

SEND Support for Your Child at Park Hill Junior School

Our job is to help your child achieve the very best they can at school. You know your child best and you may feel that they may need some additional support for some or all of their time at school.

This booklet is to inform you of the types of support available for your child at Park Hill Junior School. It will help you understand who can help and how this support can be accessed.

In School Support

All pupils in school receive quality first teaching. This means that a range of teaching and learning styles are used and that appropriate learning objectives are set for all children with a curriculum matched to their needs.

All our classes are supported by a Year Group Learning Support Assistant and pupils are also offered additional one-to-one intervention, small group work or catch up programmes where needed.

Progress & Attainment

The progress and attainment of all pupils is reviewed every half term by staff at PHJS, at which time provision may be adjusted to meet identified needs.

You will be informed about your child's progress and targets at the Consultation Evenings.

Identifying SEND

If a child continues to have difficulty after intervention or has a high level of difficulty when they join us, they may be considered to have special educational needs (SEND) and placed on the SEND register. Parents will be informed of this.



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Children with SEND have learning difficulties and/ or physical disabilities which make it harder for them to learn than most children of the same age. They will need extra support or different help, e.g. modified tasks, additional equipment, extra time or breaks in formal assessments. Schools and other agencies can help most children overcome their difficulties relatively quickly and easily. However, a few children will need extra help for some or all of their time in school.

Possible Difficulties

This means that they may have difficulty with:

- Some or all of the work in school
- Reading, writing or mathematics
- Understanding information
- Expressing themselves
- Understanding others
- Organising themselves
- Sensory perception or physical mobility
- Managing their behaviour
- Making friends or relating to adults

Transitions

At PHJS every effort is taken to ensure transition times are successfully managed. Close liaison with the Infant school for children transferring from Year 2 to Year 3 is a high priority as is our hand over of children who have additional needs from PHJS to secondary school.

External Advice

We may seek appropriate external advice from:

- Speech and language therapists
- Visual/ Hearing impairment teachers
- Health professionals
- Educational psychologists
- CAMHS - Child and Adolescent Mental Health Service
- Occupational Therapists



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Contacts

In School Contacts

We have a highly experienced team of staff who may be involved in supporting your child at Park Hill Junior School. These include:

- Your child's teacher, who will always make sure that tasks set are appropriate and accessible for your child. They are available to you at the end of a school day, though you may have to arrange a mutually convenient time in advance.
- Learning Support Assistants, who support all pupils in class. LSAs also help to support groups and individual children with their learning.
- Our School Counsellor - Tara Green, who works with children who may be experiencing a particular period of trauma or emotional difficulty, self-esteem and support including help with friendships and behaviour.

Key Contacts

- The SEND Lead Teacher - Clara Waxer - who co-ordinates the provision of SEN in the school.
- The Inclusion Manger - Catherine Penn - who holds the National Award for Special Educational Needs Co-ordination.
- Dee Heron, our Local Advisor (Governor) responsible for SEND works with the SEND Lead Teacher regarding SEND provision.

Out of School Contacts

If you want advice from professionals outside school you may find the following numbers useful:

- Croydon Parent In Partnership Service (PIP)
-Tel: 020 8663 5626 www.pipcroydon.com
- SEND Support - providing support, information and advice for parents of children with Special Educational Needs - SENDIASS - 0208 684 2878
- Croydon Council: 0208 726 6000
- Croydon Families Service Directory is also a great website to find information about local services and support/ advice:
<http://www.familyspacecroydon.co.uk/>
- We have based our school offer on Croydon Council's Local offer, which can be found at: <https://localoffer.croydon.gov.uk/>

