



SEN and Disability

Local Offer: Primary Settings

Mainstream, Short Stay Schools, Special Schools and Academies

Name of School: **St Mary's CE Primary Academy**

School Number: **13506**

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Accessibility and Inclusion

- How accessible is the school environment?
Is the building fully wheelchair accessible? Do you have accessible parking spaces? Have there been improvements in the auditory and visual environment? Are there accessible changing/toilet facilities? How do you improve access to the setting?
- How accessible is your information? - including displays, policies and procedures etc. Do you have information available in different font sizes, audio information, Braille, other languages etc. How does the setting communicate with parents and families whose first language is not English? How is information made accessible to parents and families with additional needs?
- How accessible is the provision?
How do you make use of resources such as symbols, pictures and sign graphics to support children's access to resources? Do you have furniture such as height adjustable tables or alternative ways of presenting activities so that children can access them?
- Do you have specialised equipment (eg; ancillary aids or assistive technology?)

What the school provides

St Mary's CE Primary Academy has two classrooms. Entry to the school via the footpath has one step into the playground. Although there is a steep set of steps from the road to the footpath. Entrances are through double doors and a steep flight of stairs or a further set of double doors with a ramp leading into the library.

We have accessible parking spaces directly outside the front entrance for staff and disabled persons if required.

We have a disabled toilet available for wheelchair users if the need should arise.

Information is given to parents via newsletters, learning letters and verbally. These, along with other key information, are also put on our school website which is regularly updated.

Good relationships with parents/carers and staff ensure that individual needs are catered for and any possible barriers are overcome.

Visual timetables are used to support individual learners where appropriate. All pupils are encouraged to be as independent as possible and catering for all different learning styles is common practice.

Teaching and Learning

- What arrangements do you have to identify and assess children with SEN?
- What additional support can be provided in the classroom?
- What provision do you offer to facilitate access to the curriculum and to develop independent learning? (This may include support from external agencies and equipment/facilities)
- What SEN and disability and awareness training is available to all staff?
- What staff specialisms/expertise in SEN and disability do you have?
- What ongoing support and development is in place for staff supporting children and young people with SEN?
- What arrangements are made for reasonable adjustments and support to the child during tests and SATs?
- How well does your SEN provision map illustrate the range and level of support for individual pupils or groups with similar needs and the resources allocated to meet those needs?

What the school provides

When teacher's have a concern about a child, they will talk to the SENCo about it and agree a way forward. The teacher will also fill in a cause for concern document. A Pupil Overview of Provision (POP) will also be created to help the child make progress. If a problem persists, we invite professionals in to observe and test the children to highlight possible issues. Such professionals include specialist teachers, educational psychologists, counsellors and behaviour managers. The report that follows is used to create new targets for the POP. POPs are sent home at the start of the term and evaluated copies are sent home at the end of a term. Children and parents are able to express their thoughts when a child is given a new POP.

We have a team of support staff who work with the SENCo to support the teacher and child. Each class has an identified teaching assistant who liaises with the SENCo to ensure that the support in class meets the identified children's needs. In addition they work with identified children either one to one or in a group to support the POP or identified need over an agreed period of time.

Teaching assistants are also deployed to act as readers during Maths and SPAG SATs. Additional time and any other access requirements are applied for if children meet certain criteria.

Reviewing and Evaluating Outcomes

- What arrangements are in place for review meetings for children with Statements or Education, Health and Care (EHC) Plans?
- What arrangements are in place for children with other SEN support needs?
- How do you assess and evaluate the effectiveness of the provision you make for children and young people with SEN and Disability?

What the school provides

Termly progress meetings are held for those children who have a statement/EHC plan. If a child is transferring to another school then the relevant person from there attends a transition review. All adults who work with these children, including parents, are invited to express their concerns for the future.

The child is central to this review process and they record their thoughts/ideas. They

are supported by the teaching assistant that knows them best. They then attend the meeting, at an agreed time, to share their thoughts in the review.

We also hold progress meetings with parents whose children have POPs. The Class teacher will be joined by the teacher from the year above, whose class the child will be joining the following academic year.

The child, teacher and teaching assistant evaluate and assess progress made towards the targets on the POP and they put together new ones. Parents are involved at different levels, knowing what their child's targets are and contributing their ideas.

Keeping Children Safe

- How and when will risk assessments be done? Who will carry out risk assessments?
- What handover arrangements will be made at the start and end of the school day?
- Do you have parking areas for pick up and drop offs?
- What arrangements will be made to supervise a child during breaks and lunchtimes?
- How do you ensure a child stays safe outside the classroom? (e.g. during PE lessons, school trips)
- Where can parents find details of policies on anti-bullying?

What the school provides

The Head teacher is responsible for overseeing risk assessments. One teacher is responsible for co-ordinating risk assessments for visits, supporting teachers in writing risk assessments and checking them.

At the start of the academic year, new parents stay with their children in the Reception area. When young children are settled, they walk onto the playground with the older children.

A teacher meets the children at the entrance to the playground every morning at 8.45 am. They will stay on the playground until the bell goes at 8.55 am when the children line up ready to be collected by their teachers/teaching assistants. The Head Teacher always goes to meet and greet on the path to school when she is available.

At the end of the day, the teacher/teaching assistant goes out with the children who tell them when they can see their parents/carers. We have put a range of procedures in place for specific children who need greater support e.g. meeting parents at the main entrance or arriving, leaving the building a few minutes before or after the majority of children.

There is a timetable for playtimes with allocated staff being on duty. At lunchtime welfare assistants ensure the children eat and play appropriately. Toys from the garage are shared out by the Y6 pupils who also play games with the younger children. During playtimes and lunchtime there is a first aid bench where children can go if they are hurt.

Teaching assistants and volunteers support outdoor activities, trips or extracurricular

activities following assessment of the children's needs in each class.

Parents can read the Anti-Bullying Policy on our school website or ask the receptionist for a copy.

Health (including Emotional Health and Wellbeing)

- How do you manage safe keeping and administration of medication?
- How do you work with a family to draw up a care plan and ensure that all relevant staff are aware of the plan?
- What would the school do in the case of a medical emergency?
- How do you ensure that staff are trained/qualified to deal with a child's particular needs?
- Which health or therapy services can children access on school premises?

What the school provides

The Administration of Medication Policy highlights how medication is stored and administered in school. Care Plans are written with the child (if appropriate), lead professionals and parents. If necessary, the school nurse or other professionals train all staff with regards to the Care Plan. The Head shares Care Plans with the School Nurse.

Other medication is only administered if it is prescribed by a doctor. Parents are asked to administer medicines that are not prescribed by a doctor. We ask parents to put suntan lotions on before school if it is needed..

Children with food allergies have their photos, together with the foodstuffs that trigger a reaction, in the school kitchen.

In an emergency agreed procedures are followed that are on the wall in the main office. There are lists of trained first aiders around school.

The Head has regular liaison with the school nurse and the Children and Families Wellbeing Service.

Communication with Parents

- How do you ensure that parents know "who's who" and who they can contact if they have concerns about their child/young person?
- How do parents communicate with key staff (eg do they have to make an appointment to meet with staff or do you have an Open Door policy?)
- How do you keep parents updated with their child/young person's progress?
- Do you offer Open Days?
- How can parents give feedback to the school?

What the school provides

The school website has a list of all staff employed in school and their roles.

We have an Open Door policy. If parents need to see a member of staff then normally they come before school. If a staff member is busy, the teacher will contact the parent to arrange a meeting or sort the problem over a phone call.

At home time, all the classes walk out of school with their teacher. Parents often come and pass on information at this time. Furthermore, Mrs Nightingale, the Headteacher, meets and greets parents and children at the start of the day. Any queries are often dealt with at this time.

We have a Meet the Teacher night at the beginning of the academic year where parents are invited in to their child's classroom. Routines and timetables are shared and parents can ask pertinent questions.

At St Mary's, we hold two Open Evenings each year for parents to discuss their child's progress. One of them is early on in the year and the second is normally in the Spring term.

We hold an Induction meeting for our new Reception parents. Also on a termly basis the EYFS parents are invited to a Stay and Play afternoon, in which they can discuss their child's progress with the class teacher as well as observing their child in the learning environment.

All letters to parents are posted on our website. We also communicate regularly via Facebook and Twitter.

Working Together

- What opportunities do you offer for children to have their say? e.g. school council
- What opportunities are there for parents to have their say about their child's education?
- What opportunities are there for parents to get involved in the life of the school or become school governors?
- How does the Governing Body involve other agencies in meeting the needs of pupils with SEN and supporting their families? (e.g. health, social care, voluntary groups)
How do home/school contracts/agreements support children with SEN and their families?

What the school provides

We have a school council who meets every half term. They share their ideas and their views with the Headteacher.

Our Rotakids work alongside Padiham Rotary in local fundraising activities

Messy Church is run by the local vicar on a termly basis, pupils and their parents/ grandparents are invited to participate.

Parents, grandparents and governors are invited to attend our weekly Celebration Assembly.

A variety of After School Clubs are provided at no cost to parents/carers

Both the SEND and Safeguarding governors regularly meet with the Headteacher to ensure policies are being adhered to and report back to the governing body their findings.

SEND reviews allow both parents and their child to share their thoughts about their learning. POPs that are sent home give targets that parents can work towards. Parents are also asked to respond to new POPs with their thoughts about the new targets.

Children can also state their views about their targets.

Friends of Newchurch actively involve both parents, pupils and governors in their fundraising events for school.

The Governing body fully supports and gets involved in all aspects of school life.

Parental Questionnaires are sent out annually and parents are encouraged to write their views on the OFSTED Parent View website.

Parent Governors are elected every four years and all parents can apply and a vote takes place. Parents often volunteer both in school and when a class is participating in an educational visit.

The Home School Agreement promotes inclusive practice and gives clear expectations.

What help and support is available for the family?

- Do you offer help with completing forms and paperwork? If yes, who normally provides this help and how would parents access this?
- What information, advice and guidance can parents access through the school? Who normally provides this help and how would parents access this?
- How does the school help parents with travel plans to get their child to and from school?

What the school provides

The Headteacher, teachers and the SENCo help families with paperwork and forms.

The Headteacher liaises on a half termly basis with the Children and Families Wellbeing Service. This gives the Headteacher the opportunity to discuss individual family's needs and any concerns they may have with a Social Worker. During these conversations the Headteacher can be sign posted to a variety of local services, such as Triple P.

We also have links with a range of other services that will support our Parents, including: The School Nurse; Lancashire Fire and Rescue Service; Community Police, Pendle Sports Partnership, Pendle Landscapes and the Canal Trust

Transition to Secondary School

- What support does the school offer around transition? (e.g. visits to the secondary school, buddying)

What the school provides

The Year 6 teacher meets with representatives of the high schools that our children go to. They have meetings with each other and the children. This year, all of our children have taster days in their respective high school.

We also organise transition meetings for our statemented children, with parents being invited to meet with the SENCo from high school and staff from St Mary's to share knowledge and concerns about the child. A plan is then put in place to support the child.

Extra Curricular Activities

- Do you offer school holiday and/or before and after school childcare? If yes, please give details.
- What lunchtime or after school activities do you offer? Do parents have to pay for these and if so, how much?

- How do you make sure clubs and activities are inclusive?
- How do you help children to make friends?

What the school provides

We have a wide range of after school Clubs, for example Multi Skills and Gardening Club.

We keep a list of all children who attend our clubs and provide additional support if a child needs it so that they can attend the club.

At lunchtime, we have buddies on the playground and staff on duty supporting the children in their play with games including skipping, parachute and a range of toys. The Y6 pupils help to give out and collect in the toys.

All after school clubs are free.

Each Year 6 child starting in September 2016 will buddy up with a new Reception child.

Within school we try to make learning relevant and as part of this organise relevant visits and visitors to support the children's learning e.g. Healthy School visitors; science show; a creepy crawly man; rangers; musicians; theatre productions; work with the Community Police and events at the local high schools.

The KS1 children put on a production of The Nativity every Christmas and KS2 pupils enjoy performing in a summer show.

The PSHE programme is completely entwined within the curriculum and the wider life of the school.