

How to contact us

Please do not hesitate to get in touch if you have any questions or would like further information

We can be contacted via St. Nicholas School:

01227 464316

Please ask to be put through to the STLS Office

You can also email our team admin:

stls@st-nicholas.kent.sch.uk

For further information, please also visit our STLS section of the St. Nicholas School website:

www.st-nicholas.kent.sch.uk/STLS



St. Nicholas School Canterbury

The Canterbury Specialist Teaching & Learning Services



Canterbury District
STLS & Outreach

A Guide for Parents & Carers

'Supporting you to support your children'

Who we are...

We are a team of Specialist teachers with experience of teaching in mainstream schools/settings. We have additional specialist training and experience in the four dimensions of need:

- Cognition and Learning
- Communication and Interaction
- Social, Emotional and Mental Health
- Physical and Sensory

We support children and young people with a variety of needs such as Autism, ADHD, Dyslexia, Dyscalculia, mental health, sensory difficulties, speech & language difficulties, Down syndrome and any other complex needs.

We are based at St. Nicholas School in Canterbury and work to support all mainstream schools and settings in the Canterbury District.

Our team cover all age ranges, from nursery aged children right up to the age of 18.

We can provide workshops for parents and carers on a variety of topics. Please ask your school/setting for more information.

A comprehensive training programme is provided for schools and settings on a wide range of subjects to support children with Special Educational Needs.

More information available on the St Nicholas School website.

How we can help to support your child...

We may become involved in supporting your child if they have been referred to a meeting called LIFT (Local Inclusion Forum Team). You will have given permission for your child to be referred to this meeting.

For further information, please visit: <http://www.kelsi.org.uk/special-education-needs/special-educational-needs/local-inclusion-forum-teams>

What do the STLS do in schools/settings:

- ✓ Either **visit** your child just once to offer advice or visit more regularly.
- ✓ **Observe** your child in class, speak to their teacher, TA, key person or the SENCO and we can also meet with yourselves as parents/carers.
- ✓ Give **advice** to staff on **strategies and resources** which may help your child.
- ✓ Set **targets** for pupils and staff to work towards.
- ✓ Make **review** visits if appropriate.
- ✓ Write a **report** of our visit, which will be shared with you as parents/carers.
- ✓ Provide specialist **training** for schools/settings.
- ✓ Following **agreement** with the school/setting, cases may be closed if our support is no longer needed, but your child can be referred back to us at any time.