



St Joseph's Catholic Primary School

The role of the SENDCo

(SENDCo – Special Educational Needs and/or Disabilities Coordinator)

Our school SENDCo is Mrs Anna Smith
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Our SEND Governor is Sam Lord

At St. Joseph's Catholic Primary School, we recognise that some children will require more support during their time at our school, whether that be support with their learning, or support with their social and emotional well-being or sensory and physical needs. We understand that all children are different and the support provided for each child will not look the same. Our aim is to understand all children as individuals and tailor support in order to meet their individual needs.

As SENDCo, I work hard to build relationships with families to ensure the best outcomes for the child at our school. I am also the Assistant Headteacher and therefore part of Senior Leadership Team which means I have a strategic role to develop ethos, policies, practice and school improvement. I am able to inform decision making and policy review and contribute to the self-evaluation procedures. I also provide regular information to the Head and Governing body on the effectiveness of provision for pupils with SEND.

For our school, I continuously work to:

- Promote improvements in teaching; offer examples of good practice
- Keep up to date with current legislation
- Work with all staff to promote best practice for parent and pupil voice
- Ensures all staff recognise and fulfil their statutory responsibilities to pupils with SEND

At St Joseph's we welcome open and honest discussions with parents about their child's specific needs and offer advice and support wherever we can. Your child's class teacher would always be your first contact when discussing a specific need, but I welcome any parent who wishes to support their child and am willing to help where I can. We see our teaching of pupils with special needs very much as a joint effort and we rely on a close working relationship with parents.

If your child has specific needs, please do feel free to speak with the class teacher or contact me on the school's number 01709 710270 or email school@rsjp.org.uk