

## How is Special Education Needs funding spent?

There are two funding streams that the school receives.

Notional SEN funds are included in the school's budget and this money is used at the school's discretion. At St Joseph's we use this fund, together with other funding streams such as Pupil Premium Grant and EAL grant, to support children in the classroom. Much of this funding is spent on providing additional adult support within the classroom in order to enable one to one support or additional small group work. Children who are targeted by this funding will be on the SEN Register.

Top Up funds are additional funds that are provided for individual children because of their specific needs which require a greater level of support than can be expected to be provided from school funds.

If a child has an Education, Health Care Plan (EHCP) this may include additional funds. All funds received are used directly to support that pupil. The school is required to demonstrate how they have used those funds at the time of the Annual Review.

Occasionally a pupil may be awarded a Pupil Resource Agreement which is a sum of money to provide additional support. This fund is for one year but that can be extended. As with EHCP funds, the money must be used directly to support the pupil and the school is required to demonstrate how they have used those funds at the time of the Annual Review.