

ST MARY'S CVA SEND NEWSLETTER

LENT 2025



**'GOD SHINES WITHIN OUR HEARTS. JESUS
WALKS BY OUR SIDE.
BACK!**

THE HOLY SPIRIT GIVES US STRENGTH.

I cannot believe we are in so far through the Lent term already. I wanted to update you on a few different things with regards SEND and share some resources available through Derbyshire. I have attached the triage for QR code again for appointment bookings but you will be also receiving updates about your child during the upcoming parents' evening.

SEND Triage Form



UPDATES/ REMINDERS

1) Website Updates! Please look at our school website for a variety of resources shared from our SEND Parent Drop ins along with our key school SEND documents. I have also attached our new Whole School Provision Map which is our menu of support offered at St Mary's for our pupils with additional needs, broken down into Universal Provision (what all children have access to), Targeted Provision (what some children need on top of the universal provision) and Specialist Provision (our highest level of support, which is reserved for our pupils of the highest need with EHCP funding). This will supplement our current 6-step approach on the website. If you have any concerns regarding your child and their progress or development, your first step is to always communicate any concerns with the class teacher and discuss how we will continue to monitor before any steps can be put in place.

2) As previously communicated, we now have support as a school from Lisa Smith, who is our school's Inclusion Advisory Teacher. Currently, she is working with some individual pupils by providing Targeted and Specialist plans, which teachers can use to help adapt the teaching for these pupils and continue to provide high-quality, reasonable adjustments. She is also working with the Y6 pupils and Mr Pearson on additional transition for their next phase of education, and she is working with us as a school to continuously support and improve attendance. The ISAS Team are also running a variety of Webinars focusing on different areas of needs, please see the link below for these:

<https://www.localoffer.derbyshire.gov.uk/education-and-learning/inclusion-support-advisory-service/isas-webinars/isas-webinars.aspx>

Outdoor Provision

We are excited to be continuing our Outdoor Provision this term through our Nest group. Different pupils will be selected each term to take part in this group following a program modelled on the Derbyshire program. Some activities they will be completing this term are den building, making bird feeders and park visits.

Compass

Please see our website for a link to COMPASS Resources and their website. They are an organisation who provide Mental Health Support for pupils and their families- <https://compass-uk.org/services/compass-changing-lives/>

Derbyshire Local Offer Resources

Please follow this link to Derbyshire's Local Offer- <https://www.localoffer.derbyshire.gov.uk/education-and-learning/inclusion-support-advisory-service/isas-useful-resources/isas-useful-resources.aspx>. The ISAS team have uploaded lots of useful links and documents to support with different areas of need.

New SEND White Paper

You will have heard on the news about the new white paper detailing the upcoming plans for SEND provision in schools going forward, Most of the changes proposed will not be actualised for years to come. However, if you would like any more information regarding the proposed changes then I found this website provides a useful summary- <https://educationhub.blog.gov.uk/2026/02/schools-white-paper-what-parents-need-to-know-about-changes-to-the-send-system/>

Learning Plans & Provision Maps Provision Map

Thank you for engaging with our online platform on Edukey, where you can access your child's Pupil Passport and Individual Education Plan. Please continue to comment on the targets and share your views on the website or at Parents' Evening.

zink

Useful link to parent support: <https://zink.org.uk/try-something-new-2/>. Please use the following link to see a list of services available to support families at the Zink neurodiversity hub.

Parent and Carers SEND Drop-ins

Our next SEND drop-in session will be in May with a focus on transition and Emotionally Based School Non-Attendance (EBSNA). This will also be another opportunity for parents to connect and discuss strategies and approaches to continuously support your children, along with a question-and-answer session.

**SAVE
THE DATE**

NEXT PARENT DROP IN.....
WHERE- CLASS 3
WHEN- TUESDAY 5TH MAY
TIME- 3:30PM-4:15PM
FOCUS: TRANSITION AND EBSNA