

SEND Sessions Episode 1

****Intro Music****

Hello, I'm Mr Keys and welcome to SEND Sessions.

This is a series of short videos that will inform you about what SEND is and how we can work together to get the best possible outcomes for the children. In today's quick episode, I am going to be talking to you about what SEND is. Well, SEND basically stands for Special Educational Needs and or Disabilities. And that can mean a whole range of things. Now, SEND in schools is broken up into 4 areas – which I'll put on the screen now.

Cognition and learning – the first area is cognition and learning. This includes things like moderate learning difficulties, or specific things like dyslexia or dyscalculia.

Communication and interaction – next is communication and interaction. This is where a child may have speech and language challenges or developmental language disorder.

Sensory and physical – next is sensory is physical. This includes vision, hearing and could be things like dyspraxia.

Social, emotional and mental health – and finally we have got social, emotional and mental health and this includes things like anxiety, ADHD, autism and things like that.

Around 12% of children across the country are identified as having special educational needs and or disabilities – and those children are placed on something called an SEND register. Some children are on in for a term, 2 terms – some are on it for their whole time in school. Some are on, then off and then back on. When I was at school, I was on the SEND register. These children are identified as having additional needs but it doesn't mean it is a barrier to what their outcomes could be in school. It means there is somebody in school (me!) who is looking out for them and working with families to ensure the best quality of education is given to them and the best outcomes are achieved.

I hope you have found this episode useful. The next SEND session will be all about SEN Support Plans – which are given to children who are placed on the SEND register.

If you want to know more about SEND at St. Bede's, click on our website link and have a look at the documents on there or feel free to get in touch with the office.

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