



St. Andrew's CE  
Primary School

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## **SEND Information Report 2024-2025**

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### What was great and need to stay the same?

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- Using a new DSAT ILP format which includes more ambitious targets for the year ahead
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## Who helps Mrs Belcher to help our pupils?

Everyone at St. Andrew's wants to be able to make school as positive an experience for the pupils and the parents as possible from the fabulous lunchtime supervisors to our amazing administration team. Below are a few friendly people who have extra knowledge to help us out.



**Forest schools:** Forest Schools can help support a child's social and team building skills, confidence, problem solving skills, which can help pupils with all areas of their learning. Currently, pupils who are or have been LAC benefit from our Forest School provision. An after school club allows a broader group of children to benefit from this.

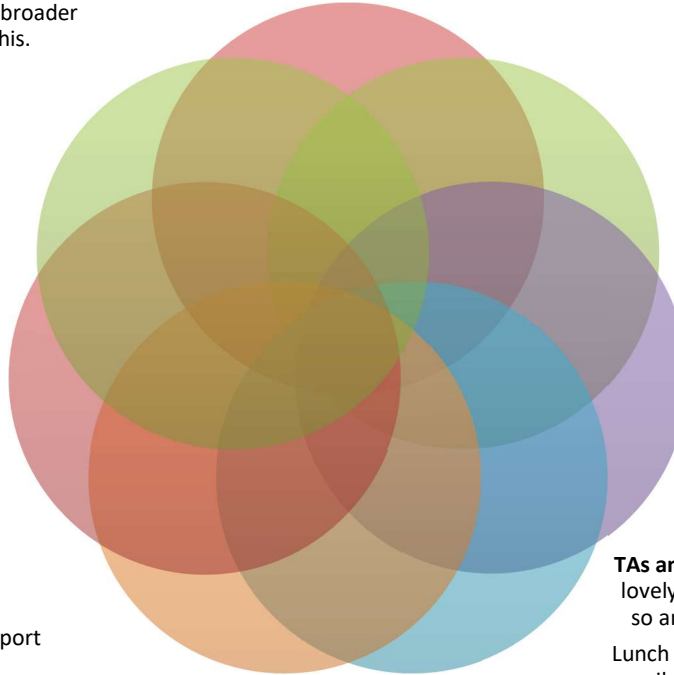
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### **Pastoral Support:**

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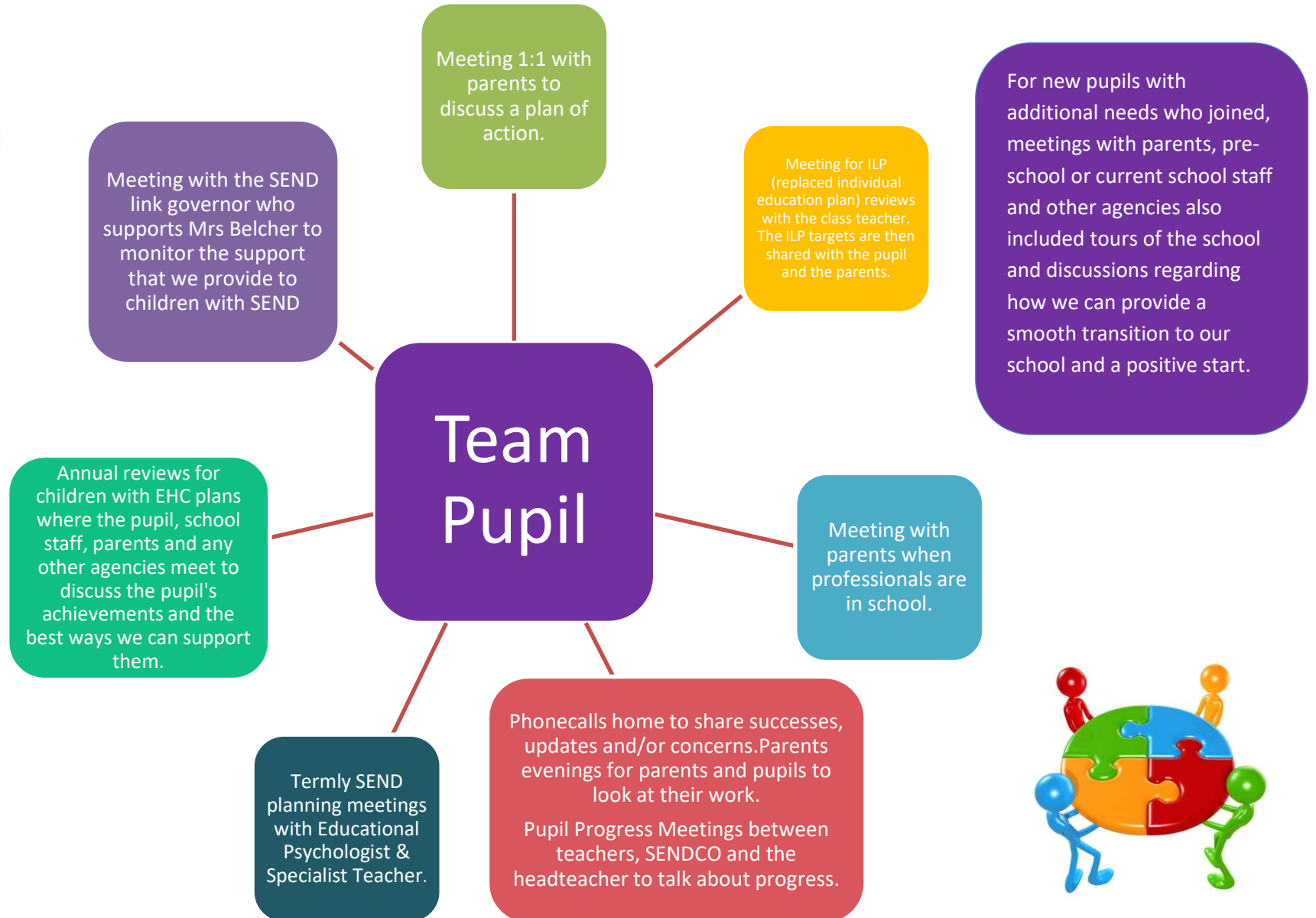
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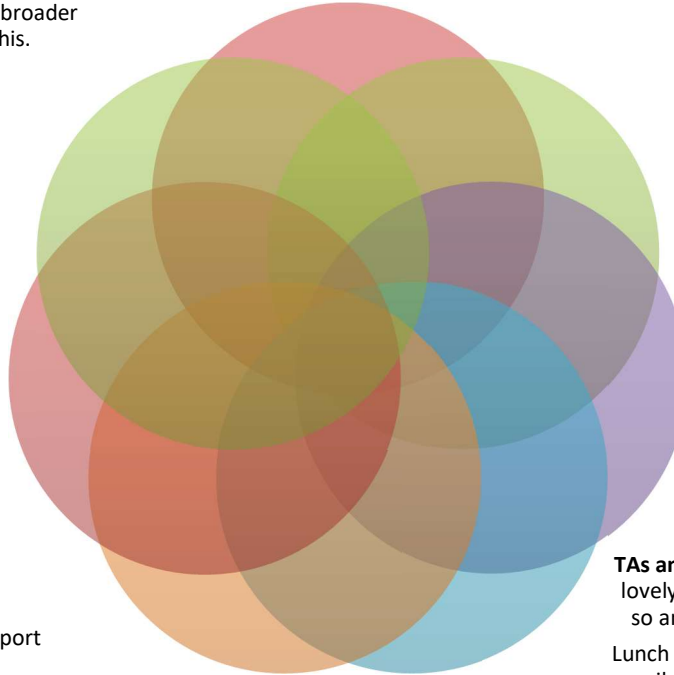
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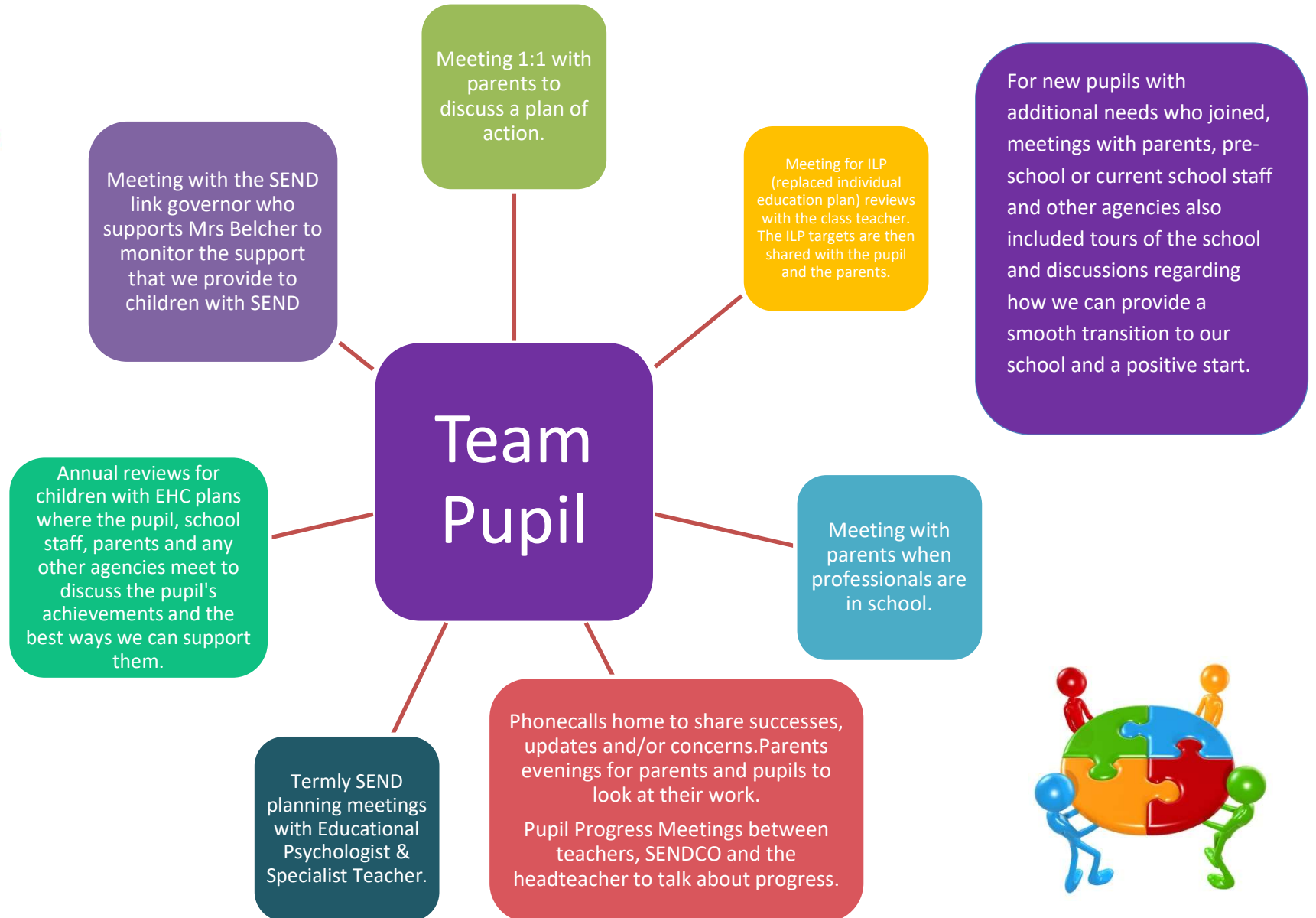
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