

# St. Catherine's Nursery and Primary School

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## Operational Plan 1: 2022-24 Specialist Provision in Mainstream Schools

Dear Parent,

As you may be aware, we are proud and privileged to have been allocated a Specialist Learning Class for Key Stage 1 & a Specialist Learning Class for Key Stage 2 pupils within St Catherine's. These Specialist Learning Classes are designed to cater for children who have specialist learning challenges. This is a fabulous facility to have in Strabane.

Pupils can be referred into the Specialist Learning Classes in consultation with the Education Authority from anywhere in the Strabane District Area.

The Education Authority is now seeking approval for the establishment of a further two Specialist Provision (Social Communication) classes at St Catherine's Primary School from 1 September 2024 or as soon as possible thereafter. This class will cater especially for children with Autism Spectrum Disorder challenges to their learning.



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The Education Authority, in consulting on this important issue, would welcome your comments on this proposal.

They warmly invite you to complete the online consultation survey,  
<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=IlBpSmv1qkKriLaXIL-gxMdfMkBHpw1DnoF06FKoXBFUQk5RUIhQMIQxTjNaUk9WV1k1Nkg4WkEyQy4u>

in the hope that these Specialist Learning Classes, funded by the Education Authority, will be established and will remain in the Strabane Area.

Please support this excellent provision for our little children in the Strabane Area.

The deadline for responses to this consultation is **Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> May 2024 @ 5pm.**

We thank you for your support in this matter.

Kind regards,

**Miss J Doherty**

(Head of Learning Support, St Catherine's Primary School)



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