

St Nicholas CE Primary Academy

Teaching Assistant for a Specialist Resource Provision

(Intervention and Classroom support)



What is a Specialist Resource Provision (SRP)?

A Specialist Resource Provision (SRP) is a SEND centre for children with an EHCP in Autism, attached to our school mainstream setting. Pupils attending the SRP have access to a mainstream curriculum, but the stress of a mainstream environment is reduced and they have a safe space to be in where their needs are met. The staff and teachers in the SRP are trained to support the children's emotional wellbeing and self-regulation, alongside their social and communication needs. As pupils in the SRP gain confidence and independence, the aim is that they will spend an increasing amount of time within mainstream lessons, alongside their peers and with access to the wider variety of opportunities available to them there.

Who is the SRPs for?

The SRP is for children whose primary need is autism and who may require additional support so that they can access learning in a mainstream school.

The SRP at St Nicholas is for children with:

- a social communication and social interaction difficulty whose primary need is autism

What kind of support does our SRP offer?

Support in our SRP is tailored to each individual pupil. The number of places is kept small, with higher ratios of staff, to allow this tailoring to happen. Support will look different for every pupil, and the aim for each pupil is to help them develop their social and communication skills and confidence, to allow them to increase the time they are able to access mainstream classes.

For example, a pupil starting in an SRP may begin by spending 80% of their time in the SRP and 20% with their mainstream class. As their confidence and skills develop, they may be able to increase the amount of time spent in mainstream classes, with the aim that they can eventually access mainstream full time with confidence and happiness. All pupils will have individual goals and journeys.

Our Specialist Resource Provision will offer children and young people the following types of support:

- opportunities for learning in small groups
- an environment that feels safe and nurturing
- individual tailored learning strategies
- an environment with lots of visual learning support and language adaptations

Background information

Our SRP opened in September 2022. The provision currently has 14 spaces commissioned by the Local Authority. Currently, the SRP team include;

- A Lead Teacher
- SRP Teacher
- Higher Level Teaching Assistant (HLTA) and
- Teaching Assistants (TAs) who all have knowledge and expertise in working with children with a range of SEN needs including Autism.

One of the many things that makes St Nicholas CE Primary Academy distinctive, is its Christian values-based approach to education. We encourage our pupils to value self, others and the environment and empower them to be effective learners as well as good and responsible citizens.

Further information

Pre-employment checks

St Nicholas CE Primary Academy is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and requires all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. All successful candidates are required to have an Enhanced DBS check. Any appointment subsequently made will be subject to the receipt of satisfactory references and other pre-employment checks.

Diversity and Inclusion

We want to make sure we are attracting the widest possible range of people and ensure that they are accepted, understood and treated equally when they work here. This means we will work hard to understand that each employee is unique and ensuring that individuals or groups are not treated differently or less favourably on the basis of specific characteristics.