

# St Patrick's Catholic Voluntary Academy

## Special Educational Needs and Disability (SEND)

### Annual Report to Parents

September 2016 - July 2017

Governors and staff at St Patrick's Catholic Voluntary Academy value each child as a unique individual made in the image and likeness of God with a range of individual gifts and talents. Therefore, we aim to provide every child with access to a broad and balanced education. This includes the National Curriculum in line with the *Special Educational Needs Code of Practice 0 to 25 years* (DfE, Jan 2015). We believe in providing every possible opportunity to develop the full potential in all children and this is reflected in our policies. These policies can be viewed on the school's web site under policies ([www.st-patricks.nottingham.sch.uk](http://www.st-patricks.nottingham.sch.uk)).

Special Educational Needs & Disabilities Policy  
School SEND Information for Parents  
Admissions Policy  
Equality Policy  
Safeguarding Policy

### Key Staff:

**The Special Educational Needs Co-ordinator (SENDCO) is Barbara O'Donoghue** (3 days SENDO 2 days Pupil Premium groups)  
**The SEND governor is Sue McArdle (Academic Year 2016/17)**

### Teaching Assistants

- 1 Teaching Assistant in each class
- 1:1/1:2 Teaching Assistant Support for specific individuals as determined by individual needs **or EHCP**
- 1 Nurturer/part time Teaching Assistant supporting pupils with emotional difficulties.

## Number of Pupils with SEND:

Date End of Academic Year	PUPILS ON ROLL	SEND Support	Statement/EHCP	Total
2015/16	218	30(13.7%)	1(0.45%)	31 (14.2%)
2016/17	234	35 (14.95%)	1 (0.3%)	36 (15.38%)

At the end of the academic year 2016/17 the pupil with an **EHCP** transferred to a Special School.

One pupil was diagnosed with epilepsy and the impact on her education was so significant that a Home Tutor was arranged for two mornings and by the end of the year she was able to attend for some sessions in school with the tutor. This role has now been allocated to a Teaching Assistant and an application for HLN funding will be submitted to the January Panel (see below)

Within the **SEN Support list** pupils have **Provision Maps** which set out the level of support and the interventions required. Currently (Sept 2017) we have no pupils receiving **HLN funding**. However, we are submitting 4 requests to the HLN January panel for the academic year 2017/18; during the academic year 2016/17 we had 1 pupil (0.3%) receiving **HLN funding**.

## Progress of Pupils with SEND

Pupils who are currently receiving SEND support have made progress towards their individual targets. We know this because meetings are held with parents, the SENDCO and other professionals including staff from the Nottingham City Local Authority Learning Support, Behaviour Support, Educational Psychology Teams, Health, and Speech and Language Therapists to review previous targets and set new ones.

This year there has been some movement within the SEN Support List with 5 new pupils being placed on the list. 1 transferred from another school and was admitted on 30/1/17. 1 other pupil who arrived from Italy last year was put on the SEN Support List as it became apparent that difficulties were not just due to EAL. A referral to a Paediatrician and the involvement of a Speech and Language Therapist was beginning to identify where the difficulties lay and the pupil then moved back to Italy towards the end of the Year.

An application for an EHCP assessment for 1 pupil with significant needs was submitted and a PCR was held. The decision not to assess was received in December 2016. Meetings were held with parents and a representative from the SEN Team from Nottingham City Local Authority. An Action Plan was drawn up and will be reviewed in the Autumn Term 2017.

Another pupil had their Statement converted to an EHCP.

Staff use the EAZMAG assessment tool to provide summative data on a half termly basis. This is used for all pupils as there is provision to assess SEND pupils on P Levels or on the curriculum for a lower year group if required.

### **Effectiveness of Provision**

Provision for SEND pupils is monitored by the SENDCO. There are regular meetings and reviews with parents, staff and external agencies to monitor the academic and pastoral progress of key SEND pupils. Where needs are identified an intervention is arranged and teaching staff complete intervention grids for their classes. These are shared, discussed and reviewed at Staff Meetings throughout the Year.

We are continuing to develop our school provision maps and intervention grids as well as how we evaluate the school's provision to make sure it meets the needs of individual pupils, the school improvement targets and is value for money.

School has a bank of resources and interventions in use to support pupil progress as required and delivered in small groups or 1:1. These include:

- NUMICON
- CRIS (City Reading Intervention) Programme
- Social Stories
- Gross Motor Skills Programme
- Social Skills Programme
- Nurturing Support
- Speaking and Listening through Narrative

Etc. This is not an exhaustive list

### **Training**

Our teachers and teaching assistants have received training to enable them to meet the needs of individual children. In addition to this St Patrick's has 'traded service' agreements with the Local Authority's Autism, Learning, Behaviour and Educational Psychologist teams who are brought in to support, train and advise staff in a range of specialist SEND areas.

This year training has included:

- First Aid
- Autism Awareness Training – Teacher and Teaching Assistant
- Designated Safeguarding Lead Training
- Friends for Life training for Nurturer
- Social Skills training
- Training for administering epipens
- Training for administering rescue medication for epilepsy

As part of the school's SEND provision some pupils and their families have been supported through the Common Assessment Framework (CAF) process. This enables needs to be identified, outcomes set and an action plan formulated with the support of outside agencies involved with the family. This is reviewed regularly at multi agency meetings with the family. Currently there are 2 open CAF's.

## **SEND Funding**

St Patrick's ensures funding is made available from the school's budget to meet the individual needs of pupils as required. This has included: teaching assistant support in class, 1 to 1, or in groups, small group teaching, speech and language interventions, social and communication skills and support, play time and lunch time adult support, purchasing of specialist resources, staff training, 'traded services' from the local authority, etc

In addition to the general SEND budget application is made to the Local Authority for High Level Need Funding for pupils that require high levels of specialist and/or 1 to 1 support. 1 request was made to the January 2017 Panel and this was successful. We currently don't have any pupils receiving HLN funding in school (September 2017)

## **Disability and Access**

The school's admission policy and disability access plans reflect our commitment to St Patrick's being an 'inclusive' school. The Accessibility Plan has been prepared and will be reviewed in detail during the Academic Year 2017/18.

## **Communicating with Parents**

All parents of pupils with significant SEND needs have review meetings with the SENDCO and other professional support agencies usually in the Autumn and Spring Terms. Parents are given advance notice of these meetings. A copy of the minutes is sent to all who were invited to attend. We aim to work collaboratively with parents to enable them to receive the best support for their children.

In addition, parents of all pupils are given the opportunity to discuss progress with their child's class teacher at Parents' evenings and they receive a formal report once a year. Parents can also discuss any concerns, by appointment, with the class teacher and/or SENDCO particularly if they have concerns or there is a need to review provision or targets more frequently. In addition to this parents are invited to termly parents evenings to discuss their child's progress.

## **Actions for 2017-18**

As a school we continually seek ways to improve our inclusion and SEND provision.

This year we aim to:

- Continue to provide regular SEND training for our teachers and teaching assistants. In particular, to develop the use of signs and symbols in all classes, Autism awareness and Moving and Handling Training.
- Prepare a Supporting Children with Medical Conditions Policy
- Identify pupils who require additional HLN funding and submit requests for these pupils.
- Increase the amount of information for parents in respect of SEND provision on the school website.
- Appoint new SEND governor
- Review the assessment of pupils with SEND with a view to developing staff knowledge of P scales and the use of PIVATS.
- Timetable progress reviews for all SEND pupils to include Teachers and Teaching Assistants working with these pupils
- Review Teaching Assistant Timetables to ensure effectiveness of interventions