



ST. ANNE'S
R.C. VOLUNTARY ACADEMY

SEND Autumn News Letter

Mrs Keary – SENDCo

Welcome to the first edition of our SEND News Letter! This will be published each term and give updates about the SEND provision at St Anne's R.C. Voluntary Academy. This has been an exciting term so far, with lots of positive change and plans for the future so I hope you enjoy the newsletter. Please feel free to drop me a line if you have any feedback or comments.



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BEST Centre - We are in a period of change at St Anne's – not only have we completed academisation but the SEND Base has relocated in school and is now in the Music block. SEND has been re-branded so is now known as the BEST Centre – Building Essential Skills Together. A cross section of the students we have on the SEND register were asked to choose from a list of five names and this one was by far the most popular. I love this name as it really captures what we strive for in our department.



Feedback - The BEST Team are facilitating an updated feedback system for sharing information with teachers about how students have approached class tasks and what success they have had. The Teaching Assistants will now feedback at the end of a lesson by sticking a feedback sticker into the exercise books of the students they have been supporting. This further strengthens the feedback given to staff after lessons, enabling them to appropriately plan for individual needs in subsequent lessons.

Keyworkers – Each member of the BEST Team is a Key Worker for a year group on the SEND register. This means they will review and rewrite Access Plans with the students in their year group and generally be available if there are any problems for that student. They will also make contact if any students in the year group are self isolating and check they are able to

access work set for them to complete at home. The BEST Team support the following year groups;

Mr Deasy – Y7

Miss Axon – Y8

Miss Wilson – Y9

Mrs Wright – Y10

Ms Neibel – Y11

Meet the staff



I thought it would be appropriate to start with the SENCo as this is a SEND newsletter! I am Kath Keary and have been working at St Anne's since May 2018 – funnily enough my husband attend St Anne's as a student in the late 1970's, which is an odd thought when I am walking around the site!

Next September I will have been teaching 30 years and for 25 of those years I have been working with students who have special educational needs – so you could say that is what I am really interested in and where my interest and expertise lies. I have worked in both primary and secondary schools and have set up and run resource provision units. I am really excited by the changes that are happening at St Anne's and feel we are on a journey that will ultimately take us to an Ofsted judgement of Outstanding, so this is a really interesting and motivating time to be a member of staff here.

In my spare time I enjoy reading and walking and dare I say it, pottering in my garden – which makes me sound ancient! I love music from the 1980's, shopping and have just discovered Netflix so I am getting my teeth into the films, TV shows and channels available there. I also have a cat who rules the roost at home.



My role at St Anne's is to ensure that all student who need help to access the curriculum receive it and I do this by working with external agencies, for example the Educational Psychologist, teaching colleagues at St Anne's and of course parents. I am very privileged to have a fantastic team of 5 Teaching Assistants who are committed to supporting students with special educational needs and who have a wealth of expertise and enthusiasm.

Meet a student.



Hi I'm Harrison. I am a Year 8 student. I like to play football outside of school and I play for Stockport Vikings as their goal keeper. I am a very good goal keeper and have been spotted by talent scouts, including Watford and Manchester City. A big dream for me is to be a famous footballer or an engineer in the Royal Navy – my Dad was in the

Army.

In my spare time I like gaming. In school I like PE,

(I am good at sport and really enjoy it), English and

Drama. Miss Axon helps me in class – she shows me what to do but I can work independently as well.



Thank you for reading the first SEND Newsletter – I really hope you enjoyed it