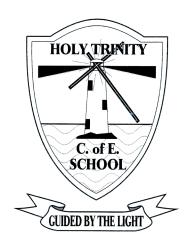




Special Educational Needs and Disability (SEND) Information Report



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Holy Trinity CE Primary school is a mainstream primary school with a nursery provision.

The information below details the provision available within the school and the way in which parents and children can access the support required for special educational needs.

As a school, we are part of Aletheia Academy Trust and work within the local authority of Gravesham and its guidance on povision for children with SEND in mainstream schools. We also follow our SEND Policy.

The school's SENDCO is Miss Charlotte Roosey and she can be contacted by:

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SEND statement:

At Holy Trinity all pupils, regardless of needs, are offered inclusive teaching which will enable them to make the best possible progress in school and feel that they are a valued member of the community. We offer a wide range of support children with communication and interaction, cognition and learning, social emotional and mental health and physical and sensory difficulties.

The proportion of children on our SEND register is 16%. In addition to this, we have a number of children being monitored for concerns. As a result, we have a significant number of interventions which happen across the school and in classrooms to ensure children make good progress.

The school premises are accessible by all, including those with physical disabilities.

People who support children with SEND in this school

School based information	People	Summary of responsibilities
Who are the best people to talk to in this school about my child's difficulties with learning / special educational	Class teachers	They are responsible for: Ensuring that all children have access to good classroom teaching and that the curriculum is adapted to meet your child's individual needs (known as differentiation or adaptations) Checking on the progress of your child through monitoring and assessment. Planning for and delivering an additional help your child may need and discussing amendments made with the SENDCO as necessary.

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	Lord, your word	is a lamp to guide me and a light for my path," Psalm 119:105
needs and disability		Writing personalised learning plans (PLPs) and sharing and reviewing these with parents once each term and planning for the next term.
(SEND)?	Ensuring that all members of staff who work with your child are aware of your child's individual needs and what specific adjustments need to be made to ensure they are included and make progress.	
		Ensuring that all members of staff who work with your child are supported in delivering the planned work or bespoke curriculum. This may involve the use of additional adults, outside specialist help and resources.
		Ensuring that the SEND policy is followed in their classroom and for all the pupils they teach with SEND.
		If you would like to arrange an appointment to discuss your child's needs with their class teacher, please make an appointment through the school office.
	SENDCO	She is responsible for:
		Co-ordinating all the support for children with SEND and developing the SEND policy to make sure all children get a consistent, high-quality response to meeting their needs in school.
		Ensuring that you are:
		Involved in supporting your child's learning
		Kept informed about the support your child is getting
		Involved in reviewing how they are doing
		Liaising with all other people who may be coming into school to help support your child's learning (e.g. speech and language therapists)
		Updating the school's SEND register (a system for ensuring all special educational needs and disabilities are known and understood)
		Monitoring your child's progress and needs by:
		Ensuring that records are kept and reviewed
		Ensuring that new targets are set when goals are met
		Ensuring that adjustments are made when conditions develop or new diagnoses are made
		To provide specialist support and arrange training for teachers and support staff in school so they can help your child and other pupils with SEND in school to flourish

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Headteacher	She is responsible for:
	The day to day management of all aspects of the school, this incudes the support for children with SEND
	She will give responsibility to the SENDCO and class teachers but is still responsible for ensuring that your child's needs are met
	Ensuring that the Governing body is kept up to date with any issues in the school relating to special needs.
SEND	He is responsible for:
Governor	Making sure that the school has an up to date SEND Policy
	Making sure that the school has appropriate provision and has made necessary adaptations to meet the needs of all children in the school
	Making sure that the necessary support is made for any child who attends the school who has SEND.

Different levels of possible support

All children are unique and have different strengths and weaknesses within the school curriculum. They are all individually assessed, and some may need extra support. Additional support, and how it is delivered, is set out formally in our SEND policy.

Children are defined as having Special Educational Needs if they have a learning difficulty which requires special educational provision to be made for them, over and above the high quality inclusive teaching which takes place in all classes. A learning difficulty means that the child has greater difficulty in learning than most children of the same age and may require work that is 'different from or in addition to' work provided for their peers. A child has a disability if they have a physical or mental impairment that is substantial and long term (lasting for more than 12 months) and which has an adverse effect on their ability to carry out normal day-to-day activities. The disability prevents or hinders the child from making use of educational facilities of a kind generally provided for others of the same age.

Types of support provided also showing the stage of the Code of Practice children will be at when receiving this input	What will this mean for your child?	Who can get this kind of support?
Class teacher input via quality first teaching	The teacher will have high expectations for your child and all children within their class. All teaching is based on what your	All children in the school

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	child already knows, can do and can understand. Your child will experience different ways of teaching to enable them to be fully involved in their learning. This may involve things like more practical learning or providing different resources amended for your child. The teacher will use specific strategies which may be suggested by the SENDCO or by staff from outside agencies to enable your child to access the learning task. In Gravesham, all teachers must use the Mainstream Core Standards to adapt their teaching to meet the needs of pupils in their class.	should be getting this as part of good classroom practice.
Specific group work within a small group of children. May be run inside or outside the classroom by either a teacher or teaching assistant who has had training to run these groups. These are often called intervention groups.	Classroom teachers will carefully monitor your child's progress and discuss any concerns with the SENDCO and SLT in pupil progress meetings. Any gaps in your child's understanding or knowledge will be identified. Classroom teachers will then plan group sessions for your child with targets to help them make more progress. A teaching assistant or teacher or outside professional (like a speech and language therapist) will run these small group sessions using the teacher's lans.	Any child who has specific gaps in their understanding of a subject / area of learning
Stage of SEN Code of Practice – SEN Support		
Identified by the class teacher as needing some extra support in school but no referrals have been made to outside agencies		
Specialist groups run by outside agencies (e.g. speech and language therapy)	If your child has been identified as needing more specialist input, external referrals will be made to outside agencies to advise and support the school in enabling your child to make progress.	Children with specific barriers to learning that prevent them from making
Stage of SEN Code of Practice – SEN Support Identified by the class teacher or SENDCO as needing some extra specialist support in school from	Before referrals are made, there will be a discussion between parents and the school to discuss your child's progress and help plan possible ways forward. If it is decided that the support of an outside agency is required, you will be asked to give your permission for the school to make a referral to a specialist professional (e.g. specialist teaching and learning service). This will help the school and yourself to understand	good progress through good teaching.

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a professional outside the school	your child's particular needs better. The specialist professional will work with your child and your child's teacher to better understand their needs and make recommendations. The school may suggest that your child needs some individual support in school. They will tell you ho the support will be used and what strategies will be put into place.	
Specified individual support for your child is usually provided via an Educational, Health and Care Plan (EHCP) Stage of SEN Code of Practice — EHCP Identified as needing particularly high levels of individual support which cannot be provided by the resources already delegated to the school	The school can request that the Local Authority carry out a statutory needs assessment of your child's needs. This is a legal process and you can find out more about it on the Local Authority's website. If this is the case, they will ask you and all professionals involved with your child to write a report outlining your child's needs. If they do not think your child needs this, they will ask the school to continue with the support at SEN Support level. After all reports have been sent in, the Local Authority will decide whether the child's needs are severe and complex and whether they need specialised support in school to make good progress. If this is the case they will write an EHCP. If not, they will ask the school to continue supporting at SEN Support level. The EHCP will outline the provision required to support your child appropriately in school to meet their needs. It will include long term and short term goals which will be reviewed at least once a year. It is your right as a parent to submit an EHC Needs Assessment request to the local authority yourself but we would strongly recommend a conversation with the school SENDCO first as we will need to submit reports and other evidence to strengthen the case.	

Examples of provision and support available

Below is a list of some of the provision which may be used at Holy Trinity CE Primary School to support pupils. This provision changes and adapts to meet the needs of children on a regular basis. You can ask more questions about ach of these provisions if you would like by making an appointment with the class teacher or SENDCO.

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Provision	Likely pupil staff ratio	Staff involved
Little Wandle rapid catch up / keep up sessons	1:5	TA
Draw and talk	1:1	ТА
ELSA	1:1	HLTA / ELSA
Counselling	1:1	Trained counsellor
Lego therapy	1:3	ТА
Clever fingers	1:6	TA
Speech and language therapy	1:1	Speech and language therapist / TA

Communication

How can I let the school know that I have a concern about my child's progress in school?

If you have concerns about your child, speak to their class teacher initially. The class teacher will complete a 'Cause for Concern' form and submit it to the SENDCO. We will place your child on our 'Watch and Monitor' register for a term to monitor their progress more closely. After this time, we will have a follow-up conversation about how we can move forward

How will the school let me know if they have any concerns about my child's learning in school?

If a teacher has concerns about the progress your child is making, they must raise it with the SENDCO and SLT in pupil progress meetings. The teacher will also contact you to discuss their concerns and will inform you of what they have observed in school. In this conversation we will also ask whether you have any concerns and will then follow the same process as if you have a concern.

Transitions

We recognise that any transition can be a challenge for a children with SEND and we take steps to ensure that any transition is as smooth as possible.

The kinds of special educational needs for which provision is made at the school

At Holy Trinity CE Primary School, we make provision for pupils who have any of the needs in the table below. We know that some pupils will have needs in more than one of these areas and we will always do our best to meet these

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needs. The support in this table acts as a guide but the things we do may vary and the actual support will be based on the specific needs of each pupil.

At Holy Trinity CofE Primary we use a graduated approach. The graduated approach involves focusing on three key elements - an analysis of the pupil's needs, using assessment information from professionals working with the pupil and considering the pupil and parent/carers views. The provision is underpinned through a cycle of 'review', 'assess', 'plan' and 'do'.

As each child is an individual we endeavour to give support that is specific to their needs rather than a 'one size fits all' approach.

Type of need and what that could look like	Examples of support available in our school	How we check it is working
Communication and interaction	Quality first teaching including	Observations of the
Children who find it difficult interacting with	interventions	child to see if they are communicating or
the people and world around them	Teachers change what they are teaching or how they are teaching to help the child	interacting differently
These children might find some of the following challenging:	learn more with the rest of their class	Assess progress against the targets set
 Talking to other adults or children, especially when in a group 	Use support programmes made to help the child to build communication and	Talk to the child
- Talking about topics they haven't	interaction skills	Talk to parents
chosen to talk about	Use things in the classroom to help them understand (e.g. objects of reference,	Talk to adults who have worked with the child
 Making friends or keeping friends 	visuals, visual timetables, story boards ec)	Hold meetings to
 Following rules made by someone else 	Get advice from professionals and specialist staff trained in school to give	discuss progress
 Dealing with changes in the way they usually do things 	advice to the adults working the child	Ask for other professionals to work with the child to check
 Dealing with noises, smells or other sensations around them 		the progress being made
- Saying things they are thinking		
 Understanding what other people mean when they are talking 		
Cognition and learning	Quality first teaching and interventions	School tracking system is used to assess

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Children who find learning, thinking and understanding more challenging than most other pupils.

These children might:

- Take longer to learn important skills
- Find it difficult to remember things such as important words or the times tables
- Find it hard to understand how to use letter sounds to read and spell words
- Need more time to think about their answers

Teachers changing what they are teaching or how they are teaching so the child can learn with the rest of the class

Extra support could be given in a small group to support the child to learn things they are finding difficult

Extra support could be given for a short time during the day to support learning key skills

Personalised outcomes focused targets decided upon so progress can be measured

Personalised learning plan created for the child so all adults know how they learn best and what teaching and learning styles work for them in the classroom

Access to specialist support from a teacher or other professional

progress

Assess progress against PLP targets

Talk to the child

Talk to the parents

Talk to the adults who have worked with the child

Ask for other professionals to work with the child to check the progress is being made

Social, emotional and mental health

Children who find it difficult to manage their emotions and behaviour in a way that affects their daily life

Some children might find these things challenging:

- Following rules set by others
- Sitting still
- Listening to and following instructions
- Understanding how they are feeling
- Making friends
- Dealing with their difficulties in a way which does not cause harm to themselves or others
- Taking responsibility for the things

Quality first teaching and interventions

Teachers changing what they are teaching or how they are teaching so the child can learn with the rest of the class

Get advice from professionals and specialist staff trained in school to give advice to adults working with the child

Extra support can be given in a small group by an adult to help the child learn about how to help themselves

Extra support can be given for a short time throughout the day to let them talk about the things that have upset them

Individual targets set to help show what the child needs help with

1:1 drawing and talking therapy led by a

Observations of the child to see if they are coping better in school

Talk to adults who have worked with the child

Talk to parents

Talk to the child

Ask for other professionals to check the progress is being made

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they do	TA	
	Daily check-ins with the FLO or ELSA	
	ELSA sessions including with the therapy	
	dog	
Physical and sensory	Quality first teaching and interventions	Monitoring that the
Children who have a disability that may make	Professional advice from specialist staff	child has full access to a broad and balanced
it difficult for them to manage their everyday life without changes or support	Support from outreach services such as	curriculum
	the hearing impairment specialist	Observations of the
This ay be because of hearing or visual difficulties, physical disabilities or other	teaching service	child within the school
medical needs	Specialist equipment	environment
Some things children might find challenging	Small groups aimed at developing motor skills – clever fingers, BEAM	Talking to the adults who have worked with
include:	-	the child
- Hearing what others are saying	Adaptations to the school environment, where possible	Talk to parents
- Reading words on books, worksheets	Individual targets set to show what the	Talk to the child
or whiteboards that are not made bigger or changed to help them	child needs help with	Ask for other
bigger of changed to help them	·	professionals to check
- Moving around without the aid of a		the progress is being
walking aid or wheelchair		made
 Using pencils, scissors, knives and 		
forks and other things that we need		
to use without changes or support		
 Taking medication without adults helping them 		

Outside agencies are accessed at various times by the school when specific expertise is required. The following agencies which can be accessed by the school include:

AAP (Attendance Advisory Practitioner)

Specialist Teaching Learning Service (STLS)

Child Protection Advisors

Occupational Therapy

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Early Help

Community Nursing Team

Social Services

Speech and language therapists

School nurse team

Information, in relation to mainstream schools and maintained nursery schools, about the school's policies for the identification and assessment of pupils with special educational needs

All children's progress is monitored half-termly using data and teacher assessment by all staff within the school. Pupil progress meetings are held with the SENDCO and SLT to discuss targets, strategies and modifications put in place

We understand that some children may struggle in particular areas of the curriculum and will need additional support from other adults or activities to help them to progress. If you have any concerns about your child's progress or behaviour then contact your child's teacher or the Special Educational Needs Coordinator (SENDCo).

Access plans will be produced for children with disabilities on admission to the school.

Information about the school's policies for making provision for pupils with special educational needs whether or not pupils have EHCP's including:

Effectiveness of provision

Targets are set termly and reviewed at the end of each term. Quantitative data allows pupil progress to be monitored against the progress made by peers of the same age. Staff working with pupils are constantly observing and measuring progress qualitatively in order to achieve maximum progress. Skills are regularly revisited to ensure that they are embedded before moving onto the next steps.

Targets set on PLPs are SMART – specific, measurable, achievable, realistic, timely. We would expect that children meet their targets within the time set if the provision is correct.

If a child has an EHCP then progress against the targets set is reviewed annual at a formal meeting involving parents, external agencies and school staff.

Arrangements of assessing and reviewing progress

The school measures children's progress in learning against national expectations and age-related expectations.

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The class teacher continually assess each child and notes areas where they are improving and where further support is needed. As a school, we track children's progress from Nursery all the way up to Year 6 using Development Matters' criteria and age related expectations in the National Curriculum.

Children who are not making expected progress are noted by the classroom teacher and discussed in pupil progress meetings with the SENDCO and SLT. In this meeting, a discussion takes place focusing on why the child is making limited progress and what further support can be put in place to promote progress.

If a child has not met their termly targes, discussions around this will happen and the targets might be adapted into smaller steps or by taking a different approach.

For children with SEND, they will be assessed using smaller steps to show progress – these small steps are written into the PLPs.

Teaching children with SEND

Your child's needs are assessed on an individual basis, rather than a 'one size fits all' policy.

The school receives a nominal SEND budget, which is used to fund additional support staff and some external agency support, for example: counselling services.

Additional resources are allocated according to a child's individual needs and come from the notional SEN budget set each financial year. Where necessary, High needs funding is applied for in order to meet the needs of those children with a higher level of needs.

Provision is recorded on an Action Plan, which is reviewed to assess its impact and resources that may or may not be needed.

Adapting the curriculum and environment

Where a child has been identified as having SEND, the relevant equipment or adaptions will be put in place. All pupils will have access to a differentiated or adapted curriculum if needed, not just children with SEND. The teacher and teaching assistants will work more closely with pupils with SEND and give more time and support.

Some pupils will require more specialised differentiation or adaptions such as a bespoke curriculum. We work closely alongside external professionals to be able to plan for and implement this.

For Educational Health Care Plans we ensure the statutory requirements are met in discussion with other experts, outside agencies and, recommendations from specific medical reports.

Any extra provision given to support children with SEND is recorded on a Personalised Learning Plan (PLPs). Copies are given to parents three times a year.

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Additional support for learning

As a school, we work closely with some external agencies that we feel are relevant to individual children's needs. For example:

- STLS (specialist teaching and learning service)
- SALT (speech and language therapists)
- School nurser (including toileting, swallowing, sleeping concerns)
- Community paediatrics
- Social care
- Visual impairment / hearing impairment specialist service
- SEN Inclusion Advisors

Engaging in all activities in school (including physical activities)

All children (including those with SEND) are encouraged to be involved in roles of responsibility, for example; school council, peer mediators, Leading Lights and Game Changers.

Activities and school trips are available to everyone as they are a valuable element of the curriculum. Risk assessments are carried out and procedures are organised to ensure all children are able to participate and are included. If a health and safety risk assessment suggests that an intensive level of support is needed for your child, additional staff are taken and you, the parent, may be asked to accompany your child during an activity.

All rooms accessed by the children are on the ground floor with a ramp leading to the playgrounds. There are wide doors through each distinct area of the school. There is an accessible toilet available on site.

Wellbeing support

Class teachers, teaching assistants and the SENDCO are available for pupils who wish to discuss any concerns or worries they may have.

We provide support for children to improve their emotional and social development in the following ways:

- Children with SEND are encouraged to be part of the school council
- Children with SEND are encouraged to be peer mediators and play leaders
- o Children with SEND are also encouraged to be part of clubs to promote teamwork/building friendships.
- Children are offered social skills interventions
- o Families and children can be referred to the school's family liaison officer for additional support

Children can be referred to CAHMS

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- Children can be raised at LIFT meetings (Local Inclusion Forum Team) with the potential to refer to a STLS
- o A quiet space is offered in school for children to access if they are upset or agitated

At Holy Trinity CofE Primary we have a zero-tolerance approach to bullying.

In addition, if your child finds lunchtimes difficult, there is a Nurture club run for EYFS, KS1 and KS2, by a member of staff every day where fun activities are available to encourage social skills within a relaxed area.

Medical needs

If your child has a particular medical need then a Care Plan will be put in place which is agreed between the parents/carers and staff.

Named staff have completed basic First Aid training (including the use of a portable defibrillator), Epipen training. If your child has an asthma pump, it is kept in their classroom with them. We ask that parents ensure the medicine is within its expiry date and update the school if relevant medication needs change.

Behaviour

Attendance

SENDCO details

Miss Charlotte Rootsey <u>sendco@holyrinity-gravesend.kent.sch.uk</u> 01474 534 746

Information about expertise and staff training

Miss Rootsey who is the SENDCo, is a qualified teacher and has completed the National Award for Special Educational Needs Co-ordinator.

Ms Watts is the school's Deputy SENDCo.

Mrs Sooknanan is the school's Family Liaison Officer.

We all work together to support children and families and ensure that children with SEND's needs are being met.

All teachers and support staff have a wide range of experience and have undertaken training in a variety of areas including:

- Safeguarding
- Autism Spectrum Condition
- Team Teach/Positive handling
- Therapy through Play/ Drawing and Talking Therapy/Lego Therapy

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- ELSA (Emotional Literacy Support Assistant)
- Mental Health
- Sensory Processing Difficulties
- Phonics
- Positive Behaviour Management
- Attachment Disorder
- Dyslexia

Other specialist staff such as a Speech and Language therapists also come into the school to model and advise staff on how to carry out the programmes they devise for specific children.

Information about equipment and facilities support children with SEND within the Local Authority

A local offer gives children and young people with SEND and their families information about what support services will be available in their area. The name 'local offer; was given by the government.

A local offer is for children and young people with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) aged 0 to 25 years. It provides information and support services available to families in their local area.

'Local offer' is a term from the national government, we call our local offer the 'SEND information hub'.

Every local authority must:

- have an online local offer, and make sure alternative versions are available
- tell children, young people and families about the local offer
- talk with children, young people and families to find out what support they're looking for
- find services and activities in their area to support ages 0 to 25 years
- find services to support young people towards their independence to adulthood
- include transport services available and whether there are any charges.

You can access the Kent Local Offer website at:

www.kent.gov.uk/education-and-children/special-educational-needs/about-the-send-local-offer

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Consulting parents

As your child's first educators, working alongside parents is vital in ensuring good progress for all children. Throughout the year, parents of children with SEND will have meetings with the class teacher (as part of the Graduated Approach to review and plan your child's next steps) including:

- Reviewing and updating Personalised Learning Plans;
- Attending Parents Evenings;
- EHC Annual reviews/PEP reviews;
- Discussions with the SENDCo; and

The class teacher for your child will keep you updated on how your child is doing within the curriculum during parents' evenings, a written school report, any extra meetings that either yourself or the teacher has arranged after or before school. In addition, parents can contact teachers via the school office if needed.

Children on the Special Needs Register will have a Personalised Learning Plan which outlines the extra support the child receives as well as documenting the progress being made within each provision given. A copy of the reviewed and new Personalised Learning Plan is given to parents three times a year.

Opportunities are given to meet with the SENDCo at parent evenings to discuss your child's support. Individual meetings can be arranged where necessary to discuss further help with the SENDCo through the school office. If outside agencies are involved, plans for activities will be set up through them for the home and school to follow. They will generally report on the child's progress either at an assessment or a review.

Involving children

At Holy Trinity CofE Primary School all children are at the heart of their learning. High Quality Inclusive Teaching strategies employed in all classrooms ensure that children with SEND see themselves as learners, are aware of their strengths and are also aware of areas of learning which they are developing. Specific areas where children are involved include:

- Contributing to their individual Personalised Learning Plan three times per year;
- Being invited to Annual Reviews as appropriate;
- Ongoing access to pastoral support whenever required;
- Opportunities for discussion with teachers and teaching assistants with a focus on needs and next steps; and
- Opportunities to discuss their needs and celebrate their learning with SENDCo.

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Governors approach to complaints

The complaints procedure is laid out in the Complaints Policy which can be found on the school web site - www.holytrinity-gravesend.kent.sch.uk

Transitions

We endeavour to make transition between schools a positive experience and use a variety of strategies to prepare your child for this change in their life: Foundation Stage teachers and the SENDCO visit local preschools and nurseries. Pre-school children visit either with their parents and/or with their key worker from Pre-school. Extra visits can be arranged if your child has specific needs with transition.

Class Teachers discuss information with each other as children move through the school. A transition time is arranged for children to meet their new teachers. Children with specific needs with transition may have extra activities and discussions in preparation for a new year group.

Year 2 children have both informal and formal activities to introduce them to the differences between

KS1 and KS2. Year 6 Class Teachers and the SENDCO meet with Year 7 Heads of Year from different Secondary schools in the Kent area. The KS3 teachers also meet with groups or individual pupils transferring to their school. The pupils also visit their new school sometime within the Summer Term.

Any extra visits or activities that are needed for children with specific needs are arranged in consultation with teachers, parents and the child concerned.

Children with specific transition needs complete an information booklet about themselves and information they wish their new teacher to know. This is passed onto their next teacher.

All information about SEN, provision received, and progress achieved by the child are passed from the SENDCo to the new school.

Who can I contact for further information?

You can contact the Class Teacher via the class email address or via the school office.

If queries are about Special Educational Needs then you may contact the SENDCO (through the school office) or Head teacher (through the school office)

The School website is: www.holytrinity-gravesend.kent.sch.uk

Kent County Council's website for SEND is available at: www.kent.gov.uk/education-and-children/special-educationalneeds/about-the-send-local-offer

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