

### Communications:

If you have a question issue at school e.g., iPad, booklist, times of opening etc. then please check out our website.

[www.goatstownetss.ie](http://www.goatstownetss.ie)

If you are concerned about a particular subject area, then please contact the subject teacher via email or by phoning the office:

[office@goatstownetss.ie](mailto:office@goatstownetss.ie) (01) 2964449.

If you are concerned about a specific issue such as anxiety or progress, then contact your child's clan tutor or year coordinator.

If you have a concern about the ASN support that your child is receiving, then please contact our ASN Coordinator Maireád.

[mkenedy@gaotstownetss.ie](mailto:mkenedy@gaotstownetss.ie)

### Further Information:

The information in this pamphlet is taken from the school's ASN Policy. The ASN policy provides a detailed overview of the roles and responsibilities of the school. It also contains useful information for parents and guardians.

Parents can also find further information on the NCSE website here: <https://ncse.ie/information-booklets-pamphlets-2>

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# Additional Support Needs (ASN)

A guide for families

Students with Additional Support Needs (ASN) may experience greater difficulties in accessing the school curriculum than their peers. They may also find it difficult to navigate complex social interactions as well as day-to-day school life.

In order to provide supports to children with ASN, it is vital that parents:

- Share any information, reports, or reports pending, from health professionals, and/or concerns regarding their child's development. Copies of professional reports should be provided to the school at the enrolment stage.
- Support the work of the school and keep the school informed of the progress and challenges they observe in their child's learning.
- Attend meetings arranged by subject teachers, or ASN team, when requested.
- Support the targets outlined in their child's support plans and engage with the school in relation to school based interventions and home-based activities.

Parents, upon signing the enrolment form, complete a section which confirms agreement that their child may avail of learning support if required during their time in Goatstown ETSS.

### **The supports that we offer:**

In common with all secondary schools, our school receives an allocation of teaching hours to support the needs of students with ASN.

### **Learning support may be offered through:**

- Targeted in-class support. This is the most common form of support available.
- Withdrawal from class for group support.
- Withdrawal from class for individual support.

### **The interventions which are offered include:**

- Literacy support.
- Numeracy support.
- Social support/ role play.
- Social and personal development.

The amount of support available to students is a function of the total allocation for ASN which the school receives from the National Council for Special Education (NCSE). The school will do its best to support the needs of students within the allocation provided to it. ASN staff use their professional judgement in allocating support to students.

### **Additional Support Needs Assistants:**

ASN Assistants have a specific role in looking after the care needs of some children in school. ASN Assistants are not allocated to individual children. The allocation of ASN Assistants to students is made on a needs basis, often using the recommendations in professional reports to identify those students most in need.

