



St John's Shine and Thrive
SEND • Wellbeing • Family Support

Supporting every child to flourish



You don't need a diagnosis to find this information useful. Every child has different strengths, needs and ways of learning. Our monthly newsletter is designed to give all families practical ideas to support children's learning, emotional wellbeing and independence.

September – Understanding SEND

SEND: What does it actually mean?

Every child develops differently. Some children may need additional support with learning, communication, friendships, emotions, behaviour, sensory needs or physical development.

SEND doesn't always mean a child has a diagnosis. A child may need additional support because they are experiencing a barrier to learning or development. This may only be for a short while, longer term or it may be lifelong.

Things you might notice

Your child might:

- struggle to follow instructions;
- find reading, writing or maths particularly difficult;
- become overwhelmed by noise or busy places;
- find friendships difficult;
- have big emotional reactions;
- struggle with changes to routine;
- need lots of repetition;
- find getting ready, dressing or organising themselves difficult.

Ask the SENDCO

"Do I need know why my child is finding things tricky to get help from school?"

Not at all. Come and speak to us if you have any concerns, no matter how small. We will work together to support your child and your family.

What training have staff had this month?

All staff have had refresher training on:
-SEND Code of Practice Ch6
-Graduated response
-Target setting and analysis
-Interventions
-Adaptive Teaching

Try this at home

Instead of asking: "Why can't you do this?"

Try: **"What is making this difficult?"**

Then think about what might make the task easier.

Link to newsletters on our school website: [St John's Church of England Academy - Special Educational Needs and Disabilities \(SEND\)](#)

Remember!

You don't need to wait for a diagnosis before asking for support.

Coventry support - Coventry's SEND Local Offer brings together information about education, health and social care support for children and young people aged 0–25. ([Coventry City Council](#)) [Explore Coventry's SEND Local Offer](#)

Early Help – at school we can talk things through and refer to Early Help. You can find out more here [Coventry Early Help](#)

The Coventry Family Hubs offer lots of support and advice [Find your nearest Coventry Family Hub](#)