

SAINT MARY'S SEND NEWSLETTER

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'GOD SHINES WITHIN OUR HEARTS. JESUS
WALKS BY OUR SIDE.
THE HOLY SPIRIT GIVES US STRENGTH.'



WELCOME BACK!

Welcome back to Saint Mary's after what I hope has been a restful and enjoyable summer.



I am Mrs Chapman and I have recently taken on the role of Special Educational Needs Disabilities Co-ordinator (SENCo) at St Mary's CVA. It is my role to oversee the provision made for children with additional needs and ensure staff are supported in all aspects of their work with children with SEND. I have a number of years experience in the role of SENCo at another school and I look forward to working closely both the parents and children at St Mary's creating targeted and inclusive SEND provision which ensures that all pupils reach their full potential. I will be based in Saint Mary's on specific Thursdays of each half-term, where I can be contacted via the school office or my email Ichapman@nmm.srscmat.co.uk, do not hesitate to contact me if you have any queries or concerns.

UPDATES

- Please refer to the SEND page of our school website where you will see our new SEND Information Report where you can access all the information you should need surrounding the SEND provision within our school. I will aim to update the page regularly with any useful resources for parents and signposts to further advice, help and support.
- Please note that there has been significant changes to additional funding which can be applied for from the Local Authority to support SEND learners with more complex needs. The Local Authority has decided to stop awarding GRIP (graduated response) funding and now schools can apply to the Inclusion Panel for temporary funding instead. The local authority has however agreed to honour the Key-Stage GRIPs for those children who had already been granted them.
- Just a note: If a child is awarded funding to support their learning, the school will work with the relevant professionals and parents to decide how that funding must be spent to enable the inclusion and success of the child. Use of funding could include small group work, specific 1:1 interventions, use of supportive technology and resources and access to additional tuition. Local Authority funding no longer relates to specific hours linked to a Teaching Assistant. There is more detail about these changes on our Information Report.
- We look forward this year to continuing to support SEND learners to access extra-curricular activities and outside school events including Derbyshire Schools SEND sports events.

