St MATTHEW'S CE INFANT SCHOOL
INCLUSION STATEMENT

September 2026
Review: September 2027

This Inclusion Statement should be read in conjunction with:
SEND Policy
SEND Information Report
Accessibility Policy
Equality Policy

Christ is at the centre of our school & Children are at the centre of all that we do

Our Values

Responsibility Friendship Justice Wisdom

Inclusion is at the heart of our values at St Matthew's and underpins the way that we relate to each other, the way that we teach and the way that we learn. We work hard to ensure that every member of our school community – pupils, parents, staff, and visitors – feel safe, welcome and included.

We recognise, respect and value difference and diversity. We take account of differences and strive to remove barriers and disadvantages which people may face in relation to disability, ethnicity, gender, religion, belief or faith and sexual orientation. We believe that diversity is a strength which should be respected and celebrated by all those who learn, teach and visit the school.

We want all members of our school community to feel the same sense of belonging within the school and wider community and to know that they are respected and able to participate fully in school life.

We Aim:

- To ensure equality of opportunity for all our pupils in all areas of school life
- To ensure that individual strengths are recognised and all pupils achieve their potential
- To remove the barriers to learning and participation that can hinder or exclude individual pupils, or groups of pupils.
- To ensure that all staff are aware of the systems and procedures in place within the school in order that all children have the opportunity to make progress
- To use whole school assessment procedures to track the progress of groups of pupils and identify strengths and weaknesses amongst the following groups:

  - girls and boys
  - disadvantaged pupils (Pupil Premium)

- ethnic groups
- children who have English as an additional language
- children with special educational needs
- children with disabilities or medical needs
- Our most able pupils
- Children who are at risk of disaffection or exclusion
- Travellers

At St Matthew's, we value each child as a unique individual. We will strive to meet the needs of our whole school community and ensure that we meet all statutory requirements related to matters of inclusion.