohnswallingford.org.uk/policies/>

Our Equality Scheme and Accessibility Plan can be found here:
<http://stjohnswallingford.org.uk/policies/>

How do we identify and give extra help to children and young people with SEN?

The school uses Oxfordshire County Council's guidance '*Identifying and supporting Special Educational Needs in Oxfordshire schools and settings*'.

The guidance sets out:

- How we identify if a child or young person has a special educational need.
- How we assess children and plan for their special educational needs, and how we adapt our teaching.
- Ways in which we can adapt our school environment to meet each child's needs.

- How we review progress and agree outcomes and involve you and your child in this.

Click here to read it:

<https://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/cms/sites/default/files/folders/documents/childreneducationandfamilies/educationandlearning/specialeducationalneeds/SEND/CompilationFoundationYearsandPrimary.pdf>

How do we work with parents and children/young people?

We will always contact parents if we have a concern that a child or young person may have a special educational need. Parents are encouraged to speak to their child's class teacher or the SENCo if they have concerns.

We work closely with children and young people with SEN and their parents to agree outcomes and how we will all work towards these, and then to review progress. We do this by holding pupil profile meetings three times a year and by having regular informal meetings and telephone calls with parents and carers as required. Where appropriate home school diaries and scheduled e-mails may also be used to communicate with parents.

There are also opportunities for parents and children to contribute to our policies on SEN and Equality. We do this by holding parent focus groups and through the school council.

Adapting the curriculum

We offer a broad and balanced curriculum for all children and young people including those with SEN. Details are published on the school website. The way we adapt this for children with SEN and disabled children is set out in the School Accessibility Plan. You can read it <http://stjohnswallingford.org.uk/policies/>

Where appropriate, St John's School will provide interventions to meet specific needs for example, the Fischer Family Trust and Project X Code to support the development of language and literacy skills in year two and 1:1 maths sessions with the SENCo. We offer nurture support for children throughout the school with our nurture HLTA(Higher Level Teaching Assistant).

What expertise can we offer?

Our SENCo holds The National Award for Special Educational Needs Co-ordination qualification, and has specialist training in cognition and learning, communication and interaction and social, emotional and mental health needs. Staff have basic awareness level training in supporting pupils with general literacy and maths difficulties, autism and attachment difficulties. We have staff who have received enhanced training in literacy difficulties (dyslexia) and supporting pupils with difficulties in maths (dyscalculia), communication and interaction and social and emotional needs.

Teaching assistants are trained to support the particular needs of the children they work with. The SENCo also provides regular general training for teaching assistants.

We also have access to a range of specialist support services including:
Educational Psychology

SENSS, who support children with communication and language, sensory needs and physical needs
Primary Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services and Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services (PCAMHS and CAMHS)
Attachment Team
Oxfordshire School Inclusion Team
Therapy services
Early Intervention
Children's Social Care
The Art Room

Information about these services and what they offer can be found on the Oxfordshire County Council SEN web pages:

<https://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/cms/public-site/special-educational-needs-sen>

We always discuss the involvement of specialist SEN services with parents first.

We also work with other services and organisations that are involved with a family, with the family's permission.

How do we know if SEN provision is effective?

The progress of all children/young people is tracked throughout the school through regular data (level) collection (minimum 3 times a year). Intervention specific assessments are also used, for example Neale Analysis or Sandwell Maths Assessment.

In addition for children/young people with SEN we regularly review progress towards agreed outcomes, assessing whether the support that's been in place has made a difference and what we need to do next. We often evaluate this progress against age related expectations.

When we run special intervention programmes for groups of children we assess how successful they have been and use that information to decide on how best to run them in the future.

How are children and young people with SEN helped to access activities outside of the classroom?

All children and young people are included in activities and trips following risk assessments where needed and in accordance with duties under the Equalities Act 2010. We talk to parents and young people when planning trips so that everyone is clear about what will happen.

There is information about activities and events for disabled children and those with SEN in Oxfordshire in the Family Information Directory:

<http://fisd.oxfordshire.gov.uk/kb5/oxfordshire/fsd/disabilities.page>

Oxfordshire's accessibility strategy can be read at:

http://schools.oxfordshire.gov.uk/cms/sites/schools/files/folders/folders/documents/SEN/guidance/Schools_Accessibility_Strategy.pdf

What do we do to support the wellbeing of children/young people with SEN?

All children have the opportunity to share their views through their school council representatives and regular pupil voice collection as part of the pupil profile review. We listen to the views of children/young people with SEN by asking them about their concerns and putting actions in place to address them. We regularly collect pupil voice when evaluating learning activities that the children have carried out. We take bullying very seriously. We help to prevent bullying of children/young people with SEN through the promotion of our positive school values and PHSE curriculum, by having anti-bullying ambassadors, anti-bullying week, attending appropriate training and regularly training school staff.

Joining the school and moving on

We encourage all new children to visit the school before starting. For children/young people with SEN we arrange additional visits to their current setting and attend appropriate meetings. This may also be relevant for 'looked after' pupils.

We begin to prepare young people for transition into the next stage of their education or training by providing additional and personalised visits to their next school.

Our admissions arrangements are managed by Oxfordshire County Council; a link to their admissions page can be found on our website.

Who to contact

If parents are concerned about their child, we would encourage them to speak to their child's class teacher or the SENCo.

If you'd like to feedback to us, including any concerns about SEN provision, contact the school office on 01491 837305.

If you'd like impartial advice from Oxfordshire's Parent Partnership Service contact <https://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/cms/content/contact-parent-partnership>

If you'd like to know more about opportunities for children and young people with SEN and their families, support groups or information about SEN these are listed in the Family Information Directory:

<http://fisd.oxfordshire.gov.uk/kb5/oxfordshire/fsd/disabilities.page>

Oxfordshire's Local Offer contains lots of information for parents. Click here to see it:

<https://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/cms/public-site/special-educational-needs-sen>. Our school has contributed to the county's Local Offer through attendance at a training workshop and through trialling of new guidance and systems

Number of pupils with SEN identified on the SEN Register

At the end of July 2014 there were 28 children on the SEN Register. There were 20 boys and 8 girls. This was 13.5% of the pupils on role. Ten children on the SEN register left St John's School in July 2014 to attend a Secondary School or they moved to a new area.

	MLD	SPLD	BESD	SL&C	ASD	PD	Total
School Action	8	4	3	3	0	0	18
School Action Plus	2	0	2	2	2	0	8
Statement	0	0	1	0	1	0	2
Total	10	4	6	5	3	0	28

MLD – Moderate Learning Difficulties
SPLD – Specific Learning Difficulties
BESD – Behavioural, Emotional and Social Difficulties
SL&C – Speech, Language and Communication
ASD – Autistic Spectrum Difficulties
PD – Physical Difficulties

Progress of pupils

The following table shows the points progress of pupils on the SEN Register in 2013-2014

	Writing Points Progress	Reading Points Progress	Maths Points Progress
Yr 6	3.4	4	2.6
Yr 5	4.4	2.8	3.6
Yr 4	3.25	3.75	3
Yr 3	4.67	4	4.5
Yr 2	4	3	2
Yr 1	3.5	2.5	4

Evaluation of provision

Interventions

During the year we have run a number of interventions including Nurture Work, Precision Teaching, Project X CODE, Fischer Family Trust Literacy and Phonics Groups using Letters & Sounds. The School Speech Therapist and the School Occupational Therapist provided programmes of work to be carried out in school with specific children. Some of these interventions have been delivered on a 1:1 basis, others in a small group. Most interventions are aimed at improving literacy skills and social and emotional skills. Most pupils have enjoyed the interventions and made progress.

Analysis of progress during interventions

Intervention	Length of Intervention	Average Impact
Project X CODE	8 weeks	Sentence Reading Age + 4.75 months Phonics Age + 12.25 months
FFT Literacy Intervention	10 weeks	Letter names + 31 Letter sounds + 3 Writing words + 8 Phonemes + 8 High frequency words + 5 Understanding Print +6
Star Group Intervention	8 weeks	QCA Behaviour Scores + 11 points

Budget Allocation

The SEN resources budget for 2013/2014 purchased the following:

Specific equipment recommended by the Occupational Therapist including wobble seats, chews and tangles.

Resources to help children with literacy difficulties, such as coloured overlays and reading rulers.

Resources for social skills groups such as games and books.

Exclusion and Attendance

There have been no exclusions this year. Attendance is monitored regularly and absences are followed up. During the 2013/2014 academic year the whole school attendance figure was 96.4%.

Action

In 2014/2015 we intend to focus on:

- Developing high quality first teaching especially in class maths.
- Developing interventions and assessments for children with difficulties in maths.
- Improving the use of assessment tools.