

Schools Information Report St Peter and St Paul Catholic Primary School

St Peter and St Paul Catholic Primary School, like all schools in Islington, is committed to meeting the needs of all pupils including those with special educational needs and disabilities (SEN).

Our expectation is that children and young people with SEN will receive 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

We will use our best endeavours to make sure that a pupil with SEN gets the support they need – this means doing everything we can to meet the pupils special educational needs.

About this Information Report

This report answers some of the most frequently asked questions about the school and special educational needs. The format and information in this report has been developed through:

- consultation with local parents and carers by Islington Council
- ongoing feedback from parents and carers and school staff at St Peter and St Paul Catholic Primary School.

We will review and update this information report regularly to reflect changes and feedback.

The date for the next annual review of this report is September 2017.

If you need any more information please see our SEN Policy or contact the school on 0207 2530839.

Frequently Asked Questions

1. What kinds of Special Educational Needs (SEN) does the school cater for?

St Peter and St Paul Catholic Primary School is a mainstream primary school and welcomes children and young people with SEN in one or more of the following areas:

- **Communication and interaction**
e.g. speech, language and communication needs (SLCN) Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD), Asperger's Syndrome
- **Cognition and learning**
e.g. Specific learning difficulties (SpLD), moderate learning difficulties (MLD), severe learning difficulties (SLD) global developmental delay, dyslexia, dyscalculia and dyspraxia.
- **Social, emotional and mental health difficulties (SEMH)**
e.g. attention deficit hyperactive disorder (ADHD), depression, eating disorders, attachment disorder
- **Sensory and/or physical needs**
e.g. vision impairment (VI), hearing impairment (HI) or a multi-sensory impairment (MSI) or Cerebral Palsy (CP) epilepsy {Note – the building is not fully accessible to pupils with mobility difficulties. See section 6}
- **Medical needs**
Where pupils have medical needs and special educational needs, we will plan and deliver education provision in a co-ordinated way with their healthcare plan if they have one. We will also follow the statutory guidance on supporting pupils at school with medical conditions.

2. What are the school's policies for the identification and assessment of pupils with special educational needs (SEN)?

All of our teachers teach children with SEN. All of our staff recognise the importance of identifying SEN early and making effective provision quickly. The identification and assessment of SEN is built into the schools approach to monitoring the progress of all pupils.

We assess each pupil's skills and levels of attainment when they first come to the school. This builds on the information from the child's previous early years or school where appropriate, and provides us with information we need to monitor their progress. It also ensures that we discover any areas of difficulty early on. Where children already have their SEN diagnosed or identified we will work closely with the family and our partners to make sure we know as much as possible about the child before they start at the school.

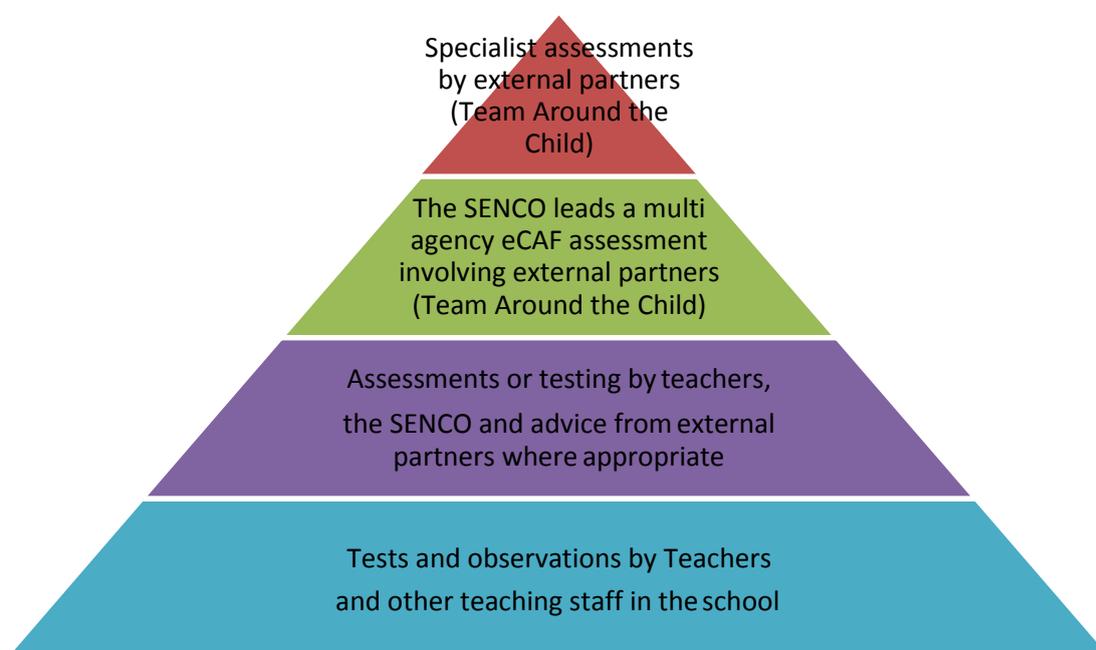
Teachers are supported by the Senior Leadership Team to regularly assess pupils' progress. This helps us to see any pupils whose progress:

- 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

Where assessments show that a child is not making adequate progress, our first response is to make sure there is high quality teaching in place. Making high quality teaching normally available to the whole class is likely to mean that fewer pupils will require additional support.

If their progress continues to be slower than expected the teacher will work with the family and the SENCO to carry out a clear analysis of the child's needs and identify if they need additional support. There can be many reasons why a child doesn't make the progress expected of them – perhaps there has been a significant change in family circumstances such as a new baby, a move of home, or the death of a relative. Or perhaps because they have a special educational need.

The school uses a range of different assessment tools and systems to help identify and assess pupils with SEN. The tools and assessments gradually draw upon more frequent reviews and more specialist expertise to understanding SEN and match interventions to the SEN of pupils. They are summarised in the diagram below:



When considering if a child needs SEN support the school takes into account :

- the pupil's previous progress and attainment
- the teacher's assessment and experience of the pupil

- the pupil’s development in comparison to their peers and national data
- the views and experience of parents
- the pupil’s own views
- advice from external support services, where appropriate

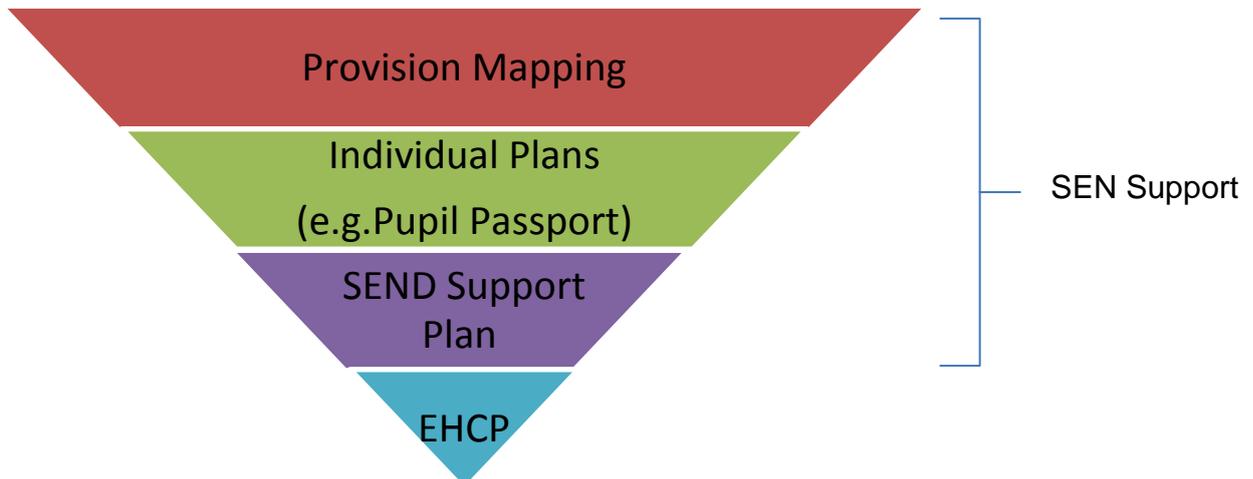
Further information is set out in our SEN Policy.

3. What are the school’s policies for making provision for pupils with special educational needs (SEN), whether or not pupils have Education Health and Care Plans?

Most of our pupils with SEN have their needs met as part of high quality teaching. This may include teachers adapting what they do and having different approaches to meet different learning styles, personalised learning arrangements for different pupils and a range of interventions normally provided by the school.

If a pupil is identified (through the assessment process above) as having special educational needs their teacher and SENCO will consider everything we know about the pupil to determine the support that they need and whether it can be provided by adapting the school’s core offer or whether something different or additional is required.

Where provision for SEN is needed, we work with pupils and their families to plan what to do. This usually includes writing a plan of action using one of the SEN planning tools we have available to use. The tools we use are summarised below.



Provision Mapping: A document that is used to capture targeted and specialist interventions that will be ‘additional to’ and ‘different from’ the usual differentiated curriculum.

Individual Plan (Pupil Passport): This contains a 1 page profile and an action plan listing the goals and provision to meet the SEN.

SEND Support Plan: A document containing a 1 page profile and a detailed action plan listing the goals and provision to meet the SEN. This is the same action plan that can be used as part of the eCAF and the EHCP.

Statements of Special Educational Needs: Statements are issued by the Local Authority and set out the special educational needs of a pupil, the provision the school must make for the pupil and any additional resources being given to the school by the Local Authority to meet those needs. From September 2014 statements are being phased out and are being replaced by Education Health and Care Plans for those that need them. Some statements may be converted to SEND support plans.

Education Health and Care Plan (EHCP) : Where the school has done everything it can to identify, assess and meet the SEN of the child and they are still not making the expected progress, the school or parents may consider requesting an Education, Health and Care assessment. The process for requesting an EHCP assessment in Islington can be found on the Council's Local Offer website. www.islington.gov.uk/localoffer

Education Health and Care Plans are issued by the Local Authority where necessary and are used by the school to plan SEN provision for children with severe and complex needs. The EHP includes:

- a detailed profile of the child, their strengths and aspirations for the future
- any education, health and care needs they have
- the goals or outcomes for the pupil agreed by the family and professionals for the next phase of their education
- any education, health and social care provision in place to meet their needs

The EHCP includes a detailed annual support plan/action plan. This plan sets out the goals for the pupil for the next year, and the activities that everyone supporting the child will put in place to support them.

The following table shows the number of pupils with SEN in the school in September 2016 and the type of tools we use to plan SEN provision:

SEN Planning Tool	Number of pupils
Provision Mapping	34 pupils
Pupil Passport	14 pupils
SEND Support Plan	4 pupils
Statements of Special Educational Needs	0 pupils
Education Health and Care Plans (EHCP)	3 pupils

a) How does the school evaluate the effectiveness of its provision for SEN?

The quality of teaching is the most important factor in ensuring all pupils make progress. We regularly review the quality of teaching in the school and ensure

that teachers are able to identify how individual children learn best and what support they need.

We test the effectiveness of our SEN provision by checking pupil progress and to see if the agreed goals and outcomes for a pupil are being met. Where professionals from health or social services are involved with the child we will ask for their help to inform and review progress, to make sure that all those supporting the family are working together effectively.

The teachers work with the SENCO, the parents and the child to make sure any SEN support is adapted or replaced by another approach if it is not being effective.

The SENCO and the head teacher report regularly to Governors on the quality of SEN provision and the progress towards outcomes being made by pupils with SEN. Governors also consider the attainment data for pupils with SEN and compare it with the progress of other pupils and the progress of pupils in similar schools. This helps to ensure that the approaches used to meeting SEN are based on the best possible evidence and are having the required impact on progress.

b) What are the school's arrangements for assessing and reviewing the progress of pupils with SEN?

Every pupil in the school has their progress reviewed regularly and this information will be shared with both parents and pupils. We provide an annual report to parents on their child's progress, normally at the end of the school year.

Where a pupil is receiving SEN support, we provide feedback to parents more regularly. We may contact parents by phone or email where we have specific feedback or need to discuss specific achievements, concerns or observations. We also have a review meeting at least three times each year. Some pupils with SEN may have more frequent reviews if they are required.

Reviews are usually led by a teacher with good knowledge and understanding of the pupil's needs and attainment, usually the class teacher, supported where necessary by the SENCO.

Reviews involve the pupil, the family and other professionals where this is appropriate. They are used to:

- discuss what is working well and not working well
- find out if the SEN provision has been delivered as planned
- review the pupil's progress towards their goals and longer term outcomes
- discuss and agree clear outcomes for the future
- discuss and agree the support needed
- share advice and information on the things that parents can do at home to reinforce or contribute to their child's progress

- identify the actions needed to meet the agreed outcomes, the responsibilities of the parent, the pupil, the school, the local authority and other partners.

A record of the outcomes, action and support agreed through the discussion is then shared with all the appropriate school staff and the pupil's parents.

When the school has an Ofsted inspection the Inspectors take a particular interest in the progress of pupils with SEN.

c) What is the school's approach to teaching pupils with SEN?

All pupils, including those with SEN, have access to a broad and balanced curriculum. Teachers plan lessons carefully and think about the wide range of different needs in their class and use the information from assessments and progress reviews to set targets which are deliberately ambitious to encourage pupils to aim high. Teachers plan their lessons with the SEN of pupils in mind, which means that most pupils with SEN and disabilities will be able to study the full national curriculum along with their peers

Teaching staff always aim to match the work given to pupils with their ability to do it. School staff such as Teaching Assistants and other more specialist staff, may be directed to work with pupils, in pairs or small groups and sometimes individually.

The type of SEN support provided is based on reliable evidence of what works. We are careful to avoid the over reliance of individual support for pupils as evidence shows that in many cases this prevents them becoming independent learners.

The SENCO, supported by the Senior Leadership Team ensures that staff have sufficient skills and knowledge to deliver the interventions that pupils need.

d) How does the school adapt the curriculum and learning environment for pupils with SEN?

We are committed to meeting the needs of all pupils including those with SEN. We have a duty not to directly or indirectly discriminate against, harass or victimise disabled children and young people. We make all reasonable adaptations to the curriculum and the learning environment to make sure that pupils with SEN are not at a substantial disadvantage compared with their peers.

We work closely with families and partners to work out what disabled children and young people might need before they start with us, and what adjustments we might need to be make. We discuss with families what we can do to adapt

the curriculum and/or the building as necessary, and in order to get additional resources and support.

Teachers will be supported by the SENCO to assess, plan and differentiate the curriculum or make adaptations to meet the needs of pupils with SEN. This may also involve working with outside partners. For example we might need to:

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- Provide visual resources to support learning
- rearrange the layout of the classroom
- create a quiet area in the school
- buy specialist ICT software

In considering what adaptations we need to make the SENCO will work with the head teacher and school governors to ensure that the school meets its responsibilities under the Equality Act (2010) with regard to reasonable adjustments and access arrangements. A link to the Equality Act 2010 can be found here: <http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2010/15/contents>

e) What additional support for learning is available to pupils with SEN?

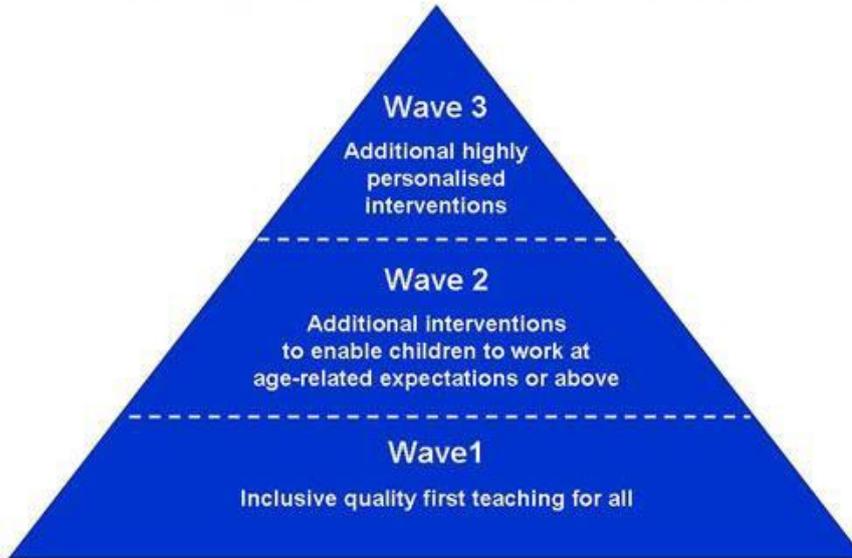
The school organises the additional support for learning into 3 different levels (also called waves).

Wave 1 (Universal): describes quality inclusive teaching which takes into account the learning needs of all the children in the classroom. This includes providing differentiated work and creating an inclusive learning environment.

Wave 2 (Targeted): describes specific, additional and time-limited interventions provided for some children who need help to accelerate their progress to enable them to work at or above age-related expectations. Wave 2 interventions are often targeted at a group of pupils with similar needs.

Wave 3 (Specialist): describes targeted provision for a minority of children where it is necessary to provide highly tailored intervention to accelerate progress or enable children to achieve their potential. This may include specialist interventions.

Waves of Intervention Model



The provision available at each level (or wave) is summarised in our provision map.

We provide additional support for pupils with SEND to be able to access exams, when needed.

We are able to support the administration of medication if it is recommended by health professionals.

f) What extra curricular activities are available for pupils with SEN?

The school has extra circular activities including:

- After school clubs including sports, and music activities

The current list of activities for this term is available through the school office.

We try to make sure that all pupils with SEN can engage in these activities of the school alongside pupils who do not have SEN. Where it is agreed that taking part in these activities will contribute significantly to meeting the agreed outcomes for a pupil with SEN the school will normally be able to pay for any training, resources or equipment that may be needed.

The school also provides opportunities for pupils to go on school trips and we organise an annual residential trip for years 6. We will involve parents of pupils with SEN in the planning of school trips and residential to assess the benefits and risks and identify how the needs of individual pupils can be best met.

g) What support is available for improving the emotional and social development of pupils with SEN?

The culture and structures within the school aim to encourage the emotional and social development for all pupils, including those with SEN.

At St Peter and St Paul, in line with our mission statement

- *Love One Another* -,

we believe in a culture within the school that values all pupils.

We seek to be a model of justice, tolerance, forgiveness and understanding, notable for our quality of care.

With the child at the centre of the learning process, we implement the Gospel message by giving equal consideration to:

- Showing concern for all pupils, staff and parents.
- Developing the faith of each individual in the school community, so that God becomes a reality in their life.
- Preparing pupils for entry into the wider community.
- Providing equality of access to the national curriculum.
- Providing a curriculum that challenges and extends the child's whole moral, spiritual, artistic and intellectual abilities.
- Celebrating and respecting all ethnicities in the school.

We have clear policies on behaviour and bullying that set out the responsibilities of everyone in the school.

For children with more complex problems, additional in-school interventions may include:

- advice and support to the pupil's teacher - to help them manage the pupil's behaviour within the classroom, taking into account the needs of the whole class
- small group sessions - to promote positive behaviour, social development and self-esteem
- individual action plans - to support pupils during transition periods, break times
- additional support for the pupil – to help them cope better within the classroom

- therapeutic work with the pupil/family, delivered by specialists (within or beyond the school).

4. Who is the SEN Co-Ordinator and how do I contact them?

Our Special Education Needs Coordinator (SENCO) is a qualified teacher working at the school who has responsibility for SEN. They work closely with the head teacher and governing body as well as all teachers. If you have concerns about your child you should speak to your child's teacher before you speak to the SENCO.

The SENCO is responsible for:

- overseeing the day-to-day operation of the school's SEN policy
- coordinating provision for children with special educational needs
- liaising with and advising fellow teachers
- overcoming barriers to learning and sustaining effective teaching
- managing teaching assistants
- overseeing the records of all children with SEN and Disability
- liaising with parents of children with SEN
- planning successful movement (transition) to a new class group or school
- providing specialist advice and facilitating training to ensure that all staff are skilled and confident about meeting a range of needs
- liaising with external agencies including the LA's support and educational psychology services, health and social services, and voluntary bodies

**Covered by Headteacher until new Special Educational Needs Coordinator takes up post in Spring 2017 .
Phone: 0207 2530839**

What expertise and training do the school staff have in relation to SEN ?

All staff have received training in supporting children with dyslexia in the classroom.

All staff are trained in Numicon (support for maths).

All members of staff have done the AET level 1 course to support children with Autism.

Three members of staff are trained to deliver Catch-up Literacy.

All staff have training in 'Communication in the Classroom'.

Individual teachers and support staff attend training courses relevant to the specific needs of children in their class.

Designated members of staff are trained in;

- Speech and Language assessment and interventions
- Social, emotional and mental health difficulties
- Handwriting (fine motor skill) support

Children with SEN can access laptops and specific maths and literacy computer programmes where necessary.

Specific equipment is available for specific physical needs eg , move and sit cushion, specialist hand writing equipment.

Our links to external organisations with specialist training and expertise are listed in Appendix 1

5. What equipment and facilities are available to support pupils with SEN?

St Peter and St Paul Catholic Primary School has a flat site at pavement level with two playgrounds that are all at the same level.

The school building consists of a main three-storey block. Whilst Nursery and Reception and Year One classrooms are on the ground floor, all other year groups are on the third and top floors. There are two separate flights of stairs to all floors with a total of 64 steps. There is one lift. (The lift is not available in the event of a fire) .There is a disabled toilet. The school office is on the ground floor.

Equipment available in our school to all children at any time includes:

- Communication books (for home and school)
- Devices for additional recording e.g. Cameras, video recorders
- SEN software
- Move and sit cushions
- Visual timetables

The school will consider purchasing other equipment if there is an agreed identified need. We will normally consider this at the pupil's termly or annual review.

In the past we have purchased specialist equipment tailored for an individual including:

- Personal tablets
- Specialist hand writing equipment

6. What are the arrangements for consulting and involving parents of children with SEN in their child's education?

All parents are encouraged to contribute to their child's education through:

- discussions with the class teacher
- setting and reviewing targets
- parents evenings
- during discussions with Clare Alexander -SENCO or other professionals
- commenting and contributing to assessment, planning and reviews

If your child has a SEN statement or an Education, Health and Care plan we will discuss their progress with you every term and have a formal review with you and your child at least annually. Further information about reviews can be found in question 3b above.

Specific support to help you support your child at home will include;

- Meetings with teachers and SEN staff to discuss progress and support including ideas for home.
- Parents workshops/ meetings e.g. *Jolly Phonics*

If we think your child needs significant amounts of extra support we will always discuss this with you and, where appropriate, a meeting with the parents and the people supporting your child can be arranged.

Where required we will arrange interpreters to enable parents to fully participate in formal meetings.

7. What are the arrangements for consulting and involving pupils with SEN in their education?

Engaging all pupils as active participants in their own education and in making a positive contribution to their school and local community is a priority for the

school. All children are consulted about their learning and how they feel about their progress.

Where pupils have SEN, we will take extra care to involve them and make sure their voice is heard. Their involvement will be tailored to each child and take into account their preferred methods of communication. This may include:

- providing them with relevant information in accessible formats
- using clear ordinary language and images rather than professional jargon
- giving them time to prepare for discussions
- dedicating time in discussions and meetings to hear their views
- involving the pupil in all or part of the discussion itself, or gathering their views as part of the preparation
- ensuring staff are skilled in working with children, parents and young people to help them make informed decisions and have access to training so they can do this effectively

We ensure that pupils with SEN are included and represented in the groups and activities that we have set up to listen to the views of pupils and involve them in decision-making. These groups and activities include:

- The School Council
- Annual pupil survey
- Pupil discussion groups with the SLT

The views of the individual child and young person sit at the heart of the SEN assessment and planning process. We will make sure that assessments include the wishes and feelings of the child, their aspirations, the outcomes they wish to seek and the support they need to achieve them. Whenever possible we include pupils with SEN in planning how best to support them, and in reviewing their progress. This may include the use of questionnaires, story boards or symbols.

All pupils with SEN will have specific goals and outcomes and they will be part of the discussion to agree and review these. Where a personal budget is being used for those with an EHCP, the school will support the child's involvement in decisions about their support.

8. What are the arrangements for parents raising concerns and making a complaint about the SEN provision at the school?

We are committed to providing excellent services to all our children and their parents and we believe the best way to do this is to listen to your views. We encourage parents to contact us about their concerns and not to wait for the next formal opportunity to meet. So if you have something to tell us, please contact the class teacher or SENCO.

If you have a complaint about SEN provision, please tell us promptly by contacting the following people in this order;

- the class teacher
- the SENCO (details below)
- The head teacher – through the school office
- The SEN governor (a letter can be submitted through school office)

The SEN governor will then refer to the complaints procedure to try and address the issue.

Further information about our complaints procedure can be found on this website.

Further information on local support for families of pupils with SEN can be found in the Local Offer. See question 13 below.

9. How does the school involve others in meeting the needs of pupils with SEN and in supporting the families of such pupils?

Where a pupil continues to make less than expected progress, despite evidence-based support and interventions that are matched to the pupil's area of need, we seek advice and support from specialists from outside agencies such as:

- educational psychologists
- Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services (CAMHS)
- specialist teachers
- therapists (including speech and language therapists, occupational therapists and physiotherapists)
- Social workers

We always involve parents in any decision to involve specialists.

The SENCO is the person who usually coordinates the contact and works with these outside agencies. We mainly use other agencies outside of the school to:

- help us train staff e.g. autism awareness
- get more specialised advice e.g. advice on visual impairment
- carry out assessments e.g. a social care assessment
- ask for a service to be delivered e.g. physiotherapy
- setting programmes for implementation at home and in school

- review progress and plan provision e.g. at annual reviews

The main agencies used by the school are shown in Appendix 1.

10. What local support is there for the parents of pupils with SEN?

Information about local support is located here: www.islington.gov.uk/localoffer

The Family Information Service - 020 7527 5959

Gives free impartial information, advice and guidance about services for children, young people and families.

email fis@islington.gov.uk

Website: www.islington.gov.uk/fis

11. What are the school's arrangements for supporting pupils with SEN when they join the school, and supporting them to move to secondary school / further education, training or employment/ adulthood and independent living?

All children and young people with SEND and their families may be particularly anxious about changing classes or "moving on" from school to school. We work with families and our partner organisations to make sure changes are planned and well managed.

Transition guide table:

	Additional arrangements for children with SEN (examples)
In to nursery / Reception	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Swift transfer of records • Work with Islington's Early Years Inclusion Team • Transition meeting with the previous setting • Transition plan drawn up with main carer and your child (could include managed visits, pictures or transition book or video, social stories about 'moving on')
When moving to another school	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We will contact the School SENCO and share information about the special arrangements and support that has been made to help your child achieve their learning goals. • Swift transfer of records • Transition meeting with the new setting • Transition plan (as above)

<p>When moving groups/ forms/ classes in school</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Transition meetings are held within school with the new class teacher. • Work with child to prepare for the next class through: Transition books, transition programme, visual supports and visits to the next setting.
<p>–Primary to secondary transition</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Swift transfer of records • Year 5 annual reviews planning meeting • During Year 6 the SENCO will attend the Secondary Transfer Conference to discuss the specific needs of your child, and the nature and level of support which has had the most impact, with the secondary school they will be transferring to • Additional multi-agency meetings will be arranged to create a more detailed “transition” plan which may include more visits to the new school and/or additional visits from the new school for the children where these changes are more complex

12. Where can I find more information about SEND services in Islington and the local area (the Local Offer)?

All Local authorities must publish a Local Offer, setting out in one place information about provision they expect to be available across education, health and social care for children and young people in their area who have SEN or are disabled.

The Local Offer has two key purposes:

- to provide clear, comprehensive and accessible information about the available provision and how to access it
- to make provision more responsive to local needs and aspirations by directly involving disabled children and those with SEN and their parents, and disabled young people and those with SEN, and service providers in its development and review

The school cooperates with the Local Authorities in the local area to:

- make families aware of the kind of support available to them and where to find the Local Offer
- help people access the Local Offer information, especially where there are barriers to them accessing it. This can include helping them to access the internet, printing off pages, explaining , interpreting and

- consult children and young people and their families directly in preparing and reviewing the Local Offer
- keeping the Local Offer information up to date and identifying gaps in provision

To find out more about the range of services on offer locally go to:

Islington Local Offer: www.islington.gov.uk/localoffer

Appendix 1 External organisations

Team around the School Member	Areas of expertise/ training: Name
Early Years Inclusion Team	Early years support: <i>Lauren Freeman</i> : Occupational Therapist
Richard Cloudesley Outreach Service	Visual Impairment : <i>Bernadette Bell</i> : Early Years Advisor
The Bridge School Outreach Service	Autistic Spectrum disorder : <i>Daniele Borghi</i>
Educational Psychology Service	Assessment advice and support : <i>Winfred Michaelov</i> : Educational Psychologist
CAMHS (Child & Adolescent Mental Health Service)	Psychological Services: <i>Dr Debbie Gale</i> : Clinical Psychologist
Samuel Rhodes Outreach Team	Head of Outreach : <i>Jane Palmer</i>
Speech & Language Therapy	Speech and Communication Difficulties: <i>Alice Thompson</i> : Speech and Language Therapist