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At King Ina C of E Academy we believe that... 'Children have special educational needs if they have a learning difficulty, which requires additional or significantly different provision than their peers'.

Within our secure Christian environment, our vision is to develop healthy, happy, motivated learners who aspire to achieve their full potential and who look to the future with confidence.

Our aims are:

- To build on the Academy's Church of England foundation and encourage a way of life which respects the beliefs of others.
- To develop the potential of each child
- To help each child to look to the future with confidence
- To provide a well-managed Academy

This SEND Information report is closely linked with our SEND policy, our school accessibility plan and the Somerset Local offer. Somerset Local Offer includes a Graduated Response to SEN, which describes the entitlement of children in schools across Somerset. King Ina C of E Academy information that is directly relevant to the Somerset Graduated Response is included in this report.

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The levels of support and provision offered at King Ina Academy

How does King Ina C of E Academy identify pupils with special educational needs?

- All children at King Ina C of E Academy are monitored closely by their class teachers. Regular Pupil Progress Meetings are held between the class teacher, Head Teacher/ Deputy Head Teacher and SENCo to discuss the progress of pupils in that class. Further investigation and support may be considered if a child
 - fails to make age expected progress in Reading, Writing or Mathematics despite additional support
 - falls more than two years below age expected progress in their reading and /or spelling age
 - is experiencing social, emotional, mental health difficulties that are impacting on their learning
- The class teacher is responsible for initiating some additional targeted interventions (booster/catch-up work). This may be in a small group or on a one to one basis and will be focused on a particular aspect of learning. The SENCO may be involved in discussions with the class teacher about progress and support.
- If a child continues to not make the expected progress the class teacher may then request that the SENCO becomes more formally involved. The SENCO may meet with parents/carers and carry out observations and assessments to help inform their decision as to whether a child needs to be entered onto the SEND Register.

The SENCO may contact outside agencies in order to help understand a child's needs more clearly.

Universal (Whole Class) The universal offer to all children	Additional, targeted support and provision	Specialist, individualised support and provision for SEN Support and High Needs
Children's progress is	Additional group work and resources to ensure children are	Individual assessments are started
tracked and reviewed	making progress in their learning.	Observations are carried out
throughout the school year.	Teachers to match their planning to the needs of individual	Support is sought from SENCo
	children to ensure all children can access their learning.	Support is required from external agencies.



Who is the best person to speak to if I am concerned about my child's progress or other difficulties in school?

All concerns should be raised initially with the class teacher, they will be able to share information about your child's progress and any difficulties that they think your child might be having. Teachers are responsible for the attainment of all children in their class. Sometimes the teacher will need to make small adjustments to their teaching, provide additional resources or specialist advice might be required. These increasing adaptations are known as the graduated response.

Class teacher may seek advice from the school SENCo. The role of the SENCo is to help teachers and parents identify barriers to learning and support teachers with strategies to help children overcome these difficulties. The SENCo co-ordinates and plans whole school provision for special educational needs and works with professionals from outside agencies who may be able to offer additional support or advice for individual children. The SENCo also makes sure that all SEND record keeping is up to date and that the children with SEND make progress in their learning.

Appointments can be made with the SENCo if you are worried that the graduated response is not working for your child and you have further concerns about their learning needs. If you have any further concerns or are worried matters are not being resolved, you may wish to speak to Mrs Svenson (Headteacher).

Universal (Whole Class) The universal offer to all children	Additional, targeted support and provision	Specialist, individualised support and provision for SEN Support and High Needs
Teachers and parents should have a positive working relationship. Your child's class teacher is available to talk to you about any concerns you might have. After school is usually the best time for this. Parents evenings are scheduled twice a year.	Class teachers will seek advice and support from the SENCo should the graduated response not be having an impact. If you are still concerned about your child, please make an appointment to meet with the SENCo.	 Assess, plan, do and review meetings will be held termly for parents, teachers and the SENCo. Parents' views will be sought at all stages. The SENCo can request support from outside agencies. Parents are involved at all stages of this process and are invited to all meetings. If an outside agency is involved with your child there may be regular Team Around the Child meetings (TAC meetings) If your child is in receipt of higher needs funding or has an Education and Healthcare Plan (EHCP) there will be an annual review to which all professionals involved with your child will be invited.

How is the decision made about what type and how much support is provided for pupils with SEND?

All teachers are required to offer quality first teaching. This means that they plan and deliver lessons that all children are able to access. Lessons are differentiated to ensure that children working at different levels of ability are able to make progress in their own learning. Teachers are able to make use of a range of teaching and learning styles and different resources to support the children in their class.

Some children have barriers to their understanding or learning of a particular subject. They might also have a physical difficulty that requires some specific intervention. Targeted intervention groups will be run in addition to the learning that is taking place in the classroom. The interventions are planned and reviewed regularly, and their impact is measured. They are designed to help the child make accelerated progress in a certain aspect of their learning, this might mean they are included in an intervention for half a term and a different one for the following term. It is important that they are not always withdrawn from the same learning opportunities in their classroom over an extended period of time.

Children on the SEND register are identified as having a special educational need. This means that the child requires some support that is different from or additional to the class as a whole. In order to keep track of the additional support, the child has an individual provision map that identifies specific teaching and learning strategies, resources that may be useful and individual targets based on additional provision. Children on the SEND register sometimes have support from outside agencies. These agencies provide school and parents with additional advice and recommendations.

Some children have access to higher needs funding as their needs are deemed to be at a level that requires specialist intervention which the school has to provide. In some cases, Teaching Assistants are used to support these children for certain lessons or parts of the day. The role of the teaching assistant is to support learning and to encourage children understand the process of learning, not to do the tasks for them.

Universal (Whole Class)	Additional, targeted support and	Specialist, individualised support and provision for SEN Support and
The universal offer to all children	provision	High Needs
Quality First Teaching, including	Targeted group interventions	The SENCo co-ordinates multi-professional support.
individual resources that children are	Progress for these children is	Some children have EHCPs which details specific targets and
able to access independently.	monitored closely	support, these are reviewed annually.
		Children have individual provision maps which identifies individual
		learning strategies and individual targets. These are monitored
		closely to ensure the child is making progress.
		Teachers, SENCo and parents have annual review meetings.

Which types of SEND does King Ina C of E Academy support?

All teachers are teachers of all children. At King Ina C of E Academy, we work with a number of children with many different types of special educational needs. We provide equal opportunities to all children who attend King Ina C of E Academy.

Special Education Needs are defined in 4 areas:

Cognition and Learning - Children with cognition and learning difficulties may learn at a slower pace to their peers, even with appropriate differentiation. Some children will need additional support with certain aspect of learning such as spellings, reading whilst other have complex learning difficulties such as dyslexia and dyscalculia.

Language and Communication - Children with speech, language and communication needs have difficulties communicating with others. They may have difficulties talking, understanding something or not understanding the social rules of communication.

Social, Emotional and Mental Health - Children may experience a wide range of social, emotional and mental health difficulties. These can show themselves in many ways. We work with children who are withdrawn, disruptive, have lack of concentration and have immature social skills. Some children have diagnosed disorders such as attention deficit or attachment disorders.

Sensory and/or Physical Needs - Some children have disabilities which will prevent them from accessing the educational facilities provided. Most of these children require specialist support and equipment to access the opportunities available to their peers.

Universal (Whole Class) The universal offer to all children	Additional, targeted support and provision	Specialist, individualised support and provision for SEN Support and High Needs
Every teacher is a teacher of every child.	All children have access to relevant equipment and technology to aid access to the curriculum.	The school has an accessibility policy and is accessible to children with physical additional needs. Additional support can be sought from a number of outside agencies.

What type of provision is available for pupils with SEND?

All pupils receive a high standard of quality first teaching through whole class teaching or small groups. Provision that is specific for children with SEND is recorded and monitored through individual targets on the child's APDR. Parents are invited to meet with SENCo and teacher annually to review the provision for their child, the pupils view is an important part of this process. Learning is at the heart of what we do at King Ina C of E Academy but the whole child is equally important. Children's independence and self-help skills are encouraged, and emphasis is placed on safeguarding and health well-being.

What support does the school offer to parents of children with SEND?

Children make the most progress in their learning when teachers and parents work together. Parents are kept up to date with their children's progress through parents' evenings and reports. If more frequent contact is necessary, this will be arranged based on individual child's needs. The school works closely with the Special, Educational Needs and Disability Information, Advice and Support service (SENDIAS) and also our local Parent and Family Support Adviser (PFSA). The SENCO is available to meet with you to discuss your child's progress or any concerns/worries you may have. Please make an appointment through the school office. All information and advice received from outside professionals will be discussed with you. The SENCO will also arrange to meet with you to discuss any new assessments and ideas suggested by outside agencies for your child.

Universal (Whole Class)	Additional, targeted support and provision	Specialist, individualised support and provision for
The universal offer to all children		SEN Support and High Needs
Parents involved in all stages of their	Parents are kept informed at all stages if their	Parents are invited to meet with the SENCo to
child's education.	child is in need of additional support in the	review their child's progress and the support that
Teachers are proactive in engaging parents	classroom. In the first instance this will	they are receiving in school.
in discussion about their children should	generally be in the form of some additional	Parents are consulted in all aspects of provision
they feel that there is something to be	group work outside of the classroom. At this	for their child, particularly in relation to obtaining
aware of.	stage parents are welcome to either the class	additional support from outside agencies.
Each year there are annual school reports.	teacher or SENCo.	Parents are invited to attend annual meetings with
Regular newsletters sent home to keep		professionals from outside agencies including
parents up to date with events at school.		Annual reviews and TAC meetings.
Advice on how to support learning at home		Children and their families are involved in target-
is shared.		setting and decision making.
School and class information is on the		
school website.		

How accessible is the school environment?

We have worked hard to make the school site as accessible as possible. If your child has any specific needs, you would be welcome to visit the site to discuss individual needs. All children have the right to access class trips where it is safe for them to do so. You will have the opportunity to discuss your child's specific needs prior to any trip or off-site visit.

The SENCo works closely with both the Physical Impairment and Medical Support team and Occupational Therapists to ensure that children in our care are able to access their learning environment effectively.

A current accessibility plan is available on the school website.

Universal (Whole Class) The universal offer to all	Additional, targeted support and provision	Specialist, individualised support and provision for SEN Support and High Needs
children		
All areas of the school are accessible to children with additional physical needs.	All toilets are at an appropriate height and a disabled toilet and shower is available. Chairs and tables of different heights are available. Specialist equipment in practical lessons can be provided to enable children with additional needs to be independent. Quiet/individual working areas are available.	Individual specialist equipment is used by some of our children and is sourced through outside agency support.

Who will oversee my child's support?

Your child's class teacher will be responsible for your child's daily support. The SENCo will oversee and co-ordinate the provision for your child. The role of the SENCo is to liaise with the professionals involved with your child and to review the effectiveness of the recommendations provided. The SENCo works closely with teachers and parents to plan for the long-term support for your child ensuring that transitions between classes and schools are managed effectively.

Universal (Whole Class)	Additional, targeted support and	Specialist, individualised support and provision for SEN Support
The universal offer to all children	provision	and High Needs
Every teacher is a teacher of every child.	The SENCo reviews the	The SENCo co-ordinates SEND provision and discusses any
The class teacher will review the support	effectiveness of interventions	concerns with parents/carers, children and staff members.
provided in the classroom and ensure that	and resources.	The SENCo will arrange review meetings, which include children,
all children are making progress in their	The SENco will liaise with	their families and involved professionals.
learning.	teachers regarding the	The SENCo will arrange and carry out annual reviews for
The class teacher will ensure that there is	effectiveness of a graduated	children with EHCPs and will complete the annual review
a graduated response to all children's	response.	paperwork.
learning needs.		The SENCo will arrange and carry out annual reviews for
		children in receipt of high needs funding.

How will the school measure the progress of my child?

Every pupil's progress is continually monitored by the class teacher through observation and assessment of their work in class. Progress is also reviewed by the class teacher and senior leadership team and SENCO at termly pupil progress meetings. Some children with SEND are likely to be working below age related expectations, class teachers will continue to measure their progress of learning from wherever their starting point. Children on the SEND register will have individual SMART targets, these are Specific, Measurable, Achievable, Realistic and Timely targets. The progress of children with a statement of SEND/EHC Plan is formally reviewed at an Annual Review with the views of the pupil and parents included.

Universal (Whole Class) The universal offer to all children	Additional, targeted support and provision	Specialist, individualised support and provision for SEN Support and High Needs
Regular focused assessments.	Feedback on focused intervention work.	Individual assessment based on learning needs.
Marking and feedback via books		Individual SMART targets linked to additional provision.
Verbal feedback in lessons		Pupil perception of progress.

How will I know that my child is progressing?

All parents are invited to attend parent's evening which are held in the autumn and spring terms. An individual report detailing progress is sent home to all parents in the summer term. Parents who have a child who is receiving SEN support will be invited to annual review as part of the assess, plan, do and review process. If the school feels that outside agency support is required to support a pupil, parent permission will be sought and they will be invited to meet with these agencies whenever possible. Parents will always be sent a copy of any written reports. Parents are also welcome to arrange additional meetings with the class teacher or SENCo to discuss progress. On occasions it may be appropriate to set up a home/school communication book to share information regarding progress.

Universal (Whole Class)	Additional, targeted support and provision	Specialist, individualised support and provision for
The universal offer to all children		SEN Support and High Needs
Parents evenings	Additional meetings with teachers.	Assess, plan, do and review meetings.
Termly progress reports		Referrals to outside agencies
Annual report		Meetings with outside agencies

What specialist services are available or can be accessed by the school for children with special educational needs?

Autism and Communication Team	Offers support and intervention for children showing behaviours which indicate that they may have an autistic spectrum disorder or difficulties with communication. They will visit the child at school and talk to you about what you notice at home.	
Educational Psychology	Works directly with children with the most complex special educational needs and disabilities. They offer advice and support on the development of the whole child including their learning needs. Educational Psychologists also contribute to Educational and Health Care Plans (EHCP).	
Access to Inclusion	Comes into school and completes a detailed assessment on the child's learning needs. They advise strategies to support children in their learning.	
Parent and Family Support Advisors (PFSA)	Offers a link between home and school. Provides family with additional support on a range of child related difficulties.	
Physical Impairment and Medical Support Team	Advises the school on strategies to support children who are physically impaired. They help schools to enable physically impaired children to be as independent as possible.	
Occupational Therapy and Physiotherapy	Offers support and advice for children with physical needs. This can be physical disabilities, support with physiotherapy ad conditions such as hypersensitivity and dyspraxia.	
Speech and Language Therapy	Work with you and your child to encourage clear speech development. They are also able to help with delayed speech and stammering. We will liaise with therapists and follow guidelines to ensure our practice supports your child's individual needs.	
Child and Adult Mental Health Service (CAMHS)	Offers assessments and treatment when children have social, emotional, or mental health needs.	
Vision support	Offers support and advice for schools and families with regards to children who have limited or failing eye sight.	
Hearing Support	Are able to administer hearing tests and to offer support and advice for children with temporary and permanent hearing loss/difficulties.	
School Nurse	The school nurse is available for parents who need support at home with issues from toileting to dietary concerns and to parenting strategies.	
Mental Health Support Team (MHST)	Offer low- intensity CBT to children which can either be parent led or delivered on a 1-1 basis from an education mental health practitioner. A referral must be made for this through the school Mental Health Lead.	

Glossary of Acronyms

Acronym	
SEN	Special Educational Needs
SENCo	Special Educational Needs Coordinator
SEND	Special Educational Needs and Disabilities
C of E	Church of England
ADPR	Assess, Plan, Do, Review
EP	Educational Psychologist
A2I	Access to Inclusion
EHCP	Education, Health and Care Plan
EHA	Early Help Assessment
MHST	Mental Health Support Team
SMART	Specific, Measurable, Achievable, Realistic, Timely
CAMHS	Child and Adult Mental Health Service
PFSA	Parent and Family Support Advisor
TAC	Team Around the Child
TAF	Team Around the Family

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