



St James Infant and Pre School

SEND identification pathway

A guide for parents and carers

Worried about your child's learning, communication, development or wellbeing? Talk to us early.

1 I am concerned about my child

Think about learning, talking, play, friendships, emotions, movement or sensory needs. Note your child's strengths, when difficulties happen and what helps.



2 Speak to the class teacher

Share concerns with your child's teacher or pre-school key person. We listen, observe and begin with high-quality adaptive teaching and reasonable adjustments.



4 Agree and put a plan into action

Assess, Plan, Do, Review. If extra or different support is needed, agree outcomes, strategies, responsibilities and a review date. Records are saved on My Provision Map. The teacher remains responsible.



3 Arrange a structured conversation

Meet with the teacher or key person and SENDCo, Mrs Clare Cousins, as needed. Bring notes and reports. Together, we share observations and listen to your child's views.



5 Review progress together

Share progress each half term and review targets and provision termly, or sooner if needed. Continue, adapt or increase support, or return to universal provision. We tell you about changes to the SEND profile.



6 Specialist advice and next steps

The SENDCo discusses advice or referrals with you: speech and language therapy, educational psychology, occupational therapy, health visiting or school nursing. Where provision beyond SEND support may be needed, we discuss an Education, Health and Care (EHC) needs assessment. Support continues while waiting.

Your child does not need a diagnosis to receive support.

Support is based on identified needs. Inclusive teaching and reasonable adjustments continue throughout.

External agencies and family support

West Northamptonshire Local Offer Local SEND services and information. westnorthants.gov.uk/local-offer	West Northants SEND IASS Free, impartial SEND advice. 0300 126 1039 iassnorthants.co.uk
Speech and Language UK Talking and understanding advice for families. speechandlanguage.org.uk/help-for-families	NHS children's therapy services Discuss referrals with the SENDCo. Speech and language therapy Occupational therapy
YoungMinds Parent advice about mental health and anxiety. youngminds.org.uk/parent	Together Trust Sleep Tight Northamptonshire Sleep support; professional referral needed. togethertrust.org.uk
Jogo Behaviour Support Family and behaviour support. 01604 832970 jogobehavioursupport.com/family-support	British Dyslexia Association Advice on dyslexia and literacy difficulties. bdadyslexia.org.uk/advice/children

Autism or ADHD concerns: speak to the SENDCo, GP or health visitor about the appropriate pathway. Some services need a professional referral. Parents can also request an EHC needs assessment directly from West Northamptonshire Council.

Please keep us informed about outside support and share relevant reports so we can work together.

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