



St Just Primary School

Strategies to support pupils with SEND in Religious Education – *“We may have different religions, different languages, different coloured skin, but we all belong to one human race.” – Kofi Annan*

At St Just Primary, children with SEND are fully included in the life of the school, their needs are understood so that the right adjustments and provision are in place and staff have high expectations which ensures children aspire to be successful in their learning and make good progress. This is because ‘Aspirations and Achievements: together One and All’ matters here.

Specific Area of Need	How we ensure that ‘everyone succeeds’
Communication and interaction	
Speech, language and communication needs (SLCN)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">✓ Visual aids and word-mats to help with vocabulary.✓ Provide repetition of key vocabulary and pre-teaching to check understanding of definitions.✓ Demonstrate how to use equipment each time it is used for consistency and processing.✓ Break down tasks into manageable chunks and demonstrate each step as required.✓ Writing support for extended writing including examples of text and scaffolded frame.✓ Step by step instructions with understandable vocabulary.✓ Group and partner work within fieldwork to help stay on task and provide peer support.✓ Recognise that the language of RE may be abstract and therefore challenging for many pupils, e.g.: language used in religious texts may be difficult to understand and will need to be explained, some vocabulary can have different meanings in different contexts. and metaphor, e.g., in the sayings of religious leaders or parables, can be interpreted literally by some pupils, thus creating confusion or misunderstanding.✓ It may be necessary to present the same information in a range of different ways to aid understanding
Autism including Asperger’s syndrome (ASD)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">✓ Make sure pupils are well prepared for visits, particularly to different places of worship. Preparation can include using photographs, videos, artefacts etc, so that pupils are not worried about unfamiliar situations.✓ Support children to understand that others have different beliefs and views by using multi-sensory approaches, eg through drama and role-play, visits to places of worship.✓ Recognise that the language of RE may be abstract and therefore challenging for many pupils, e.g.: language used in religious texts may be difficult to understand and will need to be explained, some vocabulary can have



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Tourette Syndrome	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Provide a structure (schedule/tick list) to assist with planning, organisation, time management and initiation of tasks. ✓ Motor tics of their eyes, head or neck may interfere with reading and affect their handwriting or the ability to write for prolonged periods of time.
Cognition and learning	
Moderate learning difficulties (MLD; Severe learning difficulties (SLD); Profound and multiple learning difficulties (PMLD)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Allow a range of ways for children to explain their understanding including in words, pictures, comparisons to real-life situations and contextualisation. ✓ Provide a range of ways for children to record their learning including: use of floor books, scaffolds or frames, photographs, diagrams, labels to stick onto pictures, posters, presentations (oral and visual), working in groups, verbal contributions, practical experiments and observations, matching activities, mind maps etc. ✓ Use a digital camera to capture images of artefact exploration for future reference. Images can also be used to build a visual record. ✓ Simple audio recording devices can replace the need for written notes during activities or visits.
Dyslexia	



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Dyspraxia (Developmental co-ordination disorder)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ A range of methods to show understanding – visual, written, drawing, audio. ✓ Reduction of requirement to use fine motor skills such as pre-cut resources ✓ Demonstrate any handling of artefacts to be used for RE lessons
Dyscalculia	✓
Social, emotional and mental health difficulties	
Trauma	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Positive reinforcement and positive atmosphere within lessons ✓ Support to understand other people have different views; clear expectations around behaviour when there are disagreements. ✓ Be aware that discussions may trigger memories of trauma – knowing your children in advance is very important and allowing time, space and the ability to discuss (or not to share) is very important.
ADHD	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Ensure all resources are available for the children to explore prior to the lesson and, if support is needed to allow access to materials e.g. religious artefacts, ensure the teacher or a TA is available. ✓ During visits to religious places of worship, give clear rules to follow for safety and focus for the lesson. Accept that being outside is exciting and give frequent reminders of the learning objective. ✓ Ensure child has a ‘role’ within the group and plan additional resources in case a pupil needs to work independently.
Anxiety	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Some pupils will have difficulty understanding abstract concepts such as spirituality, belief, opinion, friendship, justice, cooperation, conflict and empathy. Drama, role-play, games and simulations, can develop understanding of such concepts.
Sensory and/or physical needs	
Hearing impairment (HI)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Pre-teach if required ✓ Demonstrate use of equipment ✓ Ensure instructions are understood before lesson begins and any additional instructions are provided in writing if required



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none">✓ Visual aids and word-mats to help with vocabulary✓ Any videos or films used should be captioned. When impossible, find alternative ways for the child to access the information
Visual impairment (VI)/ Multi-sensory impairment (MSI)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">✓ Enlarge religious texts and/or show them on the large screen✓ Give the children time and opportunity to explore through touch e.g., artefacts, textures to evoke discussion etc.
Physical Disability	<ul style="list-style-type: none">✓ For pupils with physical disabilities, teachers must make adjustments both in the classroom and to the ways in which artefacts are handled. Furthermore, it may be possible to use additional adults to support pupils' mobility or adapt resources so that pupils with SEND can engage fully.✓ A range of methods to show understanding – use of floor books, visual, written, drawing, etc and support with presentation etc✓ Demonstrate any equipment to be used for RE lessons.