



Pupil Support Department

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The Pupil support Department sits within the heart of the school community, providing guidance to pupils and teaching staff alike. Nurturing curiosity and a love of learning are crucial for developing enquiring minds and lifelong learning. In the Pupil support Department the goal is to work closely with pupils to support their individual needs enabling them to flourish academically throughout their time at St Matthews. We do this in a variety of ways which will be discussed in the following presentation.

Pupil Support Info

The Pupil Support dept will offer specialist support to young people who have an additional support need following referral from class teacher, Guidance teachers, parents, medical professionals and primary school transition information.



Identification of Pupils Requiring Support

Effective identification and assessment of the additional support needs of pupils are essential for making effective provision for those needs. The school has a clear referral system whereby any member of staff may refer a pupil. Where a pupil is referred appropriate assessment will be undertaken by the Pupil Support staff. Referrals and assessment results are passed on to the Depute Heads and Guidance teachers to discuss with parents.

Most pupils are identified prior to admission through transition processes during the summer term. This allows information to be provided to class teachers before they meet the pupils.

Pupils Support info

Contacts have been well established with Health, Audiology Services, Psychological Services, Social Work, SDS Careers, Speech and Language Therapy and Visual Impairment Service. All of these will be maintained and nurtured and any other service which may be required at any time will be contacted.

Partnership with Parents

Parents have a vital role in ensuring that the individual needs of their children are being met. Their rights and responsibilities are respected and they have an active role in decisions made about approaches taken to meet these needs.

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Involvement of Pupils

Pupils with additional support needs are involved in review meetings to action planning at various stages of their education.

Intervention Strategies for Pupils with Additional Support Needs

The Pupil Support Department employs many strategies to enhance the education of pupils with additional needs. For some pupils this may be support in class whilst for others there may be a need for additional support within the department. Most pupils who attend the Department are withdrawn from another subject eg Modern Languages and follow programmes which focus on Literacy, Numeracy and Health and Wellbeing. This withdrawal is planned with parents' agreement and request.

What we offer

- Spelling & Maths program
- S1&2 Literacy Groups
- S3&4 Wellbeing & Personal development Classes
- S6 - Wider Achievement Classes
 - Stem Award (level 6)
 - Leadership Award (level 6)
 - Personal Development Award (level 6)
 - Volunteering award (Level 5)
- Jass awards
- Youth Achievement Awards

