



# Hampton Junior School

## SEND Information Report

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## **SEND information report**

### ***How do I apply for my child to attend Hampton Junior School?***

As with all admissions, please refer to the school and borough policies and procedures found at

[http://www.richmond.gov.uk/home/services/children\\_and\\_family\\_care/schools\\_and\\_colleges/school\\_admissions.htm](http://www.richmond.gov.uk/home/services/children_and_family_care/schools_and_colleges/school_admissions.htm)

- We would encourage all parents of children with additional needs to visit the school and discuss your child's needs with the SENCo (**Miss Melissa Talbot**)
- It is important that all information regarding your child's needs are included in the school application. The SENCo will use this information to support a smooth transition in to the school.
- Once your child has been allocated a place by the local authority, the SENCo will contact you to plan your child's transition into our school. Where possible your child's previous school will be contacted to request further information about support, interventions and adaptations required.

When moving classes in school:

- Information will be passed on to the new class teacher in advance and in most cases a planning meeting will take place. All records will be shared with the new teacher and a meeting with the SENCo organised to identify support and provide advice.
- If your child would benefit from a transition book then this will be created for them. This will include pictures of their new class teacher, additional adults, their classroom and other relevant information.
- If your child is on the SEND register the staff will also have access to their IEP or SEND Support plan which outlines the child's strengths, needs and requirements.

Moving to secondary school:

- Your child's transition will be carefully planned and managed by staff from both schools. This will often involve additional visits and extra time with key members of staff from the secondary school.

### ***What types of SEND do we provide for?***

- Hampton Junior School is fully inclusive and a place where we always endeavour to meet the needs of children who attend. Children with additional needs are assessed and planned for individually and staff ensure that these plans are reviewed regularly. The school has supported children who have ADD, ADHD and Behaviour and Emotional difficulties. Support for staff is provided by the SENCo and also the Educational Psychologist and other professionals. Although we do not have a specialist provision, we have also supported children with Asperger and children on the Autistic spectrum. Children with Speech and Language difficulties have also been supported alongside guidance from our Speech and Language therapist.

***Who are the best people in the school to talk about my child's Special Educational Needs and disabilities or any concerns that I may have regarding their progress?***

- In the first instance it is always best to raise your concerns with your child's class teacher. Generally this will result in the class teacher discussing the concern with the SENCo and identifying possible next steps in supporting your child. The SENCo may suggest possible appropriate interventions, adaptations in class, assessments required or referrals needed. Following this parents may request a meeting with the SENCo to discuss further the concern and alternative resources that the school may be able to offer. In most cases, regular update meetings are required to monitor the progress of your child.

You can contact the SENCo by either telephone on 0208 979 2545 or by sending an email to [info@hampton-jun.richmond.sch.uk](mailto:info@hampton-jun.richmond.sch.uk).

***How do staff within the school support my child?***

*Class teachers input via excellent targeted classroom teaching also known as Quality First Teaching.*

For your child this would mean that:

- The teacher has the highest possible expectations for your child and all pupils in their class.
- Class Teachers plan lessons taking into account the needs of all groups of children in their class, starting with what they already know, can do and can understand.
- Teaching is adapted so that your child is fully involved in learning process. This may involve more practical learning and a high level of resources and equipment.
- Additional strategies may be put in place to support your child to learn.
- Class teachers may work with support staff to meet the needs of your child.
- Specific resources and strategies may be used to support your child individually or in groups.

The SEND Teacher

The SEND teacher focuses on supporting children whose progress is slow and may require additional support in ensuring that they reach their potential. This will occur through small group work and one to one teaching.

The SEND teacher will:

- Develop programmes and resources specifically for individual groups to meet their specific needs.
- Assess children at the start of the support to have a clear understanding of what they already know and what their next steps are.
- Inform class teachers about the learning process and the progress made.
- Read reports from outside professionals and use this to tailor the learning and strategies used

- Measured the impact of the support to ensure your child receives a high quality intervention.

The SENCo is responsible for:

- Coordinating all the support for children with Special Educational Needs or Disabilities (SEND) and developing the school's SEND Information report to make sure all children get a consistent, high quality response to meeting their needs in school.
- Ensuring parents are:
  - involved in supporting your child's learning
  - kept informed about the support your child is getting
  - involved in reviewing how they are doing
- Ensuring that your child is involved in setting and reviewing targets.
- Liaising with all the other people who may be coming into school to help support your child's learning e.g. Speech and Language Therapy, Educational Psychology, Physiotherapists etc.
- Updating the school's SEND register (a system for ensuring all the SEND needs of pupils in this school are known)
- Keeping up to date records of your child's progress, needs and personalised support.
- Providing specialist support for teachers and support staff in the school so they can help children with SEND in the school achieve the best progress possible.

The Headteacher is responsible for:

- The day to day management of all aspects of the school, this includes the support for children with SEND.
- She will give responsibility to the SENCo and class teachers but is still responsible for ensuring that your child's needs are met.
- She must make sure that the Governing Body is kept up to date about any issues in the school relating to SEND.

The SEN Link Governor makes sure that the necessary support is made for any child who attends the school who has SEND. The Link Governor for SEND at Hampton Junior School is Stacey Mills.

### **Learning Support Assistants**

Learning Support Assistants are extremely valuable members of staff who work with the class teachers to ensure all children are well supported and make progress across the curriculum. In class they support children in the following ways:

- Prepare additional resources to support learning
- Organise resources and support with visual displays
- Support children's concentration during lessons
- Teach children in smaller groups or on a one to one basis
- Help to monitor behaviour in class and support the schools behaviour policy
- Support children in the completion of work

- Facilitate the development of independence

### ***How will the school identify a child who may need additional support?***

If you, or a member of staff, have any concerns about your child's progress, or age appropriate development, a meeting will be arranged.

- Your child's progress is continually monitored by his/her class teacher.
- His/her progress is reviewed formally every term
- If your child is making poor progress and receiving a high level of additional support then a SEND Support plan may be written.
- At the end of each key stage (i.e. at the end of year 2 and year 6) all children are required to be formally assessed using Standard Assessment Tests (SATs). This is something the government requires all schools to do and the results are published nationally.
- In a small number of cases, advice and support from outside agencies may be requested.
- Following advice from outside agencies a request to the Local Authority for an Education Health Care Plan may be made.
- The progress of children with an EHC Plan is formally reviewed at an Annual Review with all adults involved with the child's education.

The stages of support in Hampton Junior School are:

1. Quality first teacher
2. Learning Support - children who require short term additional support in or out of class.
3. SEND Support – children who require a high level of support and intervention and who's progress is slow
4. Educational, Health and Care Plans / Statement - children with long term, complex and serve learning needs.

#### **Support within school**

- The SENCo supports class teachers in planning for children with SEND.
- The school has a training plan for all staff to improve the teaching and learning of children including those with SEND. This includes whole school training on SEND issues.
- Individual teachers and support staff attend training courses run by outside agencies that are relevant to the needs of specific children in their class.
- LSA's receive regular training to ensure they support children effectively across the school.
- Class teachers received support from outside providers where appropriate

Families and Schools are able to access the following additional external professionals through a referral process:

- Educational Psychologist
- Speech and Language Therapists
- Occupational Therapists
- School Nurse
- Multi-Sensory Support Services
- Educational Welfare Services

- Social Services
- Family Support Services
- Child Counsellors
- Primary Mental Health Services
- Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services
- Education Inclusion Team

### ***How does the school assess and review the progress of pupils with SEND?***

The school uses a well-established assessment system which allows all pupils to be tracked accurately throughout the year. During this time each child's progress is looked at individually during a pupil progress meeting which occurs termly. During this meeting, the teachers, SENCo and Headteacher look at the evidence of how much progress a child is making. If during this meeting, concerns around progress are raised then support and intervention are suggested to ensure the child reaches their end of year target. The SENCo is also responsible to keeping up to date tracking for all SEND children.

If a child attends additional interventions outside of the class then their progress within these sessions are also monitored through 1:1 assessments at the beginning and end of the term.

If a child is on the SEND register then they will also have an individual SEN support plan. These plans are reviewed each term and progress towards the outcomes identified. These documents are shared with parents during parent's evenings.

### ***What are the different types of additional support available for children with SEND?***

#### **Specific group work with in a smaller group of children.**

This group, often called Intervention groups by schools, may be

- Run in the classroom or outside.
- Run by a teacher or learning support assistant who has had training to run such groups.

For your child this would mean:

- He/ She will engage in group sessions with specific targets to help him/her to make more progress.
- A Learning Support Assistant/teacher or outside professional (e.g. a Speech and Language Therapist) will run these small group sessions using the learning plans and resources

The following are examples of interventions available at Hampton Junior School:

- Toe by Toe
- Numicon
- Yellow Box Comprehension
- Wellington Square Comprehension
- Rapid Maths

- Rapid Writing
- Power of 2 maths
- Units of Sound (Dyslexia resource)
- Phonics programme
- Social skills and Emotional literacy
- Counselling
- Drawing and Talking (drawing therapy)

The school also has a Nurture Provision which supports children with social and emotional difficulties. These children are often identified as being vulnerable and have difficulties in communicating effectively with their peers. The children are supported through a ‘Nurture Programme’ which uses activities such as art and play therapy to enhance their social skills and raise their self-esteem and confidence. The Nurture Provision is specifically designed to resemble a home environment which is calm and supportive.

### **How does the school evaluate the effectiveness of its SEND provision?**

Annually, the school completes a monitoring cycle which allows the SENCo to analyse the strengths of the SEND provision within the school and also create a clear action plan for future improvements. The monitoring includes:

- Class teacher observations
- Pupil observations
- Data review
- Pupil surveys and questionnaires
- Parent questionnaires
- Resources review
- LSA review

The allocated SEND governor also attends school once a term to review the progress of SEND children across the school and also monitor the effectiveness of the current SEND provision.

### **What other professionals can support my child?**

Specialist groups can be run by outside agencies e.g. Occupational therapist

For you child this will mean:

- Your child will have identified by the class teacher / SENCo (or you may have also raised the concern) as needing more specialist input instead of, or in addition to, quality first teaching and intervention groups.
- You will be asked to come to a meeting to discuss your child’s progress and help plan possible ways forward.
- You may be asked to give permission for the school to refer your child to a specialist service. This will help the school and yourself understand your child’s particular needs better and able to support them more effectively at school and at home.

- The specialist will work with your child to understand their needs and make recommendations, which may include:
  - Making changes to the way your child is supported in class
  - Support to set better targets which will include their expertise
  - A group run by staff under the guidance of the outside professional
  - A group or individual work with the outside professional.

This type of support is available for children with specific barriers to their learning that cannot be overcome through Quality First Teaching or intervention groups.

### **How are children with more long term, complex or severe needs supported at HJS ?**

This is usually provided via a Statement of Special Educational Needs or an Education, Health and Care Plan (EHCP). This means your child will have been identified by the class teacher/ SENCo as needing a particularly high level of individual or small group teaching which cannot be provided from the budget available to the school.

Usually your child will also need specialist support in school from an additional professional from outside the school e.g. occupational therapist, educational psychologist

- The school (or you) can request that the Local Authority carry out a statutory assessment of your child's needs. This is a legal process which sets out the amount of support that will be provided for your child.
- After the school have sent in the request to the Local Authority (with a lot of information about your child, including some from you), they will decide whether they think your child's needs (as described in the paperwork provided), seem complex enough to need a statutory assessment. If this is the case they will ask you and all professionals involved to write a report outlining your child's needs.
- After the reports have all been sent, the Local Authority will decide if your child's needs are severe, complex and lifelong. If this is the case they will write a Statement of Special Educational Needs or an EHC Plan. If this is not the case, they will ask the school to continue with the current support.
- The Statement or EHC Plan will outline the support your child will receive from the LA and how the support should be used and what strategies might be put in place. It will also have long and short term outcomes for your child.
- The additional adult may be used to support your child with whole class learning, run individual programmes or run small groups including your child.

This type of support is available for children whose learning needs are severe, complex and lifelong

### **How are any complaints regarding SEND managed?**

In the first instance, any concern about a child with SEND should be brought to the attention

of the SENCo (Melissa Talbot). In most cases, parents will meet with the SENCO and discuss their concerns and an agreed action identified.

If this is not the case, then parents are directed to the schools complaint policy which can be found on the school website. This document outlines the procedures that need to be followed in order to make a formal complaint.

### **How is SEND funded within school ?**

- The school budget, received from Richmond LA, includes money for supporting children with SEND.
- The Head Teacher decides on the budget for Special Educational Needs and Disabilities in consultation with the school governors, on the basis of needs in the school.
- The Head Teacher and the Inclusion Manager discuss all the information they have about SEND in the school, and decide what resources/training and support is needed.
- All resources/training and support are reviewed regularly and changes made as needed.
- Additional funding and resources may be available for children with more complex needs.
- A child with a Statement / EHC plan whose document statement includes 'top up funding' has the right to request a personal budget. A Personal Budget is an amount of funding allocated to meet the additional and individual support needs of the child or young person. The personal budget is allocated in recognition that the child or young person's support needs cannot be met in full by mainstream/universal or targeted services without an additional individual investment being made. Personal budgets may be provided from one, two or all three different funding streams: education, health and social care or from a single pooled fund. Whichever is the case, the personal budget will be holistic and used to support the achievement of the identified outcomes in the Education, Health and Care Plan. It will be possible for the family/parents to ask to have the personal SEN budget as a direct payment. In so doing, the parents will be responsible for the management and use of the money. Parents have the right to request a personal budgets but do not have the right to receive one. This would need to be discussed with the Inclusion Manager or case officer.

### **What policies should be read in conjunction with this policy?**

- Accessibility policy
- Medical policy
- Equal opportunities

**Useful websites for parents:**

[https://www.afcinfo.org.uk/local\\_offer](https://www.afcinfo.org.uk/local_offer) (Achieving for children's SEND Local Offer)

[www.sendfamilyvoices.org](http://www.sendfamilyvoices.org) (Richmond SEND Family Voice)

[www.kids.org.uk/richmond-and-kingston-sendiass](http://www.kids.org.uk/richmond-and-kingston-sendiass) (Richmond SEND information and advice service)

[www.richmond.gov.uk/send](http://www.richmond.gov.uk/send) (Richmond Borough SEND)

[www.richmond.gov.uk/family\\_support](http://www.richmond.gov.uk/family_support) (Family Support Service)

[www.dyslexiaaction.org.uk](http://www.dyslexiaaction.org.uk) (Dyslexia Support)

[www.carers.org/local-service/richmond](http://www.carers.org/local-service/richmond) (Young Carers support)

[www.richmond.gov.uk/childrens\\_centres](http://www.richmond.gov.uk/childrens_centres) (Sure Start Centres)

[www.rpcag.org.uk](http://www.rpcag.org.uk) (Parent Carers Action Group)

[www.accessinfoservice.com](http://www.accessinfoservice.com) (Access – Support and Advice for parents)

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