

THORNLEIGH SALESIAN COLLEGE

SPECIAL EDUCATIONAL NEEDS (SEN) **INFORMATION REPORT**

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General Information/Frequently Asked Questions

What should I do if I think my child has a Special Educational Need or Disability?

If you think that your child may be having difficulties that may be related to an undiagnosed Special Educational Need or Disability you should discuss your concerns, initially, with your child's Form Tutor or Head of Year. Your concerns will be shared with the SENCo who will contact you for further details and discussion. Should you wish to, you could discuss your concerns directly with the SENCo or Assistant SENCo.

The SENCo at Thornleigh Salesian College is **Mr C Tye**.

What is the school ethos/approach to SEN and Disability?

To meet the needs of our students with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities, we aim to:

- provide a safe and happy environment in which all students have the opportunity to develop personally, physically, socially, academically and spiritually
- provide a relevant curriculum with a wide range of learning experiences to meet the differing needs of individual students, whilst offering equality of opportunity and high standards of teaching
- ensure that students participate in their learning and increase their responsibility for their learning and behaviour as they move through the school
- ensure that the school offers a broad, balanced and differentiated curriculum that is accessible to students with special educational needs and disabilities and promotes high standards of attainment and achievement
- ensure that the learning needs of students with special educational needs and disabilities are identified and assessed as early as possible and their progress is closely monitored
- ensure staff are involved in planning and meeting the learning needs of students with special educational needs and disabilities
- ensure that the school liaises effectively with other schools and external agencies in order to meet the needs of our students

How will I know how my child is doing in school?

All students are assessed on entry into Thornleigh Salesian College. Students are assessed using Cognitive Ability Tests (CATs), alongside literacy tests using GL assessment. Students entering the school, having been previously assessed as having a special educational need or disability, will undergo further assessment,

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if necessary, to enable us to have a clear picture of their ability and needs, in order to guide future interventions and provision.

The SENCo will contact parents/carers to inform them of the outcomes of the assessments and discuss interventions that may be implemented. Parents/carers will be contacted on a termly basis to share news of progress made and to ensure that parents/carers have the opportunity to participate in their child's learning.

What support will there be for my child's overall well-being?

Thornleigh Salesian College has a strong pastoral support system. The Lead Learning Mentor, and Student Progress Co-ordinator for each year group, work closely with the SENCo to identify and intervene in the case of specific social, emotional and mental health needs and/or learning difficulties.

How will I be involved in discussions about, planning for, and involvement in, my child's education?

The SENCo and SEND Learning Support Assistants are happy to meet parents/carers informally at any time during the school week.

- All students with an Education Health Care Plan will have an Annual Review to which parents/carers are invited
- Students in receipt of additional support will have a Personalised Support Strategies. Parents/carers have the opportunity to contribute to the Personalised Support Strategies.

Who, outside of school, can I turn to for advice and support?

Parents/carers can contact Bolton's 'Information Advice Service' should they need advice and support from outside of school. They can be contacted at:

Bolton Information Advice Service
Children's Opportunity Group
Lowndes Street
Bolton
BL1 4QB
Telephone: 01204 848722

How does Thornleigh Salesian College school involve children and young people in their education and in the decision making process?

Students will work with a member of the Learning Support team or their Pastoral Lead to create their Personalised Support Strategy. Students with an Education Health Care Plan are given support to prepare for and attend the Annual Review of their needs. Such reviews are conducted in a Person Centred way to ensure that the student's voice is heard so that they feel able to participate fully. Each student with an EHCP has an LSA Keyworker who they meet regularly throughout the year discuss their learning. During the meeting the students are involved in the decision making and evaluation process. The LSA keyworker can be contacted at any time.

For information on Looked After Children, please refer to the schools Looked After Children policy on the school website.

Where can I find information about Local Authority provision for children and young people with SEN?

Bolton Local Authority has published the details of their Local Offer on the following website:

<http://www.localdirectory.bolton.gov.uk/send.aspx>

My child has a physical disability, how will their transition to school / time in school be supported?

- In line with section 69 of the Children's and Families act (2014), students with physical disabilities will have additional transition meetings before starting at Thornleigh. Thornleigh, the primary school, parents and the child will work together to organise the bespoke transition package.
- To ensure that students with disabilities are treated equally, risk assessments and Personal Emergency Evacuation Plan's (PEEP) will be created to ensure that all potential barriers to learning and access are removed.
- The school's Accessibility Plan outlines the extent to which disabled students can participate in the school's curriculum and movement around the school site. The Accessibility Plan has been prepared in compliance with the Equality Act (2010) and can be found on the school website.

How should complaints regarding SEN provision be made and how will they be dealt with?

- Concerns or complaints raised by parents/carers, with regard to school policy, can be dealt with directly through telephone calls or meetings with school staff.
- Where necessary, parents/carers will be supported in raising their concerns or complaints to the Local Authority and fully informed of SEN Disagreement Resolution Procedures and SEN Tribunal Procedures.
- Information regarding external support groups such as the Information Advice Service will also be made available to parents / carers.

How do I get a copy of the school SEN policy?

The policy can be found on the school website.

Who do I contact for further information?

The SENCo (Mr C Tye) at Thornleigh Salesian College School can be contacted on 01204 301351

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	COGNITION AND LEARNING	COMMUNICATION AND INTERACTION	SOCIAL, EMOTIONAL AND MENTAL HEALTH	SENSORY AND/OR PHYSICAL
Thornleigh Salesian College policy for the identification of needs	<p>The SENCo liaises with feeder schools to identify students with 'cognition and learning' needs prior to transition.</p> <p>The SENCo uses KS2 and KS3 results in combination with CATs scores, standardised reading and spelling assessments, and teacher's observations when identifying students who are experiencing difficulties with cognition and learning. Gathered information is shared and discussed with parents and the student.</p>	<p>The school SENCo liaises with feeder schools to identify students with 'communication and interaction' needs prior to transition.</p> <p>The SENCo uses CATs scores, Assessment Period data, needs specific checklists and teachers observations when identifying students who are experiencing difficulties with communication and interaction. The school will liaise with external agencies, such as Ladywood Outreach Service and CAMHS, to make appropriate provision. Gathered information is shared and discussed with parents and the student.</p>	<p>The school SENCo liaises with feeder schools to identify students with 'social, emotional and mental health' needs prior to transition.</p> <p>The Pastoral Leads work with the Senior Pastoral Lead using behaviour management data which is uploaded to the school's recording system.</p>	<p>The school SENCo liaises with feeder schools to identify students with 'sensory and/or physical' needs prior to transition.</p> <p>The majority of students entering Thornleigh Salesian College with sensory and/or physical needs are identified prior to transfer. The SENCo liaises with external agencies, such as the Sensory Support Service and Ladywood Outreach Service. Needs specific checklists and teachers observations are used when identifying students who are experiencing difficulties due to sensory and/or physical needs. Gathered information is shared and discussed with parents and the student.</p>
How Thornleigh Salesian College assess whether a child/young person has a SEN	<p>The following Assessments are used to assess where cognition and learning is thought to be below the average range:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cognitive Abilities Tests (CATs) • Sentence word reading test • Reading Comprehension Tests • Spelling tests • Dyslexia screening • Dyscalculia screening • DASH • CTOP 	<p>The following Assessments are used to assess:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cognitive Abilities Tests (CATs) • PASS • Parent/carer feedback • Teacher feedback • Classroom observations • CCC • BPVS • GL Assessment NGRT, PET, PMT 	<p>The following Assessments are used to assess:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strengths and Difficulties Questionnaire • Boxall Profiles • Observations • Parent/carer feedback • Teacher feedback • PASS • RCAD 	<p>The following Assessments are used to assess:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Teacher's observations • Medical correspondence • Medical meetings

<p>Type of SEN provision made throughout Thornleigh Salesian College</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Non verbal tests • WIAT • ART • Salford reading test • Spelling tests • GL Assessment NGRT, PET, PMT <p>Further assessments may be undertaken members of external agencies :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Educational Psychologist • Ladywood Outreach • Alternative Curriculum • Reading intervention • Spelling Intervention • Numeracy intervention • Extra-curricular homework sessions • Sounds-Write intervention • Access arrangements • Bosco Centre is available during unstructured times 	<p>Further assessments and observations may be undertaken members of external agencies :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Educational Psychologist • Ladywood Outreach • Speech and Language Service • Alternative Curriculum • Speech and Language interventions • Social stories and comic strip conversations • Access arrangements • Bosco Centre is available during unstructured times 	<p>Further assessments and observations may be undertaken members of external agencies :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Educational Psychologist • Ladywood Outreach • Bolton Behaviour Support Service • Report cards • Support from Pastoral Leads • Counselling • Access arrangements 	<p>Further assessments and observations may be undertaken members of external agencies :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Educational Psychologist • Ladywood Outreach • Sensory Support Service • Medical specialists • Reasonable adaptations to the school site • Access arrangements • Bosco Centre is available during unstructured times
<p>How Thornleigh Salesian College evaluate the effectiveness of the provision made</p>	<p>All provisions are assessed using pre and post standardised assessment methods. Student progress data is analysed, termly, to ensure that interventions have a positive impact on progress, behaviour and student engagement.</p>			
<p>How Thornleigh Salesian College adapt the curriculum and school environment for pupils</p>	<p>Please refer to the SEND Policy on the school website.</p>			
<p>How the school ensures the inclusion of pupils with SEN in activities outside of the classroom</p>	<p>All students are given the same opportunities to attend extra-curricular activities and school trips. Reasonable adjustments are made in order to make activities accessible to all. When a student with a Statement of Special Educational Needs or Education Health Care Plan attends a school trip, a member of the Learning Support team will accompany them, or the party leader is made fully aware of the students needs. The Learning Support department actively encourage students with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities to participate in enriching, extra-curricula activities.</p>			
<p>What specialist skills/ expertise do school staff have?</p>	<p>Level 4 Teaching Assistant is qualified to deliver the Sounds-Write multisensory phonics</p>	<p>Level 4 Teaching Assistant and team of Learning Support Assistants have significant</p>	<p>All Learning Support staff have significant experience of supporting pupils who have</p>	<p>Learning Support Assistants have significant experience of supporting with the needs of</p>

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	programme and other literacy interventions for students with specific learning difficulties	experience of delivering small-group intervention and supporting students in lessons, across the curriculum	social, emotional and mental health issues	hearing or visually-impaired students. They are guided and advised by members of the Sensory Support Service
What training are the staff teaching and supporting pupils with SEN having/recently had?	<p>All school staff have had training from the SENCo on the 2014 SEND Code of Practice.</p> <p>The SENCo has participated in a significant amount of training on the SEND Code of Practice (2014).</p> <p>LSA's have completed various training including: EAL training delivered by ACIS and attended a range of training, both internal and external, to ensure that they can support the needs of students with SEND / ASD / Dyslexia/Dyspraxia/Dyscalculia and others. Recently the department has been working closely with CAMHS and LSA's have taken part in Metal Health training to help support students with social and emotional difficulties.</p> <p>The SEND department and RE department have recently ben award the Dyslexia Award.</p>			
What external specialist services are accessed by school to meet the needs of pupils and support their families	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Educational Psychology Service • Ladywood Outreach Service 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Educational Psychology Service • Ladywood Outreach Service • Speech and Language Therapy Service 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Educational Psychology Service • Bolton Behaviour Support Service • School Nurse • Child and Adolescent Mental Health Service (CAMHS) • LSAs are currently completing the Mind Ed course. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ladywood Outreach Service • Medical professionals • Occupational Therapy • Sensory Support Service
How is equipment and facilities to support pupils secured?	Equipment and facilities to support pupils is secured through the school budget allocation as required. Additional funding can also be accessed from the Local Authority.			
How does Thornleigh Salesian College support pupils with SEN during transition?	The Lead Learning Mentor and Student Progress Co-ordinator for Year 7 liaise closely with the primary schools. Together, alongside the SENCo will identify students who will benefit from an enhanced transition package. Such packages are bespoke to meet the needs of individual students. The Learning Support Department also work closely with colleagues from Ladywood Outreach Service to arrange more intensive transition package. The SENCO chairs a 'Primary SENCO hub' which is attended by different primary partner school SENCO's.			
How does Thornleigh Salesian College support young people with SEN in preparing for adulthood, independent living and the next phase of their education, training or employment?	<p>The SENCo works closely with the in school Careers Advisor from Year 9 onwards to ensure that preparation for life, beyond Thornleigh Salesian College, is smooth.</p> <p>Life skills feature strongly in the Learning Support department's ethos, through the Alternative Curriculum Programme that runs in KS4 through the 'Wider Key Skills' and in KS5 through the 'Foundation Learning Programme'.</p>			

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