



SPECIAL EDUCATIONAL NEEDS AND ADDITIONAL SUPPORT

St. Bartholomew's C of E First School is a fully inclusive school and we are proud of the way that our school manages the needs of all children, including those who require Special Educational Needs support and/or have disabilities. During our last OFSTED inspection (November 2017) the effectiveness of support for pupils with Special Educational Needs and/or Disabilities was stated as a '*strength of the school*'.

Our Special Educational Needs Co-ordinator (SENDCo) is: **Miss Laura Hicks**

Our SEN Governor is: **Mrs Rachael Howe**

Our SENDCo is available to meet by appointment, in advance. All day to day matters are managed through the child's class teacher. If you have require an appointment with our SENDCo, please contact the School Office on **01460 72829**.

	
Miss Laura Hicks SENDCo	Mrs Rachael Howe SEND Governor

Our SENDCo is responsible for:

- Coordinating the strategic SEND work to support children Special Educational Needs (SEN) and/or Disabilities and developing the school's SEN Policy to make sure all the children get a high quality response to meeting their needs in school.

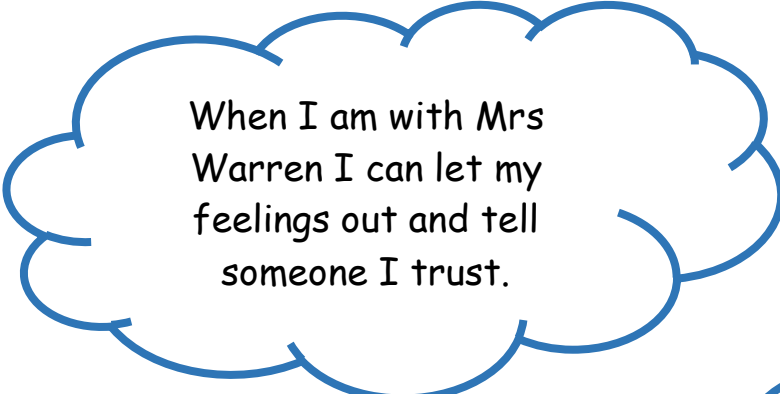
- Ensuring parents / carers are involved supporting your child's learning, kept informed about the support your child is receiving, reviewing how they are getting on and planning ahead for your child.
- Liaising with all other professionals who may be supporting your child's learning (e.g. Speech and Language Therapy, Physiotherapy etc.)
- Updating and reviewing the schools SEN register and making sure that there are records of your child's progress and needs.
- Providing support for teachers and support staff in school so they can help all pupils achieve '*Roots to Grow and Wings to Fly*'.

Core Standards

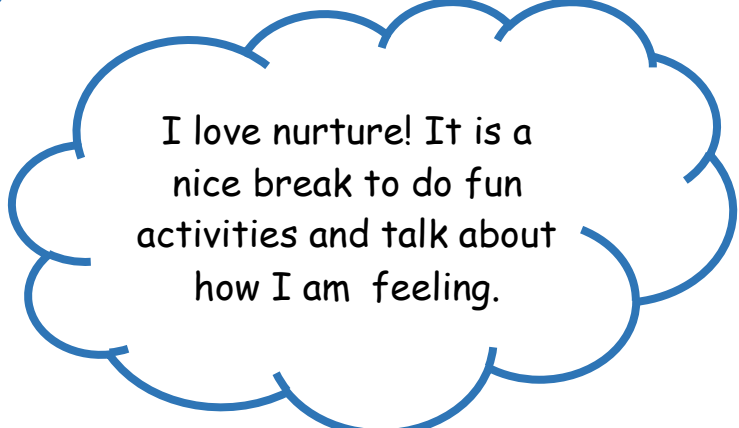
As outlined within our SEND policy, we are dedicated to achieving the Somerset Core Standards for SEND. The Core Standards for schools in Somerset can be found via the link below:

<https://choices.somerset.gov.uk/025/education/what-to-expect-from-education/>

The Core Standards were designed to make sure that all educational settings understand and comply with updated legislation. They make it clear 'what to expect' in terms of what is provided, and are written for parents, children and young people, school staff and those who provide services to families. It describes what can be delivered from the setting, school or college's own resources which have been allocated directly. This information will form part of the 'Local Offer' that is; what can be expected for children and young people (0-25 years) in Somerset.



When I am with Mrs Warren I can let my feelings out and tell someone I trust.



I love nurture! It is a nice break to do fun activities and talk about how I am feeling.

*'You are the most nurturing
and genuinely loving school
that I have known.'*

*'Thank you for showing how a
little love can go a long way to
help a child.'*

*'My daughter left knowing that
she was loved. She was valued.'*

Useful Services and Links for Parents/Families:

These sites are shared to signpost you to further support and information – St Bartholomew's First School does not have any connection to the sites or gain financially from publishing these links on our website.

General Information and Support

Somerset SENDIAS – SEN and Disability Information and Advice Service
www.somersetsend.org.uk

Somerset Parent Carer Forum
www.somersetpcf.org.uk

Somerset's Local Offer
<https://choices.somerset.gov.uk>

Somerset's Weekly SEND newsletter
<https://choices.somerset.gov.uk/025/send-news/>

UK Charities Directory
<https://www.charitychoice.co.uk>

Medical

NHS Direct – Health and Medical Information
<https://www.nhs.uk/using-the-nhs/nhs-services/urgent-and-emergency-care/nhs-111/>

CLIC Sargent
<https://www.clicsargent.org.uk>

The Children's Trust
<https://www.thechildrenstrust.org.uk/#>

Cruse Bereavement Care
<https://www.cruse.org.uk>

Speech, Language and Communication

Somerset Integrated Therapy Service
<https://www.somersetft.nhs.uk/children-and-young-peoples-therapy-service/>

Talking Point

www.talkingpoint.org.uk

I CAN - Children's Communication Charity

<https://ican.org.uk/parents>

Cognition and Learning

Reading Matters

<http://readingmatters.org.uk>

British Dyslexia Association

<https://www.bdadyslexia.org.uk>

Somerset Dyslexia Association

<http://www.somersetdyslexia.co.uk>