

How we support children who have a Special Educational Need and/or Disability at Cragside CofE Primary School

At Cragside Church of England Primary School, we seek to live out the Christian and British values which are at the heart of our school and expressed in our mission statement and the set of SHINE BRIGHT expectations that we have at school. Our constant and relentless drive is that there should be **high achievement for all** at Cragside, that every child and adult should have the very best chance to succeed in life and that all are able to participate in what our school and wider community is able to offer. At the core of what we do, we seek to share the importance of our school values: Respect, Joy, Forgiveness, Perseverance, Kindness and most importantly, Love.

Our school motto, 'Let Your Light Shine' is taken from St Matthew's Gospel and encapsulates the aim of our school; to provide encouragement and opportunities for everyone to discover and use the gifts and talents they have been given. We seek to enable every single child and adult to flourish and achieve their full potential. We believe that all children have the right to feel safe and we actively seek to overcome all barriers to learning, offering new opportunities and responding to learners in ways which take account of their varied needs, range of starting points and diversity of life experiences.

Cragside C of E Primary School is an inclusive school. We recognise the individuality of each child and strive to help them achieve their full potential. Every child is valued regardless of race, culture or religious beliefs and whatever their abilities or needs. We believe all children have the right and ability to learn and make progress and we work to provide an environment where all children are valued, their potential nurtured and their achievements celebrated.

Our School promotes high standards and all children, regardless of their particular needs, are provided with the very best teaching, which enables them to make the best possible progress and develop as valued members of our school community.

We offer a range of provision to support children with Special Educational Needs and/or Disabilities. We have high expectations of all children and staff and we believe that it is the entitlement of all children to have the opportunity to achieve their full potential.

Approximately one in five children will have a Special Educational Need (SEN) at some time during their school life.

Children with SEN have learning difficulties and/or physical disabilities which make it harder for them to learn than other children of the same age. These children may need extra support or different help, for example, modified tasks, extra time to complete work or breaks during assessment periods.

Schools and other agencies can help work with parents to help most children overcome their difficulties quickly and easily. But a number of children will need extra help for some or all of their time in school.

A child with a special educational need may have difficulty with:

- Some or all of the work in class
- Reading, talking, writing or mathematics
- Understanding and remembering information
- Expressing themselves
- Understanding others, relationships and how to form friendships

- Sensory perception or physical mobility
- Organising themselves
- Managing how they respond to situations

If you would like to discuss any concerns which you have about your child, then please arrange a meeting with your child's classteacher or Mrs Parker, SENDCO.