



Learning Support (SEND)

Our Learning Support Centre at St Francis of Assisi aims to support students with their academic studies and to help them develop strategies to become successful independent learners. The department consists of 4 specialist teachers, an admin assistant and many HLTAs and LSAs. Claire Walker is our designated SENCO.

The Learning support department has its own teaching room and is well stocked with multisensory teaching resources to support the development of the skills students need to be successful learners.

We support students with a variety of learning difficulties and support for students is individualised to meet each student's needs. Any student who joins St Francis with an education and health care plan (EHCP) will be fully supported in line with the guidance from the EHCP, with close parental communication, as appropriate.

How do we help?

- Learning support plans
This is the way your child's teachers are informed about what students are struggling with and how they can support them. It is shared with parents and students too.
- 1:1 lessons
Some students have individual support with specialist teachers. These are multi-sensory lessons that follow a programme designed to help your child with aspects of learning they find difficult.
Some students may have 1:1 time with an LSA and be assigned a keyworker who they can talk to and discuss anxieties and issues in school.
- Small group intervention
There are several group interventions that take place, such as reading, spelling, speech and language, numeracy and comprehension. During form time, there are groups available too, for example, Toe by Toe, touch typing and handwriting club.