

Heathfield Schools' Partnership SEND Information Report

This document is intended to offer guidance on what we offer at Heathfield and is intended to provide clear, comprehensive and accessible information about our SEND provision.

We aim to:

- Do our best to ensure that the necessary provision is made for any individual who has SEND
- Cooperate with our local authority, Achieving for Children, in the 'Local Offer'
- Ensure that we have a designated member of staff responsible for coordinating provision for children with SEND
- Ensure that the children at Heathfield with SEND take part in all school activities
- Ensure that our admission arrangements do not discriminate against pupils with SEND or disabilities
- Prevent children with disabilities from being treated less favourably than other children

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Useful Information

SEND Policy

SEND: Guide for Parents

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/send-guide-for-parents-and-carers>

Achieving For Children Local Offer

https://www.afcinfo.org.uk/local_offer

This report complies with the following legislation:

Section 69 (2) of the Children and Families Act 2014

regulation 51 and schedule 1 to the Special Educational Needs and Disability Regulations 2014

section 6 of the 'Special educational needs and disability code of practice: 0 to 25 years'

What is the name of your education provision?
Heathfield Schools' Partnership Heathfield Nursery and Infant school and Heathfield Junior School federated in September 2014.
What is Special Educational Needs and Disability (SEND) Identification and Assessment?

A child or young person has SEND if they have a learning difficulty or disability which calls for special educational provision to be made for them. A child of compulsory school age or a young person has a learning difficulty or disability if they:

(a) have a significantly greater difficulty in learning than the majority of others of the same age; or

(b) have a disability which prevents or hinders them from making use of educational facilities of a kind generally provided for others of the same age in mainstream schools.

At times, the threshold for identifying SEND may need careful consideration and discussion. We work in collaboration with parents and other professionals and we follow guidance issued by the Local Authority. Parents are invited to speak with their child's Class Teacher in the first instance, if they have a concern about their child. These concerns will be shared with the Inclusion Manager. We operate an open door policy and parents are invited to make an appointment to see the Inclusion Manager if they are still concerned. A child may always have a Special Educational Need or may develop one for a period of time. Where this is the case, children are identified as having SEND when their progress has slowed or stopped and the interventions and resources put into place do not enable improvement. Behavioural difficulties do not necessarily mean that a child has SEND and do not automatically lead to a pupil being registered as such.

Identification and assessment

At Heathfield we monitor the progress of all children regularly to review their progress. We also use a range of other assessments when appropriate to monitor the progress of children with SEND such as the YARC (York Assessment of Reading Comprehension), Sandwell Early Numeracy Test, Helen Arkell Spelling Test 2 (HAST 2) and Read Write Inc. (RWI) Phonics Assessments.

What are the different levels of SEND?

Needs between children vary enormously and can change over time. The majority of children and young people with SEND will have their needs met within the school – effectively at ‘school level’. If a special educational need is identified, the child may require one of two levels of support.

SEN Support:

Where additional provision is required, the child will be added to our SEN Support Register. This is updated by the Inclusion Managers on a termly basis. Year group provision maps identify intervention offered to the child. We complete a SEN Support Plan for the child which is updated at least twice a year.

Education, Health and Care plans (EHCPs):

For some children, the special educational provision required to meet their needs cannot reasonably be provided from within the normal resources here at Heathfield. Where this is the case, in liaison with the family, the school will request that the local authority conducts an assessment of education, health and care needs and prepare an Education, Health and Care plan (EHCP). EHCPs must be focused on the outcomes the child or young person seeks to achieve across education, health and care. The plan will be based on a coordinated assessment and planning process which the child and their parents are at the centre of.

What does your education provision aim to achieve for children with SEND?

We have high expectations of our children with SEND and work in partnership with families to ensure they achieve their very best. We provide appropriate support to include children with SEND in all aspects of school life, giving them every opportunity to succeed. This involves a range of interventions to support children experiencing difficulties with maths, literacy, processing, memory, social skills and emotional or behavioural difficulties. Additional support is delivered by a dedicated team of Teaching Assistants and trained volunteers. We also involve outside agencies whenever appropriate and welcome conversations with parents about their child’s difficulties or the support they are receiving.

What is our current Ofsted rating and when was it received?

Heathfield Infant and Nursery School – Good (May 2016)
Heathfield Junior School – Good (October 2018)

Who does Heathfield provide for?

We welcome boys and girls aged 3 to 11. The SEN Code of Practice 2014 identifies four broad areas of need:

- Communication and Interaction including Autistic Spectrum Conditions
- Cognition and Learning including dyslexia
- Social, Emotional and Mental Health (SEMH) difficulties including Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD)
- Sensory and/or physical needs

We aim to meet the needs of children with SEND in all these areas.

We also have two specialist provisions on site:

- ASC (Autistic Spectrum Conditions) Provision (The Willow Centre)
- Junior SEMH Provision (“The Hub”)

What is the approximate size of Heathfield?

a. Mainstream Provision

Heathfield Nursery and Infant School – 388* children (October 2018)

Heathfield Junior School – 421* children (October 2018)

b. Additionally Resourced Provisions for children with a Statement/Education, Health and Care Plan (EHCP)

Infant ASC Provision – 18 full time places

Junior SEMH Provision – 4 full time places

c. Children with an Education, Health and Care Plan (EHCP)

Heathfield Nursery and Infant School – 16* children

Heathfield Junior School – 17* children

**included in these figures are children within our specialist provisions who all have an EHCP.*

d. Approximate number of children receiving SEN Support (October 2018)

Heathfield Nursery and Infant School – 16 children

Heathfield Junior School – 47 children

What additional provision is made for children with SEND at Heathfield?

All children are entitled to good quality first teaching within the classroom. We recognise that for some children additional support is necessary to compliment this. We use various assessments and informal and formal conversations to ascertain which support is best for each child. This is regularly reviewed to respond to the changing needs of each child.

Support may include:

- Additional phonic interventions for individuals and in small groups
- Additional maths support for individuals and in small groups
- Specialist SEND teaching
- Additional in class support
- Additional speech and language interventions
- Access to our sensory room
- On site nurture groups with access to our food technology areas and gardening spaces
- Additional therapy sessions on a small group or one to one basis
- Support to attend extracurricular activities
- Environmental adaptations are made as required (e.g. use of writing slopes, 'move and sit' cushions, consideration given to seating within the classroom)
- All children have equal access to our school trips, including residential trips and additional support is deployed as necessary (e.g. alternative activities offered)

The Inclusion Managers have overall responsibility for this process but the class teacher will be tracking effectiveness on a daily/weekly basis.

- All interventions and provisions are arranged by year group and are held in a document, which we call a 'Provision Map'
- The Provision Map is updated termly in year groups and informs the Inclusion Managers which children are receiving additional support or intervention
- If the intervention is shown to have an impact, it is likely that it will continue. If not, we need to investigate why not and either the child is given a more appropriate provision or the provision is adapted accordingly
- Monitoring by the Senior Strategy Team and SEND Governors
- Continual CPD and training opportunities for teachers and Teaching Assistants (e.g. Numicon, ELSA, Read Write Inc., Auditory Processing, Lego Therapy, ASC and ADHD awareness, Social Thinking).

How to we review the progress of pupils with special educational needs?

As with all children at Heathfield, progress is measured regularly by the class teacher or provision leader. Progress may be defined in academic terms or it may be progress in other areas. Whilst review is a continual process, it is formally reviewed every term in the following ways –

- *Assessment by class teacher/provision leader and/or support staff to identify current attainment*
- *Termly SEND Support meetings with the class teacher and parents to review progress*
- *Person Centred Annual Reviews for children with EHCPs which involve directly consulting with parents (prior to and during the meeting). Children are invited to take an active part in these meetings, attending and preparing for the meeting, creating a presentation, choosing the theme and refreshments and inviting a friend*
- *Parents' views are formally sought following an Annual Review via a questionnaire*
- *School staff will consider seeking external support if there is a lack of progress*
- *Reports and advice from outside agencies.*

Which external agencies do you liaise with to meet the needs of children with SEND within the school?

We liaise with a range of external agencies including:

- Educational Psychology Service
- Social Care teams
- Speech and Language Therapy
- Occupational Therapy
- Physiotherapy Service
- Medical Professionals including school nurse
- CAMHS (Child and Adolescent Mental Health Service)
- Creative Therapists (Art and Play Therapy delivered on site)
- Family Support Service
- Heathfield Children's Centre
- Education Inclusion Support Service

What transition arrangements are made for children with SEND?

- Early Years staff attend and Early Years transition meeting with local nurseries to gather information about children entering Nursery and Reception. Links with external agencies (e.g. Portage) support this process
- Information is gathered informally through home visits, visits to local nurseries and 'Stay and Plays'
- Early Years staff regularly attend Multiagency meetings with Heathfield Children's Centre
- The Federation supports transition for children with SEND between Early Years to Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 1 to Key Stage 2
- Fortnightly Inclusion team meetings across the Federation ensure that children's needs are well known prior to transition
- Meetings between current and future class teachers ensure that pertinent information is shared. This is supported by the class information folder which is passed up to the new teacher
- Children with SEND have an enhanced transition package, which includes weekly sessions, preparation of a transition passport and, where possible, additional visits to their next year group or secondary school
- Information about children with SEND is shared with Secondary schools through:
 - The SENCo liaison meeting
 - Meetings with individual secondary schools
 - Staff from Secondary schools visiting
 - External agency involvement.

Who should I contact if I have a compliment, concern or complaint about the education provision?

Both schools' complaints procedures are available on the school websites. In the first instance please contact the Executive Headteacher, Mr Paul Clayton
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 020 8894 4074/020 8894 3525

What can my local authority provide?

Heathfield Schools' Partnership's local authority is the London Borough of Richmond Upon Thames. They publish a 'local offer', which sets out information about provision that is available for children and young people in their area who have SEND.

The Local Offer is a website that provides information on local services and support available for families including children and young people aged 0 - 25 years with special educational needs or disabilities.

Local Offer website: www.afclocaloffer.org.uk

Email address for enquiries and feedback: sendlocaloffer@achievingforchildren.org.uk

Phone number for enquiries: 020 8547 4722

Other organisations

Parent carer forums are local groups of parents and carers of children and young people with disabilities who work alongside local authorities, education, health and other service providers to ensure the services they plan, commission, deliver and monitor meet the needs of children and families. They also offer support and advice to families from a parent point of view.

SEND Family Voices 07469 746145

KIDs Richmond and Kingston SEND Information, Advice and Support Service (SENDIASS)

<http://kids.org.uk>

020 8831 6179

Child and Adolescent Mental Health Service (CAMHS)

http://www.richmond.gov.uk/home/services/children_and_family_care/childrens_services_professionals/child_and_adolescent_mental_health_services.htm

Single Point of Access (Child Protection)

http://www.richmond.gov.uk/single_point_of_access

Council for Disabled Children

www.councilfordisabledchildren.org.uk

National Autistic Society

www.autism.org.uk

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