

# SEND Information Report (Guide for Parents)

JOHN PORT SPENCER ACADEMY 2020-21



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# What are Special Educational Needs?

“A child or young person has SEN if they have a learning difficulty or disability which calls for special educational provision to be made for him or her.” \*

Special Educational Needs generally fall into four categories:

- Cognition and Learning
- Communication and Interaction
- Social, Emotional and Mental Health
- Physical and Sensory

\*Special Educational Needs and Disability Code of Practice: 0-25 years  
Department for Education, January 2015



# How does JPSA know if my child needs help/support

- ▶ If a teacher/ number of teachers feel that your child is not making the progress that they should be, they will refer them to the SEN team.
- ▶ We will then take that information and conduct observations on your child as well as requesting additional information from other staff. We may also conduct tests and assessments
- ▶ We will contact you to let you know that concerns have been expressed and to ask how you think your child is getting on in the academy.
- ▶ If we decided that further support is required, we will then refer your child to the relevant agency.



# What can I do if I think my child needs extra support?

If you think that your child is having difficulty in the academy, please contact their form tutor in the first instance. They will then pass on any concerns to the SEN team.

You can also contact us directly. We will then speak to your child's teachers and decide if we need to take further action.





# How will the academy know how my child is doing?

Once we have decided what support will help your child to make progress, we will complete a Pupil Profile for them. This will detail your child's needs and offer strategies to support them. This will be made available to all teachers and all staff who work with your child.

If your child is undertaking a designated intervention e.g. a phonics or reading programme, we will monitor their progress against targets.

All students undertake regular assessments and their progress is monitored by class teachers. If your child is not making expected progress, they will inform me.

The Student Support team will speak to your child regularly to ensure that they are fully involved in their education and are receiving the right support.



# How will staff support my child?

Pupils at John Port who have special educational needs are supported in a variety of different ways.

Every teacher will offer Quality First Teaching, with work differentiated to an appropriate level for your child. Their needs will be taken into account within teacher's planning.

We have teaching assistants who work in class with some children.  
We have specialist higher level teaching assistants who offer Literacy and Numeracy interventions.



# How will John Port support my child's overall well-being?

- We recognise the importance of your child's overall well being.
- We have a dedicated pastoral team with year leaders and pastoral managers who are on hand to support your child with all aspects of academy life.
- We have a no tolerance approach to bullying, and we are particularly aware how vulnerable some of our students with special educational needs can be.
- We have a safe place in Student Support at lunch and break times where students can come to find peace and quiet, and also someone from our team to talk to.
- We have curriculum enrichment days that encourage your child to engage with the community and the wider world.





# What specialist services might the academy access?

A number of specialist services are accessed by the academy, including:

- Behaviour Support Services
- Speech and Language Therapists
- Hearing Impairment Service
- Visual Impairment Service
- Educational Psychologist
- Physiotherapist
- Occupational Health
- Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services
- School Nurse
- Autism Outreach



# What training have staff supporting children with SEN had?

- All our teaching assistants take part in our academy programme of continued professional development.
- Our Teaching Assistants have a wide range of qualifications and skills.
- We are able to access training and support from specialist services as and when necessary, for example from ADHD nurses and the Educational Psychologist.



# How will John Port support my child in the next stage of their life?

At John Port, we support all our academy leavers to access the further education or training courses that are appropriate for them.

We work with the careers team, to encourage our pupils to explore their futures. Every Year 11 student will be offered a careers interview with our dedicated Careers officer. They will also be offered information on Apprenticeships and colleges as well as our own Sixth Form.

We work with further education providers in the area to ensure that they are aware of any special educational needs our students have.

For pupils who have an Education Health and Care Plan, we update their plan at all annual reviews to take into account their thoughts about the future.

We have careers activities and advice as part of our curriculum enrichment days.



# What should I do if I have a complaint about my child's SEN provision?

We are friendly and approachable and willing to talk to you about any issues so complaints are usually resolved quickly.

- If you have a complaint about your child's SEN provision, please contact us. The first point of contact is 01283735194 - SEN Direct Line or [SEND@johnport.Derbyshire.sch.uk](mailto:SEND@johnport.Derbyshire.sch.uk)
- If this is not appropriate, please contact the SEN link on the Leadership Team –this is Mr Lee Shepherd. You can contact him on 01283 291018 or [LS@johnport.derbyshire.sch.uk](mailto:LS@johnport.derbyshire.sch.uk)



# Where else can I find information on SEN and supporting my child?

More information can be found on the academy website:

[www.johnport.derbyshire.sch.uk](http://www.johnport.derbyshire.sch.uk)

The Local Offer is a Local Authority's publication of all the provision "they expect to be available across education, health and social care for children and young people in their area who have SEN or are disabled, including those who do not have Education, Health and Care (EHC) plans."\* For information on the Local Offer in Derbyshire please see the following website: <http://www.derbyshiresendlocaloffer.org/>

\* Section 4.1 Special Educational Needs and Disability Code of Practice: 0-25 years - Department for Education, January 2015





# Where else can I find information on SEN and supporting my child? continued...

## Other Local Authorities:

- Derby City <http://www.derby.gov.uk/education-and-learning/special-education-needs-disabilities/>
- Staffordshire <https://www.staffordshireconnects.info/kb5/staffordshire/directory/localoffer.page?directorychannel=5>

