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St Joseph's Primary Rationale for Enhanced Provision

"But if anyone has the world's goods and sees his brother in need, yet closes his heart against him, how does God's love abide in him? Little children, let us not love in word or talk but in deed and in truth."

John 3: 17-18



Rationale for Providing an Enhanced Provision Setting for Pupils with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) at St Joseph's Catholic Primary School.

Introduction: The provision of an enhanced setting for pupils with high level Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) is effective in ensuring an inclusive and equitable educational environment. This rationale explores the reasons behind establishing such a setting within our school, emphasising the benefits for both the pupils with SEND and the broader school community.

1. Inclusivity and Equal Opportunities:

- An enhanced provision setting promotes inclusivity by recognising the diverse learning needs of all students, fostering a culture of equal opportunities for every learner.
- It ensures that pupils with SEND have access to tailored resources, strategies, and support systems, enabling them to participate actively in the learning process alongside their peers.

2. Individualised Learning Plans:

- The enhanced provision setting allows for the development and implementation of individualised education plans by teachers and Special Educational Needs Coordinator (SENDCo), catering to the unique needs and abilities of each pupil with SEND.
- Within an enhanced provision setting, pupils with SEND can access learning experiences which meet the needs of their EHCP and life skills which could be more challenging to provide within the mainstream classroom.
- Personalised learning strategies contribute to maximising the potential of pupils with SEND, enhancing their academic and social development.

3. Specialised Support Services:

- Establishing an enhanced provision setting enables the school to offer specialised support services, such as sensory support, occupational therapy, and mental health and wellbeing support, addressing the diverse needs of pupils with SEND.
- Where involved with a pupil, specialised support services contribute to creating an inclusive learning environment that acknowledges and accommodates the varying requirements of pupils with different types and levels of SEND.

4. Positive Impact on Whole-School Culture:

- The presence of an enhanced provision setting fosters a positive and inclusive whole-school culture, where diversity is celebrated, and pupils learn to appreciate and respect differences.
- It provides a setting for meeting individual needs within a mainstream school where pupils develop empathy, understanding, and social skills as they interact with their peers in the enhanced provision setting.
- Access to an enhanced provision setting for part of the pupils' school day provides a balance of inclusive education where they can learn, pray and play with their peers and also learn within an environment conducive to their more complex needs when a mainstream classroom may become overwhelming.
- The teaching team working within the enhanced provision setting focus on the core needs of the individual in line with their EHCP as well scaffolded access to the wider curriculum.

5. **Legal and Ethical Considerations:**

- Educational institutions are legally and ethically obligated to provide an inclusive education for all pupils, as highlighted in national and international laws and conventions, including the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (UNCRPD) and the Equalities Act 2010.
- The establishment of an enhanced provision setting aligns with these legal and ethical obligations, ensuring that the school complies with the principles of inclusivity and equal access to education.

6. **Parental and Community Engagement:**

- Providing an enhanced provision relies on active engagement with parents of pupils with SEND, fostering a collaborative relationship between the school and the community.
- Open communication channels and partnerships with parents contribute to a supportive network that enhances the overall well-being and development of pupils with SEND.

In conclusion, the establishment of an enhanced provision setting for pupils with SEND is a valuable step towards creating an inclusive and supportive educational environment. It not only addresses the diverse needs of pupils with SEND but also contributes to the overall enrichment of the school community by promoting understanding, empathy, equity and equal opportunities for all learners.