



Special Educational Needs and Disability (SEND) Information Report

A Brief description of The Livity School

The Livity School Is a Primary Special School for pupils aged 2-11

This school educates: -

Pupils with Severe Cognition and Learning Difficulties

Pupils with Profound and Multiple Learning Difficulties

Pupils with Complex Medical Needs

As well as severe cognition and learning difficulties many pupils have additional disabilities including: -

Sensory Impairments

Autism

Communication and Interaction Difficulties

Physical Disabilities

Epilepsy

Medical Needs

Any associated behavioural needs are addressed by the school in a positive way.

The school building which was completed in Spring 2013 is purpose built to meet the needs of all pupils with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) who attend The Livity School. The building is fully accessible to children with physical disabilities via ramps and lifts. We also have ceiling hoists in classrooms, specialist spaces, changing rooms and our hydrotherapy pool. For those areas without ceiling hoists, we have manual hoists available.

The school has two sensory rooms, a soft play room, a large hall, two outdoor play areas, a sensory garden, a cookery room and a hydrotherapy pool. Our classrooms have sockets which enable pupils to control equipment via a switch. All KS1 and KS2 classrooms have a small sensory area and access to a terrace area which is partially open to the elements.

Admissions are made via the Local Authority SEN department.

All Lambeth maintained schools have a similar approach to meeting the needs of pupils with Special Educational Needs and are supported by the Local Authority to ensure that all pupils, regardless of their specific needs, make the best possible progress in school. All schools are supported to be as inclusive as possible, with the needs of pupils with a Special Educational Need and Disability being met in a mainstream setting wherever possible, where families want this to happen.

The information below details the offer within the school and ways in which parents, children and young people may access the support required.

A. PEOPLE WHO SUPPORT CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL EDUCATIONAL NEEDS AND DISABILITIES IN THIS SCHOOL:

People	Summary of responsibilities
<p>Headteacher and Assistant Headteachers</p>	<p>Making sure that the school has appropriate provision and has made necessary adaptations to meet the needs of all children in the school.</p> <p>Making sure that the school's funding is appropriately spent.</p> <p>Making sure that the necessary support is made for any child who attends the school who has SEND.</p> <p>Making sure that the school's curriculum is appropriate to meet the needs of pupils with SEND.</p> <p>Making sure that all children have access to good/outstanding teaching and that the curriculum is adapted to meet your child's individual needs (known as adaptive teaching).</p> <p>Monitoring the progress of your child and identifying, planning and delivering any additional help your child may need with the class and multidisciplinary team.</p> <p>Making sure that all members of staff working with your child in school are aware of your child's individual needs and/or conditions and what specific adjustments need to be made to enable them to be included and make progress.</p>



Class Teacher	<p>Making sure that all staff working with your child in school are supported in delivering the planned work/program for your child, so they can achieve the best possible progress. This may involve the use of additional adults, outside specialist help and specially planned work and resources.</p> <p>Making sure that all staff working with your child in school are trained in any health program/care plans required.</p> <p>Coordinating with all the professionals who come into school to help support pupils and who may input into your child's learning e.g. speech and language therapy, educational psychology, physiotherapy and occupational therapy.</p> <p>Providing specialist support for teachers and support staff in the school so they can help your child (and other pupils with similar SEND in the school) to achieve their potential.</p> <p>Supporting your child's class teacher to write Personal Learning Intention Maps (PLIMs) that specify the targets set for your child to achieve.</p> <p>Preparing an Education, Health and Care Plan (EHCP) where needed.</p> <p>Organising training for staff so they are aware and confident about how to meet the needs of your child and others within our school including training in different teaching strategies, appropriate to meeting the differing needs.</p> <p>Ensuring that all the necessary pupil plans are in place and reviewed including their EHCP and PLIMs.</p> <p>Writing PLIMs and sharing these with parents termly and planning them for the next term.</p> <p>Making themselves and their class staff fully aware of the needs of all the pupils in their class.</p> <p>Coordinating all the day to day support for the children with SEND, to make sure all the children get a consistent, high quality response to meeting their needs in school.</p> <p>Making sure that they use strategies and interventions which will best meet the individual needs within their class.</p> <p>Making sure that you are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Fully involved in supporting your child's learning.Kept informed about the support your child is receiving.Fully involved in reviewing how your child is progressing.Fully involved in planning your child's support. <p>Liaising with all the other professional who may be coming into school to help support your child's learning.</p>
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<p>Teaching Assistants (TAs)</p>	<p>Working within classes, alongside and at the direction of the class teacher to offer the support that children require to access their education throughout the day.</p> <p>Supporting pupil's personal care needs.</p> <p>Carrying through a variety of educational, physical or medical needs for example some TAs are trained to administer a gastrostomy feed, or to use specialist physiotherapy equipment with a child, others are trained in PECs communication.</p> <p>Alongside the class teacher, taking responsibility for providing parents and carers with daily information.</p>
<p>The Governing Body</p>	<p>The day-to-day management of all aspects of the school, this includes the support for children's SEND.</p> <p>Delegating this responsibility to the Headteacher and class/subject teachers but they are still responsible for ensuring that your child's needs are met and that they make the best possible progress.</p> <p>Making sure that they are kept up to date about all issues in the school relating to SEND.</p>
<p>Who to go to for information</p>	<p>Should you require specific information on your child's progress towards their educational targets, please request a discussion with your child's class teacher. A child may receive support from a number of adults, and a conversation with the class teacher will give you a fuller picture than may be obtained from any single supporting adult. Should you require any information about the provision being given to your child please ask to speak to the Headteacher. If you wish to discuss a health issue please ask to speak to the appropriate health professional. As a school we welcome regular dialogue between parents and all staff on how a child's day has been and we do actively encourage this continued feedback.</p>



B. HOW COULD MY CHILD GET HELP IN SCHOOL?

The children in school will get support that is specific to their individual needs. This will be provided by the class teacher in conjunction with any appropriate external service, for example:

- Staff who will visit the school from the Local Authority central services such as the Sensory Services (for students with a hearing or visual need).
- Staff who visit from outside agencies such as the Speech and Language Therapy (SALT) Service, Physiotherapy, Occupational Therapy.

What are the different types of support available for all children, children with SEN and /or disabilities in this school?

The Children attending the Livity School are those who require specialist input and therefore they enter the school with an Education, Health and Care Plan (EHCP). This plan brings together in one document all of the educational health and social care needs that your child may have. The school must make its best endeavours to put in place the support identified in the plan. The progress your child makes with the support identified will be regularly reviewed and changed according to the progress your child makes.

Obtaining an EHCP is a legal process and you can find full details about this in the Local Authority (LA) based Local Offer, Lambeth web site at www.younglambeth.org.



Types of support provided	What would this mean for your child?	Who can get this kind of support?
<p>Class teacher input via exemplary classroom teaching.</p>	<p>The teacher will have the highest possible expectations for your child and all the pupils in their class. All teaching is based on building on your child's interests, what your child already can do and can understand. Putting in place different ways of teaching so that your child is fully involved in learning in class. This may involve using more practical sensory learning and could involve providing different resources adapted for your child. Putting in place specific strategies (which may be suggested by professionals from the MDT) to enable your child to access their learning tasks. This will include support from teaching assistants to help with your child's learning and care.</p>	<p>All children in school receive this.</p>
<p>Outside agencies such as: Speech and Language Therapy (SALT) service Occupational Therapy service Physiotherapy School Nursing Outreach Team / Sensory Services (for pupils with a hearing or visual need)</p>	<p>The multidisciplinary team will plan interventions to support your child's learning with you. These interventions will have clear targets to measure their impact on your child. The interventions will alter from child to child and at different times according to their need. They may include small group work or individual sessions with professionals or trained class staff. Where small group work / individual work is identified, professionals will provide targets or programs for each child, provide training for them and monitor class staff who will carry through the work regularly. You will always be involved in decisions about how the other professionals work with your child. You will be provided with the contact details for any agencies or services outside the school that are or will be working with your child.</p>	<p>As the pupils at The Livity School are those with severe and complex learning needs that are potentially lifelong, the majority of pupils in the school receive input from professionals within the multi-</p>



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	<p>You will be an active partner in referrals and discussions with agencies and professionals providing a specific intervention.</p>	<p>disciplinary team. These needs are usually identified in a child's Education and Health Care Plan</p>
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How will we support your child with identified SEND starting at school?

The Livity School will receive your child's EHCP from the LA SEN team.

The Headteacher / Assistant Headteachers / Multi-disciplinary team will consider if the school can meet your child's specific needs and if a place is available.

If there is a possibility that The Livity School would be an appropriate school for your child, you will be invited to visit the school with your child to have a tour of the school and to speak to a Senior Leader.

The Livity School may need to spend some time with you and your child to effectively assess if the school could meet your child's needs.

If it is felt that it would be an appropriate placement, The Livity School will inform the SEN department of the LA and parent / carers.

If other professionals are involved, a multi-disciplinary meeting will be held to discuss your child's needs, share strategies used and ensure provision is put in place before your child starts.

If your child is in Early Years a key person may make a home visit and also visit your child if they are attending another provision.

You will be asked to attend school with your child on their first day of school and you may need to stay longer to help your child settle in school and for our school staff to be trained in any specific needs your child may have.

Following the settling in period, you will be able to meet with your child's class teacher to review your child's learning and progress.

The staff will then hold regular meetings in school to monitor the progress of your child and invite you into school to discuss their progress.



How can I let the school know I am concerned about my child's progress in school?

If you have any concerns we recommend you speak to your child's class teacher initially and at the earliest opportunity.
If you are not happy that the concerns are being managed and feel that your child is still not making progress you should speak to the Headteacher.
If you are still not happy you can speak to the Chair of Governors.

How will the school let me know if they have any concerns about my child's learning in school?

The teacher will discuss your child's progress with you at our parents' evenings when you will be informed of your child's progress and the additional support being given.
If your child is still not making expected progress the school will discuss with you:

- Any concerns you may have.
- Any further interventions or referrals to outside professionals to support your child's learning.
- How we could work together, to support your child at home/school.

If you have raised a concern, the school will invite you in to discuss it and plan a way forward.

Who are the other people providing services to children with SEN in this school?

Directly funded by the school	Additional speech and language therapy input to provide a higher level of service to the school Additional physiotherapy input to provide a higher level of service to the school Additional occupational therapy input to provide a higher level of service to the school Educational psychology Movement therapy Whippersnappers music and drama for Early Years
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<p>Paid for centrally by the Local Authority but delivered in school</p> <p>Provided and paid for by the Health Service</p>	<p>Skilled teaching assistants trained in manual handling A specialist music teacher A specialist dance teacher</p> <p>Sensory Service for children with visual or hearing needs Parent Partnership Service (to support families through the SEN processes and procedures). CENMAC</p> <p>School nurse Speech and language therapy Occupational therapy Physiotherapy</p> <p>The contact details for the support services can be found on the Lambeth Local Offer website www.younglambeth.org The Lambeth Local Offer website contains full information of the services available to children, young people and their families under the Lambeth Local Offer,</p>
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How are the adults in school helped to work with children with SEND and what training do they have?

It is the job of the Headteacher, Assistant Headteachers, and Middle Leaders to support the class teachers in planning for children with SEN, however the whole of The Livity School is focused around meeting the needs of pupils with SEND.

The school has a school development plan, including identified training needs for all staff to improve the teaching and learning of children including specific specialisms within SEND. This includes whole school training/ focused group and individual training.

Whole staff training is used to disseminate knowledge, strategies and experience, to ensure consistency of the school's approach for children with SEND.

Individual teachers and support staff attend training courses run by outside agencies that are relevant to the needs of specific children in their class. e.g. communication systems training, sensory service or medical / health training to support staff in implementing care plans.

Individual training for an identified staff member linked with the needs of a child with SEND or identified through the school's performance management process.

Training takes place on a regular basis. If you would like to hear about the training which is currently taking place or has taken place by the staff members in the school, please speak to the Headteacher.

How will the teaching be adapted for my child with SEND?

Class teachers plan lessons according to the specific needs of all the groups of children in their class and will ensure that learning tasks are adapted to enable your child to access their learning as independently as possible.

Specially trained support staff can implement the teachers planning to support the needs of your child where necessary.

Specific resources and strategies will be used to support your child individually, in groups and in the classroom so that they can learn most effectively and where necessary to be included in the full life of the school.

Planning and teaching will be adapted on a daily basis if needed to meet your child's learning needs and increase your child's access to what is on offer.



How will we measure the progress of your child in school? And how will I know about this?

Your child's progress is continually monitored by their class teacher. Their progress towards their termly PLIMs targets is assessed every term using the MAPP assessment tool. Evidence of their progress and work is recorded using The Evidence for Learning app. This is shared with parents at the end of every term.

Their progress towards their pathway overview assessment is baselined in the Autumn term and again assessed towards the end of the Summer term. These overview assessments are as below:

- Early Years (Developmental Journal)
- Informal Curriculum (Routes for Learning)
- Semi-Formal Curriculum (Livity Steps)
- Formal Curriculum (Progression Profile) for a few learners

Their progress will be reported to you at parents' evenings and at annual review meetings.

The progress of children with an EHC Plan is formally reviewed at an annual review with all adults, including parents, involved with the child's education.

A range of ways will be used to keep you informed, which may include:

- Home/school contact book
- Letters/certificates sent home
- Additional meetings as required
- Annual Reviews



What support do we have for you as a parent of a child with SEN/and disabilities?

- We would like you to talk to your child's class teacher regularly so we know what they are doing at home and we can tell you about what we are doing in school. This is to ensure that we are doing similar things to support them both at home and school and can share what is working in both places.
- The Headteacher is available to meet with you to discuss your child's progress or any concerns/worries you may have.
- All information from outside professionals will be discussed with you by the person involved directly, or where this is not possible, in a report.
- PLIMs will be reviewed with your involvement each term.
- Home learning will be adjusted as needed to your child's individual needs.
- A home/school contact book will be used to support communication with you.

In addition:

- We regularly hold workshops for parents on a variety of topics, which are often suggested by parents. These can range from; using Makaton and symbol communication, toilet training and advice on direct payments
- We organise events for parents where they can come have coffee and meet and discuss issues of their choice with other parents.
- The PLIMs will include ideas for how you can support your child at home.
- The external professionals involved with your child will be happy to meet with you on request.
- Our Inclusion Coordinator is available to speak to you about specific strategies / resources that might help at home
- The Parent and Carers section of our website includes ideas of ways in which you can support your child with learning,
- Our Classlist app is another way you are able to stay in communication with school and upcoming events.
- We send home a weekly newsletter celebrating the pupil's week in school and this lists all upcoming events and news.
- We will be happy to consider any ideas in order to support your child



How have we made this school physically accessible to children with SEND?

The Livity School is a purpose-built school which was opened in Spring 2013

All of the school is accessible to children with physical disability via ramps and lifts.

The school has two sensory rooms and a soft play room.

The school has a ceiling hoist accessible, hydrotherapy pool.

The school has either ceiling tracking hoists or mobile hoists throughout.

The school has a number of changing areas and disabled toilets.

Classrooms have sockets which enable pupils to control equipment via a switch

All KS1 and KS2 classrooms have small sensory areas and also access to terrace areas which are partially open to the elements

The school has staff trained to suit children with a range of needs.

The specialised provisions provide space for the identified needs for children with these difficulties e.g. workstations for children with ASD.

The staff working in the specialised provisions are highly trained in these areas.



How will we support your child when they are leaving this school?

We recognise that 'moving on' can be difficult for a child with SEND and take steps to ensure that any transition is as smooth as possible.

If your child is moving to another school at year six:

We hold the year five annual review meeting early on in the Autumn term and explain the transition process then.

The school has a transition program of work for those pupils in year six and incorporates exploring the similarities and differences between the schools, including making a book about Livity and the new school, exploring the different uniform, staff and buildings.

We welcome visits from the receiving school staff.

We will hold a transitional year six annual review meeting with parents and key staff from the secondary school.

We will make sure that all records about your child are passed on as soon as possible.



GLOSSARY OF TERMS

ASD	Autistic Spectrum Disorder
CENMAC	Centre for Motor and Associated Communication Handicaps
EHCP	Education and Health Care Plan
EP	Educational Psychologist
OT	Occupational Therapist
PHYSIO	Physiotherapist
PLIMs	Personal Learning Intention Maps
PMLD	Profound and Multiple Learning Difficulties
MAPP	Mapping and Assessing Personal Progress
MDT	Multi-Disciplinary Team
SALT	Speech and Language Therapist
SEN	Special Educational Needs
SEND	Special Educational Needs and or Disabilities
SEN Code of Practice	The legal document that sets out the requirements for SEN
SLD	Severe learning Difficulties