



Isle of Wight School SEND (Special Educational Needs & Disability) OFFER 2019 - 2020

Holy Cross Catholic Primary School

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Voluntary Aided Primary School

Mainstream Setting
No specialist provision on site

All Isle of Wight providers will use their best endeavours and adopt a similar approach to meeting the needs of pupils with Special Educational Needs. Schools are supported by the Local Authority to ensure that all pupils, regardless of their specific needs, make the best possible progress in school. All schools are supported to be as proactive and inclusive as possible, with the needs of pupils with a Special Educational Need/s being met in a mainstream setting wherever possible, where families want this to happen.

Admissions

Children and young people, with SEND are allocated places in two separate & distinct ways:

Those children and young people with Statements/Education Health and Care Plans have a separate admissions procedure overseen by the IW SEND Assessment and Review team.

Those children and young people who have SEND but do not have an Education, Health and Care Plan are admitted via the normal school admissions criteria.

Detailed information and guidance of how to apply for a place at an Isle of Wight School <u>both</u> if your child/young person has statement of special educational needs/Education Health Care Plan, or if he/she has special needs but does not have a statement Educational Health Care Plan, can be found on the following link: http://www.iwight.com/Residents/Schools-and-Learning/

PEOPLE WHO SUPPORT CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL EDUCATIONAL NEEDS/ DIFFICULTIES WITH LEARNING IN THIS SCHOOL:

School Based Information	Staff	Summary of Responsibilities
Who are the best people to talk to in the school about my child's difficulties with learning/ Special Educational Needs/Disabilities (SEND)?	Assistant Headteacher and SENCO Mrs Sophie Collings (Includes SENCO role and Designated Teacher for Looked After Children) We have an Inclusion Team of Learning Support Assistants and Special Needs Assistants who work with Mrs Collings, including Mrs Neill and Mrs Crouch, our Emotional Literacy Support Assistants (ELSAs). Mrs Collings completed the National Award for Special Educational Needs Coordination in 2012.	 As SENCO (Special Educational Needs Co-ordinator), Mrs Collings is responsible for: Overseeing the day to day operation of the school's policy and procedures for SEND. Coordinating provision for children with SEND and Additional Educational Needs (AEN). Liaising with the relevant Designated Teacher where a 'looked-after' pupil has SEND. Advising on the graduated approach to providing support for pupils with SEND and AEN. Advising on the deployment of the school's delegated budget and other resources to meet pupils' needs effectively. Liaising with parents of pupils with SEND and AEN. Liaising with early years' providers, other schools, educational psychologists, health, education and social care professionals, and independent or voluntary agencies as appropriate. Being a key point of contact with external agencies, especially the local authority and its SEN Assessment and Review team, and support services. Liaising with potential next providers of education to ensure a pupil and their parents are informed about options and a smooth transition is planned. Working with the Headteacher and school governors to ensure that the school meets its responsibilities under the Equalities Act (2010) with regard to reasonable adjustments and access arrangements. Ensuring that the school keeps the records of all pupils with SEND up to date. (adapted from the SEND Code of Practice 0 – 25, 2014)
	Your child's Class Teacher	 Responsible for: Implementing the SEND Policy within their classroom to ensure effective inclusion of pupils with SEND and AEN. Using High Quality Inclusive Teaching to ensure that all pupils receive quality everyday personalised teaching where activities and resources are differentiated and aimed at each pupil's needs.

Headteacher Mr Timothy Eccles Responsible for: Delegating responsibility to the SENCO ensuring that pupils with SEND are appropriately facilitated within the school. Responsible for: Mrs Vicky Lauchlan Responsible for: Meeting regularly with the SENCO. Developing and maintaining an awareness of special needs provision in the school on behalf of the governing body. Supporting the implementation of the school's Special Educational and Additional Needs Policy and procedures. Providing support and encouragement for staff with SEND responsibilities and championing their role within the school. Providing a channel of communication between the SENCO and the governing body.		 Assessing and monitoring pupils to measure progress and identify areas of weakness or concern, and informing the SENCO.
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HOW COULD MY CHILD GET HELP IN THE SCHOOL? :

Children and young people in Holy Cross will receive support that is specific to their individual needs. This may be all provided by the class teacher or may involve:

- Other staff in the school (learning support assistants/special needs assistants).
- Staff who will visit the school from the Local Authority or commissioned services such as the ASD Outreach Team, Medina House Outreach Team or Sensory Service (for pupils with a hearing or visual impairment).
- Staff who visit from other outside agencies such as the NHS or Schools' Speech and Language Therapy (SALT) Service.
- Educational Psychologists who are commissioned by the school through Hampshire and Isle of Wight Educational Psychology Service.
- Referral to an external agency eg Barnardo's, Community CAMHS or the Youth Trust for support with mental health and well-being, counselling or family and parenting support.
- Referral to NHS services such as the School Nurse or Paediatrician.
- Referral for an Early Help Assessment.

	Types of support provided also showing the stage of the SEN Code of Practice children will be at when receiving this input	What would this mean for your child?	Who can get this kind of support?
What are the different types of support available for children and	High Quality Inclusive Teaching (HQIT). (Universal provision).	 Individual needs will be met through differentiation, task variation, resources and strategies used in the classroom on a frequent and regular basis. Your child will be included in all aspects of learning within the class and school. Your child will make progress at an appropriate rate. 	All children
young people with SEND in this School?	Evidence based interventions for identified children. (Universal provision). Interventions offered reflect the needs of the children in the school and will be adapted as necessary to meet those needs. The interventions which are	 Your child may require more support than can be offered through High Quality Inclusive Teaching in order to 'catch up' or 'keep up'. Extra support is offered through evidence based interventions which are targeted catch up provision for groups to 'put children back on course'. Some children may also need interventions offering more personalised support. 	Children who would benefit from extra support are identified by the class teacher. A decision about whether additional support is needed and which intervention(s) would benefit each child is made

	running currently are listed below:	 For some children, under the care of outside agencies, these interventions may be the implementation of recommendations made by professionals from these agencies. 	by collaboratively by the SENCO and Class teacher. Progress of children is monitored regularly, and discussed at Pupil Progress Meetings using the 'Assess, Plan, Do, Review' approach.
	Communication and Interaction	 ELKLAN early support for pupils in YR and Y1 (provided by Class teacher or LSA). Speech and Language 1:1 input for children under the care of Speech and Language Therapy. Input as required by Speech and Language Therapist's recommendations. Listening skills. 	Identified children. Children under the care of Speech and Language Therapy Service.
	Cognition and Learning	 Rapid Reading. Maths Counts. Read, Write, Inc. Fresh Start. Rapid Maths. Precision Teaching. Working memory group. 	Identified children.
	Social, Mental and Emotional Health	ELSA – small groups and 1:1 input (Emotional Literacy Support)	Identified children.
	Sensory and/or Physical	 Motor Skills United (Gross and fine motor skills). Pegs to Paper handwriting programme. 	Identified children.
SEN Support	provision that is 'differen the school's SEN register • A Pupil Support Plan will	issessed as meeting the appropriate criteria for SEN Support (they require t from and additional to' other pupils of a similar age) they will be added to and you will be informed of the specific provision being made for your child. be drawn up by the class teacher / SENCO to detail the provision to be made ntify specific outcomes to be achieved.	Children listed on the school's Special Educational Needs Register.

EHCP (Education Health and Care Plan)	 Your child's Pupil Support Plan will be reviewed every half term as part of the 'Assess, Plan, Do, Review' cycle. The SENCO and class teacher will meet with you at least termly to keep you informed of your child's progress. You will also receive details of SENDIASS, a service which exists to support parents with children with special educational needs. If your child has complex learning needs which cannot be met by targeted provision and support, either the school or parents can write to the Local Authority to make a Request for and EHC Needs Assessment. The decision about whether to assess the child is made by a Local Authority Panel. If a decision to assess is made, evidence will be sought from parents, school and other professionals involved in working with your child (including an Educational Psychologist). At the end of this process, the evidence is reviewed and presented to the Local Authority Panel who may make a decision to issue an EHCP. This is a statutory document which sets out what needs to happen in order to meet your child's needs. If your child receives an EHCP it does not necessarily mean that they will be entitled to 1:1 additional adult support. The provision in the plan will be individualised depending on your child's specific needs. 	Children who have undergone a statutory assessment and been awarded an EHCP by the Local Authority.
How can I let the school know I am concerned about the progress of my child in school?	 Holy Cross has an 'open door' policy for parents and carers and recognises you as partners with us in your child We are happy to discuss any concerns you have about your child's progress at any time, however, we would a following procedure to ensure that you speak to the correct member of our team. Your first point of contact should always be your child's class teacher. All of our teachers are happy to speak to the school day, either informally, by making an appointment, or communicating by email. You can contact Mrs Collings to arrange a meeting to talk about your concerns. You can do this by contacting phone or email, or by calling in to the office to make an appointment. Parent Consultation meetings are held each term and this is also a good time to talk about your concerns and Collings is also available to speak to you on these evenings. 	o parents at the end of Mrs Collings directly by

	 All of our team at Holy Cross work closely together for the benefit of all the children in the school and it is good practice that any concerns about your child will be raised and discussed by the relevant team members to address them at the earliest opportunity, including involving you as parent and carer.
How will the School let me know if they have any concerns about my child?	 Your child's class teacher will work in partnership with you as parent and carer and will inform you if they have any concerns about your child. They may speak to you informally, or they may contact you and arrange to meet with you. They will inform you what their concerns are and discuss your views, so that school and home can work together to address the concerns raised. When necessary the support of the SENCO/Assistant Head teacher or Head teacher will be enlisted and they may also become involved in the partnership, working with you and the class teacher to address the concerns about your child. If your child needs to access further support, then we will invite you to meet with the Class teacher and SENCO to discuss whether your child needs to be added to the school's Special Needs Register, or would benefit from a referral to a relevant outside agency for further assessment, advice and support. In some cases, the outcome will be that we all agree that an Early Help Assessment is the correct mechanism to access the support needed and best meet the needs of your child. An Early Help Assessment identifies a 'Team Around the Family' who will work together to address unmet needs within the context of the wider family.
How is extra support allocated to children and young people and how do they move between the different levels?	 Children who need extra support are identified at half termly Pupil Progress Meetings (PPMs). This ongoing cycle of 'Assess, Plan, Do, Review' identifies which groups of children or individuals need what type of extra support. Interventions for the following half term are then planned to meet the required outcomes for each child. The progress of children who have completed a cycle of Interventions is reviewed to assess whether each child has met their planned outcome. A decision will be made as to whether the child can return to High Quality Inclusive Teaching, needs to continue with the intervention, would benefit from an alternative intervention or needs further assessment, advice or support. If your child is identified as needing further support beyond that offered by Intervention(s), then a referral will be made to the SENCO for further investigation. As a result of this, we will invite you to meet with the Class teacher and SENCO to discuss your child's needs and agree the support required. As a result of that discussion, the SENCO may observe your child in class and may undertake additional assessments to identify your child's areas of strength and difficulty. We will discuss whether your child needs to be added to the school's Special Needs Register at

	decide together to place them on the SEN Register, would like to achieve and the provision required to	is 'different from and additional to' that of other pupils of a similar age, an we they will have a Pupil Support Plan drawn up to outline the outcomes that we secure those outcomes. This plan will be reviewed every half term. Fan EHC Needs Assessment undertaken under the statutory duties of the Local
What specialist services are available at or accessed by the school?	A. Directly funded by the school.	Inclusion Team comprising: SENCO Learning Support Assistants (LSAs) Higher Level Teaching Assistants (HLTAs) Two LSAs are also trained as Emotional Literacy Support Assistant (ELSAs) Educational Psychology Service for non-statutory assessments. Autism Outreach/Medina House Outreach Teams. Family/bereavement support.
	B. Paid for centrally by the Local Authority but delivered in school.	 Educational Psychology Service for statutory assessments. Visual Impairment Team. Auditory Impairment Team. Early Help. Schools Speech and Language Therapy Service (for pupils with EHCPs).
	C. Provided and paid for by the Health Service but delivered in school.	 Access to School Nurse NHS Speech and Language Therapy Service (pupils in YR). Child and Adolescent Mental Health Service (CAMHS) Occupational Therapy (where indicated).
How are staff in the school supported to work with children with an SEND?	 Holy Cross employs a SENCO whose responsibilities in supporting children with SEND, their class teachers, other staff and parents as well as liaising with outside agencies are outlined above. The SENCO leads and works with an Inclusion Team comprising Learning Support Assistants in YR, across Y1 and Y2, across Y3 and Y4 and across Y5 and Y6 who run Interventions and support the teaching and learning of children, including those with SEND. Where indicated through the provision outlined in an EHCP, some children may also receive some 1:1 support from a Special Needs Assistant, although this is usually balanced with small group and whole class work to encourage independence. 	

a) What training have the staff supporting children with SEND had or have available?

- Regular Pupil Progress meetings support staff in working with children with SEND, utilising the skills and expertise of the team to review progress, and plan to achieve individual children's outcomes through the use of different approaches and resources and, if needed, interventions and referral to outside agencies.
- This year, staff have received, or will have received training in the following areas:

Autism Awareness

Speech and Language support and intervention

ELKLAN (speech and language)

Attachment, Anxiety, Trauma and Depression in children and young people

Cued Spelling

Precision Teaching

Dyslexia Awareness

MAYBO training (safe physical intervention)

Developing independence (for pupils with 1:1 support)

Bespoke training led by HIEPs

Regular staff meetings led by SENCO

Access to online training and support

Access to NASEN organisational membership

- The SENCO meets with key outside agencies on a termly basis to discuss children under their care, or those who might benefit from their input and to plan how children with SEND, staff and parents can best be supported. Where possible class teachers and other members of the staff team working with children with SEND will also meet with professionals from outside agencies to discuss the needs of the children under their care.
- All relevant staff have been trained in the evidence based interventions that may be accessed by a child with SEND.
- We have two fully trained Emotional Literacy Support Assistant, (ELSAs).
- The school has a commitment to providing Continuing Professional Development (CPD) for all staff to improve the teaching and learning of all children, including those with SEND.
- Training courses are run internally and attended externally according to the needs of teachers and support staff to meet the needs of the children in our care. The school subscribes to the Local Authority Learning and Development Service who offer training on all aspects of SEND which our staff can access.

	 The SENCO attends the SEN Briefings meetings held three time a year by the Local Authority, where up to date information and good practice is shared regarding SEND. The SENCO liaises with other island SENCOs through participation in SENCO Circles every half term, solution-focused supervision led by two Hampshire Educational Psychologists.
How will activities/teaching be adapted for my child with learning needs? a) How will the curriculum be matched to my child's needs? b) How will I know how my child is doing and how will you help me to support my child's learning?	 Activities and teaching will be adapted by your child's class teacher as part of High Quality Inclusive Teaching. This means that your child's learning needs will be met through effective inclusion in quality everyday personalised teaching, where curriculum activities and resources are differentiated and aimed at your child's needs. The High Quality Inclusive Teaching offered to your child with learning needs may include the use of activities, resources or equipment which are recommended as good practice to meet your child's needs, or on the specialist advice of other professionals working with your child. Such activities, resources or equipment may be offered as an additional group or individual Intervention which your child accesses. Provision that is offered to your child that is additional to Quality First Teaching will be detailed on your child's Pupil Support Plan and will be reviewed on a half termly basis. As a parent or carer of a child with learning needs you will be kept informed of how your child is doing through the usual procedures for all children, but will also be invited to meet with the class teacher and SENCO at least three times a year to review the provision and outcomes for your child. If your child has SEND then you will be invited to attend any relevant meetings where outside agency professionals meet with school staff to discuss your child's needs, or will receive verbal or written feedback on the outcome of the meeting, as appropriate. All of the above in conjunction with Holy Cross' 'Open Door Policy' will enable you to be secure in knowing how your child is doing and provide opportunities to discuss how we can help you to support your child's learning in partnership with what we are doing in school.
How will the school measure the progress of my child?	 Your child's progress is assessed and monitored continually as part of High Quality Inclusive Teaching. Teaching and learning activities, resources and equipment are all adapted as a result of the ongoing assessment and monitoring to respond to your child's individual needs and to ensure inclusion in personalised teaching on a daily basis. Where children are taking part in interventions with Learning Support Assistants, within the classroom or beyond classroom practice your child's progress is assessed and monitored on an ongoing basis under the guidance of the class teacher and/or the SENCO, the whole team working closely together to adapt the intervention where necessary. Your child's progress is assessed, monitored and recorded over the course of each half term on an ongoing basis and, when appropriate, through more formal assessments.

	 Your child's attainment and progress is measured at the end of each half term and whether or not adequate progress has been made is the crucial determining factor of the need to provide additional support. For children receiving interventions and/or with SEND their progress will be measured against the outcomes set for them at the start of the half term. Adequate progress is defined as that which: narrows the attainment gap between the pupil and their peers prevents the attainment gap increasing is equivalent to that of peers starting from the same baseline equals or improves the pupil's progress rate ensures full curricular access shows an improvement in self-help, social or personal skills shows improvements in the pupil's behaviour, mental health or well-being. This measure will form the basis of the discussions in Pupil Progress meetings which will decide on the plan for provision for your child for the following half term.
What is the pastoral, medical and social support available in the school? a) What support will there be for my child's overall wellbeing?	 Holy Cross is a small, close knit community whose caring Catholic ethos underpins all that we do. Our team works closely together to ensure that the pastoral, medical and social needs of all of our children are met. The school has a comprehensive policy for Supporting Pupils with Medical Needs which is available on the school website. The school's RE syllabus, Worship themes and PSHE work all emphasise care of the whole person, physical, emotional and spiritual and support the pastoral, medical and social needs of each individual, fostering overall wellbeing. ELSA support, and the Six Strands Approach to behaviour management, along with the supportive ethos intrinsic to the school, helps to promote the mental health and well-being of pupils. The school has recently developed a Policy for supporting the 'Emotional and Mental Health and Well being of Pupils' and holds an annual 'Mental Health and Well-being Week' which includes a pupil survey. Holy Cross is part of the PEACH Project, which underpins a whole-school approach to Mental Health and Well-being, PSHE, Physical Activity and Healthy Eating. Holy Cross has clear and well understood rewards for good behaviour and attendance. In addition to in class rewards, House Points are given for good work, progress and behaviour and a weekly Celebration Worship celebrates the winning house. The weekly Celebration Worship also celebrates the achievement of two children from each class who names are entered into the 'Gold Book' for exemplary work or actions that week. Children also gather into vertical House Team for activity days throughout the year, culminating in the annual sports morning, in which individual performance contributes to the success of each House Team.

What support is there for behaviour, avoiding exclusion and increasing attendance?

- Class Attendance is reported on the fortnightly newsletter and individual full attendance or that above the target celebrated with termly certificates and rewards.
- Holy Cross has a Behaviour Policy underpinned by the Six Strands Approach, which clearly outlines the procedures and steps which must be taken to support children when behaviour falls short of that expected of children at Holy Cross
- Holy Cross has two trained Emotional Literacy Support Assistants (ELSA) who are able to work with individuals and small groups to support children's pastoral, social, emotional and behavioural needs.
- All members of the staff team support children's pastoral, social, emotional and behavioural needs and will do so under the advice and support of the ELSAs if necessary.
- We will work hard in partnership with you as parents and carers to meet your child's needs. However, if your child needs support for pastoral, medical, social, behavioural or attendance beyond that which we can offer within our team, then the procedures already discussed will trigger the accessing of additional support.
- This support may take one of the paths already described such as a group or individual intervention, consideration of SEND, or Early Help, both of which enable the access of relevant outside agencies to further support pastoral, medical, social and behavioural needs.
- Additionally, we are able to access the advice and support of the School Nurse and make referrals to her and her team.
- We monitor attendance closely and recognise the close link between good attendance and your child making good progress. Where difficulties may develop, we will work with you as parents and carers to address these through phone and written correspondence and Student Attendance Meetings, (SAMs).

What support does the school have for me as a parent of child with a SEND?

How are children with SEND currently involved in their education at your setting

- As a parent at Holy Cross you will be part of a supportive community of staff, parents, children and governors, including an involved Parent Teacher Association ('The Friends of Holy Cross') who work together for the good of all the children at Holy Cross.
- Holy Cross has an 'open door' policy for parents and carers and recognises you as partners with us in your child's education and care.
 We are happy for you to come in to chat to your child's class teacher and/or the SENCO whenever you feel that you need someone to talk to. Sometimes, however, we may not be able to accommodate you immediately and it may be necessary for us to make an appointment to see you at a mutually convenient time.
- The school is pro-active in using Early Help which is able to give support to the family as well as the child and enables the family to access further support, such as parenting support.
- Referrals can be made to Barnardo's to access parenting support, a family support worker, and Strengthening Families.
- Referrals can also be made to parenting programmes for pupils with specific needs (The New Forest Parenting Programme for parents of children with ADHD, and The Cygnet Programme for parents of children with a diagnosis of ASC).

	 We work with SENDIASS to support Parents of children with SEND and can put you in touch with a representative from SENDIASS and/or help you to access further information and support. SENDIASS and the School Nurse offer sessions or workshops for parents in school on a variety of themes.
How does the school manage the administration of medicines?	 The school has a separate policy for the administration of medicines and Supporting Pupils With Medical Needs. We ask you to let us know about any medicines that need to be used in school and we will ask you to complete a simple form. We will not administer any medicines without this consent. A key adult, or adults, will be nominated to administer medicines, including controlled drugs (for the management of ADHD). Many of the staff team have had Epi-Pen training. Staff teams working with pupils with medical needs receive specific training as appropriate (eg for Type 1 Diabetes).
How accessible is the school environment? (including after school clubs and school trips)	 We are a fully inclusive school, however, as two of our classrooms are on the first floor, we are not fully accessible to all children or adults with SEND. In the past, we have moved different year groups to accessible classrooms to allow accessibility to children with SEND. The school Accessibility Plan is available on request. All children are welcome to after school clubs and school trips and adjustments are made regarding a child's individual needs as required.
How will the school support my child when they are leaving? OR moving to another Year?	 As Holy Cross is a small school, all of the children are familiar with other members of staff and will have experience of different teachers leading whole school activities such as Worship. Our classes also work in pairs for different curriculum areas, so it is likely that your child may have already been taught by their new teacher. When moving years in school, all children have 'transition days' to familiarise them with their new teacher and new classroom and familiarise the next teacher with their new class. If your child needs more support, then we will arrange additional visits or activities to make transition smooth. In some cases this might include the use of personalised transition booklets which your child would help to make, including photos of their new teacher and classroom, which they can take home for the summer holidays to help alleviate any worries that they might have. This and other techniques and resources may be suggested by any outside agencies that your child is under the care of, (for example, Autism Outreach) and school will seek their advice if necessary. When your child moves onto Secondary School they will benefit from the good links that we have with all the schools that our children transition to. Staff will visit the children in school prior to their transition days in the latter half of the summer term.

	 Again, should your child need additional support with transition then additional visits and/or transition resources will be accessed. The SENCO will liaise with the relevant staff at your child's secondary school to ensure that all necessary information is passed on. Where appropriate a Transition Partnership Agreement may be drawn up. If your child moves to another school then the SENCO will liaise with the SENCO at the new school to ensure that all necessary information is passed on. In all cases, should you wish to be involved in the transition planning and discussions with the new class teacher at Holy Cross, or the new school, then we will ensure that opportunities are provided to enable you to do this.
Where can I get	Further information about services for your child is available from:
further	
information about	 Isle of Wight Local Authority Local Offer http://iwight.com/Residents/Schools-and-Learning/
services for my	
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