



Holy Cross Catholic Primary

SEND Information Report

All children and young people are entitled to an education that enables them to make progress so that they:

- achieve their best
- become confident individuals living fulfilling lives,
- make a successful transition into adulthood, whether into employment, further or higher education or training (**SEN Code of Practice, p.81**).

Equality and Inclusion for children with Special Educational Needs and/or disabilities (SEND)

What is SEND?

'A pupil has SEND where their learning difficulty or disability call for special educational provision, that is, provision different from or additional to that normally available to pupils of the same age' (**SEN Code of Practice, p.83**).

We are an inclusive Catholic school and aim to support all children and meet their individual needs within our allocated school budget.

The Code of Practice identifies 4 broad areas of need: (**SEN Code of Practice, p. 86/87**)

1. Communication and interaction
2. Cognition and learning
3. Social, emotional and mental health difficulties
4. Sensory and/or physical needs

How does our school know if children need extra help?

We know when pupils need additional support if:

- Concerns are raised by Parents/Carers
- Concerns are raised by teachers and school staff
- Concerns are raised by outside agencies
- There is a lack of progress over two terms (e.g. from September to Easter)
- There is a change in the pupil's behaviour
- A pupil asks for help

Who is responsible for children with SEND?

Class Teachers are responsible for the day to day teaching of children with SEND in their class. The Executive Head Teacher and Head of Learning have overall responsibility for the learning, care and safety of all pupils in our school.

Mrs Cotter is our Special Educational Needs Co-ordinator (SENCo). She organises support for children with SEND across the school.

All of the staff in our school work in partnership with Mrs Cotter to meet the needs of our children with SEND.

To contact any of our staff who could support you please click here

<http://www.holycross.plymouth.sch.uk/site/contact-us>



What should I do if I think my child may have SEND?

If you have concerns please contact either your child's Teacher, Mrs Joanne Cotter (our SENCo), Mrs Potterton (our Head of Learning), or Mrs Rachel Confue (our Parent Support Adviser - PSA)

<http://www.holycross.plymouth.sch.uk/site/231-meet-the-staff-governors/page-641-parent-support-advisor>

What training or specialist expertise does our staff have around supporting children with SEND?

All of our staff have undertaken a range of training which supports children with SEND. Where a need is identified our school will seek specialist advice and support.

How will you be supported to share your views?

All parents/carers are encouraged to contribute to their child's education.

You are welcome to do this through:

- Discussions with the class Teacher
- During Parents' Evenings
- During planned discussions Mrs Joanne Cotter (our SENCo), Mrs Potterton (our Head of Learning), or Mrs Rachel Confue (our Parent Support Adviser - PSA)
<http://www.holycross.plymouth.sch.uk/site/231-meet-the-staff-governors/page-641-parent-support-advisor>
- Shared written information, for example, if your child has a home-school communication book.

Who can I contact for further information?

If you wish to discuss your child's educational needs or are unhappy about something regarding the support your child is receiving please contact Mr Paul Cotter (Executive Head Teacher) or Mrs Marcia Wolstencroft (Chair of Governors)

<http://www.holycross.plymouth.sch.uk/site/contact-us>

<http://www.holycross.plymouth.sch.uk/site/2989-policies/page-5798-complaints-procedure>

What specialist services and expertise can be accessed by our school?

At times it may be necessary to consult with outside agencies to receive their more specialised expertise. The agencies used by our school include;

- The Communication and Interaction Team
- Speech and Language Team
- Educational Psychologist
- School nurse
- Occupational Therapist
- Child Development Centre
- Counsellor/Learning Mentor
- Visual Impairment
- PD outreach
- Educational Welfare Officer
- Multi-Agency Support Team
- Social Care

How does Holy Cross Catholic School support children with SEND?



What will our school do if your child is falling behind?

We will have a meeting with you to discuss the additional support your child may need.

This may include:

- Support in a small group
- Additional lunch-time or playtime provision
- Careful monitoring

After a review of the support already given, it may be necessary to make a more detailed plan. This might include advice from out of school agencies.

How accessible is the school environment?

As a school we are happy to discuss individual access requirements. **([Link to the school accessibility policy](#)).**

How does Holy Cross Catholic Primary School support children with SEND joining or leaving our school?

At Holy Cross Catholic Primary school we understand that moving school can be a worrying time for children and their families. We try to make this easier by:

- Planning visits for children who will be joining school in the Foundation Unit.
- Sharing information between nursery/home and school if your child has SEND or if there is a concern that they have additional needs.
- At times children may need to have an 'enhanced' transition, in these cases we will work with you and other professionals to offer extra support.
- All children will be given the opportunity to have a 'move up' day before they go to their next class.
- If your child needs a little more support with moving classroom and change of teacher we will create a more detailed plan of action to help them with the move.
- When children are in Upper Key Stage 2 (years 5 and 6) they will be supported to think about and often visit their preferred Secondary school.
- Sometimes parents and the SENCo will need to make more detailed plans to support with choice of school and/or more visits to the new school.
- If children come to our school mid-way through a school year, we contact the old school for your child's records. Where there are additional needs the SENCo at the old and new school will share information so that we can understand their needs.

Where can I find Local Authority information about SEND?

Please click here

<http://www.plymouthonlinedirectory.com/kb5/plymouth/fsd/family.page?familychannel=10>

This will take you to Plymouth Council's website. Here you will find information about how the Local Authority expects schools to meet the needs of children with SEND and their families; this is called the 'Local Offer'.