Where to go for more information

Contact the school

If you have any questions about the support your child is receiving, or about SEN more generally, please speak to your child's class teacher or our SENCO, Mrs. Jane Chidlow.

See our website

The school's SEN policy and information report set out more detailed information about the support available for children with SEN and disabilities.

You can access this information on our website, www.kells-stmarys.cumbria.sch.uk.

External links

The government's SEND Code of Practice and a related guide for parents have more information about the topics outlined in this leaflet:

- **SEND Code of Practice: 0 to 25 years**, GOV.UK – DfE https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/398815/SEND_Code_of_Practice_January_2015.pdf
- **SEND: a guide for parents and carers**, GOV.UK – DfE https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/417435/Special_educational_needs_and_disabilites_guide_for_parents_and_carers.pdf

IPSEA is a charity that helps parents and professionals to support children with SEN and disabilities:

- **IPSEA home**, IPSEA https://www.ipsea.org.uk

Glossary of terms

EHC plan - education, health and care plan
IEP – Individual Education Plan
SEN - special educational needs
SENCO - SEN co-ordinator
SEND - SEN and disability

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Parent Pamphlet

Special Educational Needs

SEN support

St. Mary's Catholic Primary School

What is SEN?

Some children find learning more challenging than others and may need extra support to achieve their full potential.

For example, they might have difficulty with:

- Expressing themselves
- Interacting with others
- Reading, writing and maths
- Following lessons
- Controlling their emotions
- Sensory or physical mobility

These difficulties can be barriers to learning. Schools assess **all** children to identify their strengths and needs and how they can best be supported.

Children who need extra help with their learning may receive additional support under one of the following categories:

- SEN support
- An EHC plan of SEN

What is SEN support?

SEN support describes the additional help that assists children to access the curriculum.

This might include:

- Extra help in the classroom
- Small group or one-to-one learning
- Support from specialists such as speech and language therapists

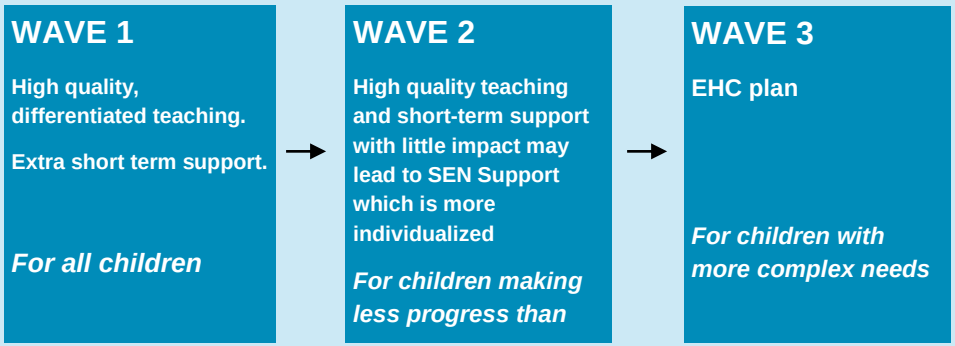
Our school will work with parents when agreeing what support to provide and what it will achieve.

Children will have an IEP-Individual Education Plan- which will have targets for the child to work towards. This will be reviewed each term.

What are EHC plans?

If your child has more complex needs, he or she might be assessed for an EHC *plan*.

Schools often use the 'wave' system to determine the type of support best suited to each child:



FAQs

How will the school decide what type of support my child receives?

Every child's needs are different, and may change over time.

The school should assess each child's needs closely to identify which support suits him/her best.

The school should also regularly review the support your child receives to see what is working and what isn't, and incorporate your views on this too.

How do I know if my child needs SEN support?

If your child is not making expected progress for his/her year group, he/she may need SEN support.

The school should discuss your child's needs with you before placing your child on SEN support.

What if I think my child needs further support?

Please speak to the school's SENCO, Mrs. Jane Chidlow, who may recommend carrying out an EHC needs assessment.

Where can I get advice?

Support for parents and carers of children and young people with SEND can contact the Cumberland SEND Information, Advice and Support Service (SENDIASS) who can offer a range of support. For more information:

https://sendiass.cumberland.gov.uk

Where can I get information?

Information for parents about education, health and family support can be found on Cumberland's Local Offer website.

Families Information | SEND Information Hub (Local Offer) (cumberland.gov.uk)