



Additional Needs

Advent Term 2026 Newsletter



WELCOME BACK!

I hope you have all had a wonderful summer break - we were so fortunate to have the weather we did! It's going to be another busy term, but no doubt, successful one.

As many of you know, I will be having my second child around November so I'm delighted to share with you all that I will be leaving you in the capable hands of Mr Annable.

You can contact him in the usual way using the SENCO email address:
senco@geo.srscmat.co.uk



THURSDAY 17TH
SEPTEMBER 2026

If your child has a SEND plan, you will have the opportunity to once again speak with your child's new class teacher and talk through the plan and intended targets for this term. This will take place via phone calls after school on Thursday 17th September 2026 between 3.30-5.00pm. If this time isn't suitable for you, please do email your child's class teacher to let them know.

As always, this allows you to work with your child on some of the targets at home to further support the work we do in school.



5 TOP TIPS TO SUPPORT TRANSITION TO A NEW YEAR GROUP/CLASS

Maintain a consistent routine

Keep routines as normal as possible to help your child feel secure and ready to focus each day.

Talk positively about change

Highlight the exciting opportunities of their new class, such as making friends and learning new things.

Encourage independence

Support your child to manage simple tasks independently, building confidence and self-reliance.

Stay involved and informed

Find out more about their new class and teacher so you can support them through the transition.

Practise coping strategies

Encourage strategies to help your child manage anxiety, impulsivity and emotions.

NEW NAME FOR SEND PLANS

SEND plans at St George's will now be known as '**Individual Support Plans**'. This follows updates outlined in the Government's SEND White Paper and will coincide with our new online system for targets.

Read on to find out more...!





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WHERE CAN I GO FOR FURTHER SUPPORT?

If you live in Derby City, you can access their local offer [here](#)...

If you live in Derbyshire, you can access their local offer [here](#)...

Alternatively, you can contact an independent advice service, [SENDIASS](#) for Derby City and [DIASS](#) for Derbyshire using a Google search.



NEW SYSTEM FOR REPORTING TARGETS



We will no longer be using our online system, **Edukey**, to share Individual Support Plans (ISPs) with you. Instead, we will now be using **INSIGHT**.

INSIGHT is a much simpler system to navigate and allows you to access your child's plan using just their date of birth. so you can view their targets and share your feedback directly.

Once your child's targets are discussed with you, you will receive an email with a copy of the ISP and Pupil Passport to look over. You will then have the opportunity to share your thoughts and feedback.

I really encourage you to take the time to review these documents and respond. Your views and feedback are an important part of your child's support and can be included in their paperwork to ensure that their provision reflects their needs and provides valuable information if support from outside agencies is ever required.



HOW TO CONTACT A MEMBER OF THE SEND TEAM

If you have any concerns about your child's progress, in the first instance, please speak to your child's class teacher, Mrs Young and/or the SENDCo. We will always listen and work with you to support your child in whatever way we can. If you would like a meeting, please ring the school office on 01332 766815 or email senco@geo.srscmat.co.uk or admin@geo.srscmat.co.uk

You can also use this link to book a meeting with Mrs Holmes/Mr Annable...
[Book time with SENCO](#)

UPDATES

Please continue to share any updates regarding your child, including medical appointments, results and diagnosis. This really does help us to support your child further in school.
Many thanks for your continued support.
Mrs Holmes