



Truro Learning Academy & Nursery

Our Special Educational Needs and Disability (SEND) Information Report and Local Offer 2025 - 2026

Truro Learning Academy is proud of its caring, inclusive ethos which is demonstrated through the commitment our staff and hub council show to meeting the needs of all the children within our school. Many of our staff have undertaken specific training to enable them to support pupils to ensure that they make good progress in all areas of their school life. For pupils with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities, this means narrowing the gap between them and their peers so that they are well prepared for the next stage in their educational journey.

Through working in this way, we encourage every child to be an active learner within our school community and we celebrate individual achievements, knowing that each child is unique. We encourage family involvement in our curriculum, our class topics are communicated to parents so that they are able to share conversations about the learning within school and develop individual interests.

Every child has times in which they benefit from additional support and/or challenge within their learning so that they build the important foundations within their primary education for success in future life. At Truro Learning Academy we believe that acting promptly to offer this support ensures that pupils continue to develop great attitudes to their learning. Success brings about confidence and a willingness to take on greater challenges.

The following document explains the variety of different provisions that are used within the school, when appropriate, to meet the individual needs of a child at Truro Learning Academy. They include, but are not limited to; small group interventions, targeted short-term specialised programmes, additional resources and working with outside agencies. Levels of support and provision will vary across time for individual children in response to their individual needs as they change and develop.

Link to Special Educational Needs Policy
[Aspire SEND Policy](#)

Link to Equality and Diversity Policy
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Link to Access Plan
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The levels of support and provision offered by Truro Learning Academy

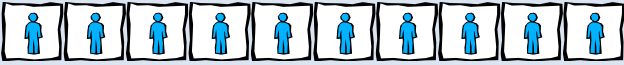
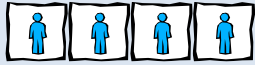
1. Listening to and responding to children and young people

Whole school approaches The universal offer to all children and YP. 	Additional, targeted support and provision 	Specialist, individualised support and provision 
• The views and opinions of all children are valued • Pupil voice is heard in all aspects of school • Pupil voice is heard through: ○ Questionnaires ○ School Council ○ Pupil Conferencing in monitoring visits and as part of assessments. ○ PSHE Scarf schemes of work ○ Assemblies based on virtues, British Values and celebrating other achievements in and out of school	• Pupils with SEND are included in focus groups • Additional provision may be developed in light of the pupil voice	• At Truro Learning Academy we regularly work alongside charities such as Penhaligons Friends to ensure children's and family's welfare • Individual support is responsive to the views of the child • Pupils' views are considered during IPM reviews • Pupils views are an integral part of TAC meetings (age appropriate) • Pupils' views are sought (in a stage appropriate format) during the annual review process • Advocacy is available to those children who do not have the ability to fulfil the above due to their young age or the severity and complexity of their need • Wherever possible, documentation is produced in a format that is accessible to the child

2. Partnership with parents and carers

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• Truro Learning Academy works in close partnership with all stake holders and encourages close liaison with parents and carers. Our reception is staffed throughout the day to answer any questions in a timely manner • Every class holds a 'meet the teacher' evening at the beginning of the year • We hold two parents' evening/days every year – during these meetings staff share progress to date, targets and aspirations for the year • There are formal written reports sent home yearly which detail achievement and attainment in curriculum areas • All children have a reading record to encourage home/ school dialogue. • The school's website is updated with key dates, events and news • Truro Learning Academy offers workshops for parents on topics such as Reading, Mathematics and Phonics	• Parents / carers are able to contact the school throughout the school day (by phone, email or in person) with any concerns • Truro Learning Academy offers information sessions to help parents support their children at home, we also signpost particular support groups / information sessions which may be beneficial according to different circumstances	• Parents / Carers are supported in attending and contributing to TAC meetings and other SEND reviews. Advocacy is available to support this • Parental opinion/views are vital to any SEND meeting and as such are sought at all stages of review. The school is aware that parents feel comfortable in contributing in different ways and as such caters for this

3. Learning and curriculum approaches

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• At Truro Learning Academy lessons are planned in detail with clear learning objectives • Lesson activities use adaptive teaching strategies (where appropriate) to ensure progress for all pupils • Truro Learning Academy uses task design to provide all children with the opportunity to be successful and challenged, linked to their own ability. • Groupings are made within some classes to ensure children are able to be both supported and stretched in their learning. • Alternative ways of recording work are often employed across different areas of the curriculum • ICT is used across the curriculum to stimulate a love of learning and to ensure access for pupils • Truro Learning Academy offers a range of extra-curricular activities (see our website for more information) • Whole school rewards / behaviour policy	• Small group interventions include (but are not limited to) ○ Literacy ▪ Phonics ▪ Sentence structure ▪ Reading support ▪ Spelling ○ Maths including ▪ Number ▪ Calculating ○ Speech and language (following therapist advice) ○ Physical development in the form of both fine and gross motor skills development	• Individual Provision Maps are used in school to target specific areas to ensure progress. Parents and children are invited to contribute to these. IPMs incorporate advice from specialists (when appropriate). • Multi-agency meetings to review areas of difficulty and levels of support • Support from specialists with specialist resources being used • Bespoke levels of support is put in place for pupils who require it e.g. children with physical disabilities, speech and language difficulties, severe cognition difficulties etc. • In exceptional circumstances pupils may be disapplied from some areas of the curriculum, tests (such as SATs) or assessments. This must be agreed by all parties • Individual timetables and activities are used when appropriate • Individualised learning intervention programmes to ensure progression against personalised targets

4. Teaching Approaches

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• Multi-sensory learning approaches are used and teaching incorporates Visual, Auditory and Kinaesthetic learning styles • Groupings are flexible and are changed to reflect pupils' strengths and learning needs for different sessions • Lessons will incorporate a variety of whole class, small group, partner and independent work • All classes have 'learning walls' to foster independent learning • Lessons are carefully planned to include clear sequencing and regular progress checks • English and Maths is a priority for all staff with key vocabulary discussed and displayed.	• Independent learning is supported through the use of technology such as ○ Chromebooks ○ iPads ○ Specialised resources • Learning support assistants may provide support for less structured activities • Learning support assistants are highly trained and work under the guidance of teaching staff • Small group pre-teach and booster sessions	• Bespoke learning support where appropriate • Personalised and bespoke curriculum is provided enabling both supported and independent learning • Teaching, at times, could be in separate rooms / areas of the school • Access to specific resources e.g. sensory toys etc. • Pre-teach and booster sessions where appropriate • Individual reward and behaviour systems when appropriate

5. Self-help skills and independence

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- Classrooms all have curriculum linked 'working walls' which are regularly updated allowing children to foster independence in their learning - Self-assessment opportunities during lessons to enable children to gain ownership of their learning and the progress they make - Whole school rewards and behaviour systems - Clear labelling of class resources - Techniques such as 'talk partners' and 'peer support' are employed to promote self-help skills and independence - The schools uses 'SCARF' to further promote these skills	- Learning support assistants facilitate independent learning and self-help skills through modelling and guiding children. - Students have personalised equipment to help them to learn, such as concentration aids, timers, now and next boards and ear defenders.	- Intimate care plans following professional advice with the aim of fostering increased independence - Communication aids, adapted ICT etc. - Where children are unable to 'vocalise' their needs our trained learning support assistants are able to interpret nonverbal communication from the child to assess and respond to their needs

6. Health, wellbeing and emotional support

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• Truro Learning Academy is a Trauma informed school with two practitioners including the SENDCo • Truro Learning Academy uses 'SCARF' approach to PSHE • Risk assessments are carried out for both in and out of school activities • The SENDCo coordinates provision for children with wellbeing, emotional, physical and mental health needs	• Time limited and monitored groups run by our social and emotional lead practitioner address: ○ self esteem ○ social skills ○ anger management • Specific risk assessments carried out when going on trips and outings. • Children who have a specific health need will also have an individual healthcare plan within in school as filled in by parents and healthcare professions. •	• Additional needs meetings (TAC, Early support, Annual reviews etc.) are attended and supported by a range of external agencies including school nurse where appropriate. • Resources and assessments such as Boxall Profile are used to tailor provision • Children with specific medical conditions have individualised health care plans • In addition to the above, additional support and guidance can be drawn on from agencies such as: ○ Medical teams ○ Educational Psychologists ○ SEN Support (such as Cognition and learning, SALT) ○ Parent Support Service ○ CAMHS ○ Penhaligon's friends ○ Aspire Inclusion Team

7. Social interaction opportunities

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• All children have opportunities for social interaction for example during break and lunchtimes • Within the school different types of mentoring takes place, for example Year 6 pupils being buddies during lunchtimes for Reception children and paired reading between classes • Key Stage outings including educational trips e.g. to the beach, cinema, local places of interest • Key Stage celebrations including carol concerts, topic sharing days and sports day	• Our wide variety of sports teams take part in both local level 2 and county wide level 3 tournaments. A variety of children are invited to attend clubs held within the community. • Children who are less confident or able to take part in physical activities are able to take part in non-competitive games • More-able pupils are invited to take part in multi-school English and maths sessions at our local secondary schools	• Individual and small group social skills support is available when necessary • Meet and greet is available to support children coming into school

8. The physical environment (accessibility, safety and positive learning environment)

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• All areas of the school are accessible to everyone, including pupils with SEND • All classrooms are accessible by wheelchair • All recreational areas of the school are accessible by wheelchair • Children feel safe in an environment where alleged bullying is acknowledged and dealt with effectively • Children are keen to learn in a supportive learning environment which recognises different learning styles and encourages pupils to take risks with their learning • There are named Designated Safeguarding Lead (and deputies) and a named Designated person for Children In Care • All staff focus on rewarding positive behaviour to promote a positive learning environment • There is a clear system for rewards and sanctions which is followed throughout the school	• There are accessible adapted toilets / changing facilities available for those who require this • There are a number of staff who are Price trained • Workspaces are adjusted according to need	• When necessary specialist equipment will be used to enable appropriate independence • When necessary alternative recording / display methods will be used • Truro Learning Academy has a fully equipped disabled toilet, changing table and wet room.

9. Transition from year to year and setting to setting

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• The year 6 teacher and SENDCo meet with the transition coordinators for our children's chosen secondary schools to ensure all information is passed on • Transition sessions for Pre-school children take place in the summer term • The whole school has a 'move up session' which includes pupils working in their new classrooms. Year 6 pupils attend their new secondary school	• Children identified as needing extra support with transition are offered extra visits to their secondary school or into the Reception class, individually or in small groups • Home school books / Communication passports are used for children when appropriate	• The SENDCo attends all EHCP reviews and TAC meetings • When required children have an individualised transition program from setting to setting to ensure familiarity with staff, routines and location • Children with SEND are offered extra visits / workshops to secondary school in year 6 • Staff from schools which our pupils are transferring to or from are invited to meetings

Services and organisations that we work with:

Service/organisation	What they do in brief
Educational Psychology Team	Educational Psychologists are specialists in learning, behaviour and child development. We work directly with children and young people as well as providing expert advice to their parents and carers, and other adults who teach and support them. In Cornwall Council, Educational Psychologists (EPs) work for the Children's Psychology Service which is part of the Children's Early Help, Psychology & Social Care Services.
Speech and Language Therapy Team	The Speech and Language Therapy Team works with children, young people and their families in order to help children who have difficulties with communication or with eating, drinking and swallowing.
Parent Support Advisor	A parent support advisor provides a link between school and home which supports a child's wellbeing and promotes positive attitudes towards education.
Penhaligon's friends	We are a Cornish charity supporting bereaved children, young people, parents and carers throughout the county. We offer children and young people the chance to meet others and share their experiences, as well as practical resources for children and parents.
The Hearing Support Team	The Hearing Support Team provides a specialist support service for the Local Authority, staffed and resourced to meet the needs of infants, children and young people throughout the County of Cornwall who are affected temporarily or permanently by some degree of educationally significant hearing loss.
School Nurse Team	School nurses provide confidential advice and health information. This advice is available to young people, their parents, carers and teachers. School nurses will help ensure children and young people stay fit and healthy. They also carry out height and weight checks in Reception and Year 6 as well as Vision screening in Reception and Hearing checks in Year 1.

Social Workers and Social Care	Social Workers and the Social Care Team promote and look after the wellbeing and achievement of all children, especially those in difficult family situations or those with complex learning needs.
Education Welfare Officer	Education welfare officers work with schools, pupils and families to support regular school attendance. They help to sort out problems in school or at home. At Truro Learning Academy we have termly meetings with our Educational Welfare Officer to address any attendance issues that may arise.
Paediatric Diabetes Nurse	The Paediatric Diabetes Nurse works with Pupils, Families and Schools to ensure that children with Diabetes are supported fully in their lives.
Paediatric Occupational Health	Paediatric Occupational Therapists assess functional and sensory needs and work with parents and carers to enable children to become as independent as possible. This is likely to include a course of activities designed to increase range of movement, co-ordination and sensory awareness
AAC Officers	AAC officers introduce Alternative and Augmentative Communication which opens the door on a huge range of equipment and techniques which support or replace spoken and written communication.
ASD Advisory Team	The Autism Spectrum Team is a service supporting young people with autism. The Autism Spectrum Team is an expansion of the previous Autism Services consisting of advisory teachers, specialist and highly specialist speech and language therapists, a specialist nurse practitioner, educational psychologists and Autism Spectrum Team workers.
CAMHS	CAMHS (Child and Adolescent Mental Health services). CAMHS are specialist NHS services. They offer assessment and treatment when children and young people have emotional, behavioural or mental health difficulties.
Children in Care (Education support service) Cornwall Social Care Services	Children in Care Education Support Service (CICISS) is part of Cornwall's Children in Care Strategy and has been up and running since September 2008 as the 'Virtual School for children in care in Cornwall'. Their priority is to promote the educational attainment and achievement of Children in Care, under section 52 of the Children Act 2004.

Ear Nose and Throat Dept. Treliske Hospital	The ENT Department is part of the Surgical Division, which includes Paediatric, Breast, Vascular, Urology, Oral Surgery, Ophthalmology and General Surgery. The ENT department provides inpatient services at the Royal Cornwall Hospital and Outpatient services at Royal Cornwall Hospital, St. Michaels Hospital, Camborne and Redruth Hospital, Falmouth Hospital, Newquay Hospital, Bodmin Hospital and Penrice Hospital.
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Answers to Frequently asked Questions

How does Truro Learning Academy know if children/young people need extra help?

Children are monitored closely at Truro Learning Academy. Children who may be vulnerable or those who are causing concern to staff in terms of behaviour or academic progress, for example, are discussed during weekly staff meetings. Childrens' academic progress is monitored through a rigorous tracking system which is informed by regular teacher assessments; in turn assessments are reported to the Senior Leadership team. These assessments are used to hold termly progress meetings with the SENDCo and senior leadership team to devise appropriate support / interventions for children who have not achieved expected outcomes. Senior Leadership and class staff (including the SENDCo) monitor family situations closely and take action accordingly. Should a teacher have concerns over a child they may speak directly to the SENDCo who may in turn carry out observations / additional assessments and recommend support. Teachers will discuss any concerns that they have with parents / carers to help to 'build a picture'. Truro Learning Academy operates a graduated approach following the guidance within the SEN code of practice. If concerns are raised about a child, they will be listed on the Record of Need as 'on alert' and monitored. If the child remains a concern, the child may move to 'SEN Support' as outlined in the Code of Practice. The school will arrange for the child to have extra practice /support in the areas in which they are struggling. Screenings may be undertaken to identify particular learning needs. If the child still remains a concern after support and does not appear to be making progress, the SENDCo may refer to external agencies for further support such as; Speech and Language, Educational Psychologist, Occupational therapy, Child and Adolescent Mental Health, etc. Reports and advice from these professionals will help to direct support in school and at home. If the child is still a cause for concern at this stage and is not making the expected progress it may be appropriate to apply for an 'Educational Health Care Plan' (ECHP), in the previous system these were known as 'Statements'. If granted, this plan is developed from the advice from external professionals; objectives and provision are listed to ensure the child is given the most effective; medical, educational and communicative support to achieve success. Parents will be involved throughout.

Some children may transfer to us already with identified needs. The child's previous school will forward any information on assessment and provision for the child so that we can mirror or devise more appropriate support within our setting.

Who is responsible for the progress and success of my child in school?

The progress and success of your child in school is the responsibility of everyone. By 'everyone' we mean all school staff, parents as well as the child themselves.

How will the curriculum be matched to my child's needs?

At Truro Learning Academy we use a creative curriculum. We offer some subjects discretely and some in a cross –curricular topic themes to help pupils make connections across their learning and create a stimulating collection of experience that give coherence about one main theme. Staff follow advice from professionals and as needed may build in; motor skills programmes, sensory diets, visual prompts, Speech and Language therapy etc.

How will school staff support my child?

The numbers of adults in each year group may vary according to age or needs e.g. If a higher level of need has been identified a child may receive additional support from one of our learning support assistants. Each class has one teacher to an average of 30 children. The class teacher plans for all the children in his/her class and is responsible for the overall assessment of their progress. Children are taught as a whole class, in small groups, partners or working independently. Some children may be taught with 1:1 support from a learning support assistant. We believe it is important for children to develop relationships with a number of adults and as such, although a key adult may be allocated to support a child with an ECHP, we encourage children to work with every adult in their class team.

How will I know how my child is doing and how will you help me to support my child's learning?

Assessments of your child's progress are made regularly so the teacher knows exactly where each child is in his/her learning and what their next steps are. The class teacher, learning support assistants and Senior Leadership Team meet regularly to discuss progress and arrange extra support where required. At the beginning of the autumn term each class holds a 'meet the teacher' information evening within which different aspects of the year will be discussed. In addition to this there are also parents' evenings twice yearly; one during the autumn term and again in the spring term. Every child will receive a full end of year report in the summer term. During parents' evening class teachers will share childrens' next steps in learning. The school sets weekly, class based, homework where parents can support their child's progress by helping, where required, to complete this work.

In addition to the above, parents can organise to meet with their child's class teacher at a mutually convenient time to keep up to date with their child's progress / to discuss concerns.

What support will there be for my child's overall wellbeing?

Children's wellbeing and emotional health is as important as their academic progress. Truro Learning Academy recognises that pupils' emotional health is vital in creating a readiness for learning, an ability to show empathy and understanding of others and builds an inclusive community. To enhance this Truro Learning Academy uses 'Jigsaw' as our PSHE program. More information about this can be found on our website.

Truro Learning Academy uses learning mentors and specialists within the school who will help children and families work through any difficulties that may affect a child's progress in school. Where appropriate for children with behavioural difficulties, Positive Behaviour Plans may be developed. When a child's behaviour becomes challenging, teachers are supported by senior leaders in understanding the behaviour and agreeing with parents as to how best to manage it in a positive and proactive way.

Our staff support individual medical needs and are trained, where required, in the administration of medicine e.g. for diabetes / epilepsy. All personal care needs are met by staff within the class and Intimate Care Plans are written and agreed with parents.

What specialist services and expertise are available at or accessed by your school?

Senior leaders, teachers and support staff are skilled in meeting the individual learning, behavioural and social needs of children with moderate and complex learning difficulties. The school accesses a range of specialist services including, but not limited to;

The Educational Psychology Team (EP), the Autism Advisory team, Speech and Language Therapists (SALT), Community Paediatricians, Occupational Therapists (OT) and Physiotherapy colleagues, the school nursing team, the Child and Mental Health Team, Early support, Teachers of the deaf/ visually impaired, etc.

What SEND training have the staff at school had or are having?

All staff, both teachers and support staff, receive on-going training in meeting the needs of children with Special Educational Needs & Disabilities (SEND). A detailed induction programme, including a mentoring programme for new staff, ensures that staff have opportunities to observe and ask questions from more experienced colleagues. All staff receive mandatory Safeguarding training. Many staff have also been trained in First Aid, PRICE training, Epilepsy, Diabetes, Autism Awareness and Speech and Language.

How will my child be included in activities outside the classroom including school trips?

As an inclusive school, all children have the opportunity to participate in whole school, curriculum and off site activities to the best of our ability and in line with the Code of Practice guidance that schools make 'reasonable adjustments'. The extent to which each child participates and the levels of support received will vary between children and across time but we differentiate the activities and expectations to enable all children to take part. Parents are asked to give generic permission for their child to participate in activities in support of the curriculum i.e. a visit to a local church, shop etc. All trips are risk assessed and children with special educational needs and/or disabilities will have a personalised risk assessment. Attendance on residential trips requires specific parental permission and activities are planned accordingly.

How accessible is the school environment?

Truro Learning Academy is fully DDA compliant. Although over two floors, we have an interior lift and exterior ramps to ensure access to all areas.

How will school prepare and support my child through the transition from key stage to key stage and beyond?

The SENDCo works closely with all class teachers and support staff in the school as children move through the school to ensure they know a child's individual needs and what provision they require. As children enter year six, we begin to think about which secondary school the children are transferring to. The class teacher and SENDCo will meet with the SENDCo / head of year of each of the secondary schools and discuss the needs and provision for individual children. The schools offer transition days near to the end of term to familiarise children with their new school.

For children with ECHPs the SENDCo will raise the subject of secondary transition at the annual review meeting for children in year 5 so that parents can think about the most appropriate provision for their child and start looking at secondary schools. Some children with complex learning needs may require specialist provision and parents may choose to apply for a secondary ARB placement or special school. Meetings are arranged with the transferring secondary school and individual transition plans are developed. Some children may need regular visits to their new school. They may need to take pictures and ask questions before they feel comfortable with the move. We will support each child individually to ensure their transition is a success.

How are the school's resources allocated and matched to children's special educational needs?

Each child receives support matched to their own level of Special Educational Need. This will vary across each day and throughout their time in our school, as the level of support is directly related to their needs and circumstances. Support is allocated in relation to the child's individual needs and on the advice of external professionals. Support is monitored closely and adapted as and when necessary.

How is the decision made about what type and how much support my child will receive?

When children whose SEND circumstances, health requirements or complex learning needs indicate that additional support may be required, discussions are held between the class teacher and senior leaders to determine what this might be. This support may be provided from within the class team, but may be targeted at specific times, i.e. break times, circle times or may see interventions for specific lessons or areas e.g. reading.

If the evidence suggests that significantly higher levels of support may be beneficial, this is agreed by senior leaders and additional support will be requested from the Local Authority. Parents are generally aware of the need for additional support and a joint programme of intervention is planned. Due to the cost, clear measures of success are highlighted so it is possible to identify if the intervention has been successful and if it needs to continue. Support is reviewed on an on-going basis.

Who can I contact for further information?

You can contact the school secretary for further information and a prospectus. You may also speak to the Headteacher or SENDCo for more information on our provision.

What should I do if I feel that the Local Offer is not being delivered or is not meeting my child's needs?

Parents who believe their child's needs are not being met within school are asked to meet with their child's class teacher in the first instance. If there are still concerns, a request for a meeting with a member of the Senior Leadership Team to talk through concerns would be the next step. Anyone wishing to make a complaint with regard to SEN support and provision should follow the complaints procedure on our website.

How is your Local Offer reviewed?

Our local offer has been developed through consultation with the Senior Leadership team, staff and wider Aspire MAT. It will be reviewed on an annual basis.

The first point of contact for anything relating to your child's education is the class teacher. We encourage parents not to wait for the next formal opportunity to meet but to contact us on an on-going basis. Appointments to meet with teaching staff can be made for a mutually convenient time, you can telephone the school office to organise this.

The Senior Leadership Team comprises of:

Strategic Partner: Bridget Rundle

Head of School: Steph Lane

SENDCo: Charlotte Livingstone

More information about our school can be found on our website: [Truro Learning Academy - Home](#)