



SEND Parent Guide 2025–26

Supporting every child to shine

What does SEND mean?

Some children need extra help with their learning, communication, emotions, or physical needs. At St Joseph's, we recognise four main areas of need:

- **Communication & Interaction**
- **Cognition & Learning**
- **Social, Emotional & Mental Health**
- **Sensory & Physical Needs**

Every child is unique. We work with families and professionals to make sure children get the support they need.



How we support children

- **In class:** small-group teaching, extra adult support, adapted resources
 - **Interventions:** catch-up sessions in reading, writing and maths
 - **Wellbeing:** mindfulness, Emotional Literacy Support (ELSA), and links with family welfare services
 - **Plans:** Personalised Support Plans (called IEP's and *Pupil Passports*) set out clear goals, reviewed termly with parents
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How we identify needs

Children may be identified through:

- Teacher observations and assessments
- Parent concerns and discussions
- Advice from health and social care professionals
- Specialist assessments (e.g. Educational Psychologist, Speech & Language)

If needed, we can request an **Education, Health and Care Plan (EHCP)** for more long-term support.



Working with parents

We believe parents are partners in their child's learning.
We offer:

- Regular parent evenings and termly drop-ins

- Opportunities to review support plans together
 - Guidance and signposting to local support groups
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Listening to children

Children with SEND are encouraged to:

- Share their views on their support
 - Help set their own targets
 - Tell us what works best for them
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Moving on & transitions

- **New starters:** meetings with nurseries and families before Reception
 - **Year group changes:** teachers share information and strategies
 - **Secondary school:** strong links with local high schools to support smooth transitions
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Who to contact

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More support

- **Lancashire Parent Partnership Service**
 - 👉 Lancashire SEND Help for Parents
- **Lancashire Local Offer**
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✨ *At St Joseph's, we celebrate every child's gifts and work together to help them reach their full potential.*