



"Every Achievement Counts"

Greenmead Primary School's SEND Information Report

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Greenmead Primary School is a Wandsworth maintained special school and will therefore follow guidance and advice from Wandsworth LA. Services in other Local Authorities may have different processes to follow.

SEND Code of Practice

The Special Educational Needs Code of Practice 2014 (updated April 2020) states that a child or young person has SEN if they have a learning difficulty or disability which calls for special educational provision to be made for him or her. A child of compulsory school age or a young person has a learning difficulty or disability if he or she has a significantly greater difficulty in learning than the majority of others of the same age or has a disability which prevents or hinders him or her from making use of facilities of a kind generally provided for others of the same age in mainstream schools.

Pupils' views – SEND Code of Practice 2014/Pupils and Families Act 2014

The views, wishes and feelings of the child or young person must be regarded as well as the importance of the child or young person and the child's parents' participation as fully as possible in decisions and be provided with the information and support necessary to enable participation in those decisions. Regard must be given to the support that is needed by the child or young person and their parents to facilitate the development of the child or young person and to help them achieve the best possible educational and other outcomes, preparing them effectively for adulthood. These principles are designed to support the participation of children, their parents and young people in decision making, the early identification of children and young people's needs and early intervention to support them, greater choice and control for young people and parents over support, collaboration between education, health and social care services to provide support, high quality provision to meet the needs of children and young people with SEN with a focus on inclusive practice and removing barriers to learning and successfully preparing children and young people for adulthood, including independent living and employment.

Our Mission Statement at Greenmead Primary School

At Greenmead Primary School, we focus on our pupils and what they can do now. Through close working relationships with families and the multi-disciplinary team around the pupil, we develop ambitious and meaningful expectations. Pupils at Greenmead work hard and we celebrate every single achievement.

We aim for all of our pupils to leave Greenmead as confident, independent life-learners who are able to express themselves and their choices, are problem-solvers and who can contribute to the community in which they live and learn.

We provide a friendly, supportive and safe environment with a climate of trust, honesty and positivity. Our new state-of-the-art building is co-located with our mainstream partner school Ronald Ross Primary School, creating novel opportunities for integration and development for all.

Greenmead School caters for pupils with a range of complex physical disabilities, severe and/or profound learning difficulties with additional communication needs. We continue to be recognised as an innovative centre that provides Outstanding outcomes for all pupils.

Our Values

As a school we embed our 5 key values across the school when planning and providing for our pupils and engaging with their families, staff, multi-disciplinary professionals and our local community.

They are known as the 5Cs;

Care, Communication, Community, Collaboration, Curriculum

Frequently Asked Questions

1	How will I know that Greenmead School is meeting my child's needs?	<p>Greenmead values an open and honest relationship with all parents/carers as you know your child best. You will have daily contact from the class team via your child's home/school diary but you are also more than welcome to phone the school office and leave a message and the class teacher will get back to you as soon as they can. You can also email your child's class lead although emails will only be answered during working hours. You can request appointments with the class teacher whenever you feel the need to. We have a range of therapists and the school nurse working as part of a multi-disciplinary team and you can contact them via the school office or via email. If you have further concerns you can contact the Clinical Lead who oversees therapy or the Headteacher who oversees health and the educational provision.</p> <p>You will formally be invited to 3 parents' evening events over the year to discuss your child's progress and agree MDT IEP targets. Your child will have their EHCP review meeting annually or bi-annually if they are under 5 years old, where you, your child, the class teacher, therapists, school nurse and a member of the school leadership team are invited to attend. This is chaired by a member of the school leadership team, usually the Headteacher or Deputy Headteacher but may also be the pathway lead. This is an opportunity to celebrate your child's progress and achievements against their learning outcomes as agreed at their previous review meeting. Before the EHCP review meeting you will be sent a report from the class teacher and reports from any therapy your child is receiving. The class teacher's report will include an evaluation of your child's outcomes and the progress and achievements in these. Your child's outcomes are evaluated, reviewed and revised each term and measured against school assessment tools.</p>
2	How will the curriculum be matched to my child's needs?	<p>We offer a creative, personalised curriculum which takes into account the different learning styles, abilities and possible pathways. We aim to give the pupils a curriculum that is broad, engaging and meaningful. The aim of the curriculum is to teach pupils the skills and knowledge they will need for life beyond Greenmead School and to give them the confidence to be an active part of their community where they are able to express themselves, make choices and be able to make individual achievements by having effective problem-solving and communication skills.</p> <p>With the range of learners in our school we believe that there is no 'one size fits all' approach to teaching, learning and techniques for all pupils. There can therefore be no one curriculum which is suitable for all the pupils which is why our curriculum is divided into different learning pathways. It is also important that we are reflective about 'why we do what we do' in our everyday practice. Whatever we deliver in our classroom practice must be relevant and meaningful to the pupils in our school.</p> <p>Targets for pupils' learning are firstly based on individual pupil strengths, barriers to learning and developmental next steps. These are assessed by the class teachers and therapists and together with parents form the basis of EHCP/IEP targets. The curriculum is delivered through a thematic approach. Each half term there is a whole school theme and all areas of learning encompass the theme.</p> <p>The school is divided into 3 pathways including;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sensory Pathway • Semi-formal Pathway • Formal Pathway <p>We have found that this is the most effective way to ensure that the classroom environment and programmes of learning can be organised and delivered to meet every pupil's individual needs in a way which enables all pupils to make outstanding progress and achievement.</p>

The organisation of our classes is evident in the way that:

- Each class is equipped and organised to meet the specific needs of pupils within
- Appropriate staff teams are allocated annually and specific training provided where required
- The classroom environment can be specifically designed and organised to best meet the needs of the pupils within it
- Routines can be designed, established and embedded which are appropriate to the needs of the pupils within them (e.g. snack times, toileting, communication strategies such as visual timetables and objects of reference)
- Appropriate communication strategies can be established and embedded which are at an appropriate level, accessible and valued for the pupils within the class
- The specific programmes for distinct groups of learners can be better implemented
- The curriculum for each pathway is clear about its intent and implementation and information about this can be found on the school website and in each pathway policy.

RE/British Values is celebrated as a whole school at various times in the year including;

- Whole school achievement assemblies
- Charity events (Foodbank, Pupils in Need, Shoebox Project, etc)
- Cultural themes such as Festivals
- FOG events
- Annual sports day

Curriculum Pathways and Offer

EYFS Pathway

Areas of learning covered include:

- Communication, Language and Literacy
- Physical Development
- Personal and Social Development
- Expressive Arts and Design
- Understanding of the World

Sensory Pathway

Areas of learning covered include:

- Communication
- Cognition
- Social, Emotional and Mental Health
- Attention and Focus
- Physical Development

The Sensory pathway is a pre-subject specific curriculum where pupils access a skills based curriculum with a communication focus on core vocabulary (more/finished/yes/no/me) within a total communication approach. Supporting Social, Emotional and Mental Health as a priority through building meaningful relationships. This pathway uses the engagement model (DfE July 2020).

Semi-formal Pathway

Areas of learning covered include:

- Communication and Language
- Literacy
- Cognition
- PE/Physical Development
- Topic
- PSED

At Greenmead Primary School, we focus on our children and what they can do now. This is the foundation upon which all pathways build. In the Semi-Formal pathway, learning opportunities are focused around the following;

- Supporting Personal, Social and Emotional Development (PSED) as a priority through building meaningful relationships.
- Developing 'readiness to learn' through supporting regulation.
- Establishing and embedding formalised communication to access learning opportunities as well as social communication.
- Providing exciting and varied learning opportunities and experiences which inspire our pupils to engage with the world around them, promoting curiosity and a desire to learn.
- Developing engagement and starting subject specific study where appropriate for pupils.
- Building on play skills: exploratory, parallel, shared and turn taking.
- Learning how to care for ourselves and others, through appropriate social interactions and self-care skills
- Equipping pupils with appropriate cognitive and mathematical skills and knowledge to help them understand and access familiar environments.
- Collaborating with parents to provide a consistent approach to communication, regulation and care routines (feeding/drinking/self-care).
- Providing meaningful and appropriate individual and community inclusion opportunities.
- Access to an engaging wider curriculum that is reflective of our diverse community.

This pathway uses the engagement model for assessment (DfE July 2020).

Formal Pathway

Areas of learning covered include:

- Communication, Phonics and Reading
- Maths
- PE/Physio

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Topic • SEMH/PSED including Citizenship • ICT <p>The Formal Pathway is a subject-specific, adapted National Curriculum where pupils develop their learning by apply skills and knowledge towards their identified outcomes. Pupils benefit from a total communication approach with individual communication systems integrated within this. Supporting pupils to become independent learners. Opportunities for inclusion are identified in partnership with our co-located mainstream school. This pathway uses the pre-key stage standards (DfE 2020/21).</p>
3	Is my child taught in attainment based groups?	<p>Pupils are organised into pathways based on their needs and learning styles. We have found that this is the most effective way to ensure that the classroom environment and programmes of learning can be organised and delivered to meet every pupil's individual needs in a way which is optimal.</p> <p>The organisation of our classes is evident in the way that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Each class is equipped and organised to meet the specific needs of pupils within • Appropriate staff teams are allocated annually and specific training provided where required • The classroom environment can be specifically designed and organised to best meet the needs of the pupils within it • Routines can be designed, established and embedded which are appropriate to the needs of the pupils within them (eg snack times, toileting, communication strategies such as visual timetables and objects of reference) • Appropriate communication strategies can be established and embedded which are at an appropriate level, accessible and valued for the pupils within the class • The specific programmes for distinct groups of learners can be better implemented <p>Whilst pupils are grouped according to need there is still the need to offer differentiation for individual pupil targets, needs and learning styles in each class/pathway.</p>
4	How will Greenmead help me to support my child's learning?	<p>We welcome parent/carer partnership with all when it comes to supporting your child's learning. As well as being invited to attend EHCP Reviews and parent/carer evenings you will receive IEPs termly and can be used to measure progress against your child's annual outcomes. Where necessary, you will also receive your child's Positive Behaviour Support Plan (BSP). If you would like to discuss your child's progress, you are always able to do this by making an appointment to see the class teacher. We will also send out half termly curriculum maps so that you know what your child is going to learn each half term. There will be opportunities throughout the year for parents to have training from our multi-disciplinary team so keep a look out on the website and weekly newsletters for courses or workshops on offer. These may include sessions in PECS, reading, Makaton, etc.</p>
5	What support will there be for my child's overall well-being?	<p>At Greenmead School we have a firm belief that learning is not just about academic skills but includes a more holistic approach which is about ensuring that we support every pupil's overall well-being too. We have a range of multi-therapy provision at school including music therapy, play therapy, physiotherapy, speech and language therapy and occupational therapy. We have a full-time Paediatric School Nurse who is available to discuss any medical concerns you may have about your pupil. The nurse arranges annual hearing checks and dental checks by a specialist SEND dentist. We also run a number of other specialist clinics on the school site including Orthotics, Orthopaedic and wheelchair services. All of our staff have training in Administration of Medication, Epi-Pen, Gastronomy, Oxygen Management and Epilepsy. Staff have regular training in Manual Handling and</p>

		<p>Dysphasia and Safeguarding. A number of our support staff are Paediatric first aid trained. We have access to an Educational Psychologist who is employed by the LA but is allocated to Greenmead. We can make referrals to the CAHMS team. We can also make referrals to the Wandsworth Advisory Service for Pupils with Hearing or Vision Impairments. Being part of a multi-agency team is very important to us at Greenmead and we work closely with social care teams and other health agencies. School will often attend social care TAC meetings to support you and your child.</p>
6	<p>What specialist services are available or accessed by the school?</p>	<p>There is a wide range of multidisciplinary staff working at Greenmead to support our pupils and their families. Some of these are employed by the school and others have their services commissioned by the CCG or by Wandsworth Local Authority.</p> <p>Those employed by the school include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Music therapist – to support the emotional and social development of pupils • Dance teacher – to develop pupils creative and expressive dance skills • Play therapist – to support the emotional well-being for vulnerable pupils <p>Music and play therapy is agreed by referral from the class teacher to the therapists and headteacher.</p> <p>Those commissioned by the CCG include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Speech and language therapists – to develop pupil’s communication skills and to ensure safe eating and drinking. • Occupational therapists – To ensure maximum independence for pupils and full access to the school curriculum. • Physiotherapists- To promote active movements and physical development for all pupils. • School nurse – to monitor the ongoing health needs of the pupils at Greenmead. • CAHMS <p>Those commissioned by the Local Authority include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Teachers for pupils with visual impairments • Teacher for pupils with hearing impairments • School transport staff • Local authority social workers • Educational Psychologists • 0-25 Disabled Children’s Team
7	<p>What training do staff supporting young children and pupils with SEND have?</p>	<p>Up to date and relevant training is key to providing the correct support to our pupils at Greenmead School</p>

		<p>All new and existing staff have a core of essential training they must receive when they begin working at Greenmead. This includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Manual handling training • Dysphagia training • Safeguarding training <p>Medical training is provided to specific groups to meet the needs of the pupils in their direct care, this includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gastrostomy training • Epilepsy management • Administering emergency medications • Oxygen management <p>Additional training opportunities include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Makaton training • PECS training • PODD training • Intensive Interaction <p>All of our teachers have qualified teacher status (QTS). We also have two Early Years' Practitioners who lead the EYFS classes. We have a strong culture of 'grow our own' and support many of our staff to progress onto teacher training and therefore in some classes we also have trainee teachers.</p>
8	How will my child be included in activities in the community?	<p>All pupils are supported and encouraged to be fully involved in their community by going on educational visits or learning in the community. These are all risk assessed and are fully supervised and supported by the school team. Individual arrangements are planned in advance to ensure that they are able to fully participate. We use a range of community based services to enhance our curriculum.</p> <p>We have the wonderful opportunity in that Greenmead is co-located site with a mainstream primary school, Ronald Ross. This gives us many exciting experiences to do inclusion with mainstream peers. All of these are based on individual needs, interests and abilities are all individually planned by the class teacher and a teacher from the mainstream school.</p>
9	How accessible is the school environment?	<p>Staff, pupils and visitors are able to navigate easily and independently around school and to access all areas for their learning.</p>
10	How will the school prepare my child when joining Greenmead School or	<p>Prospective pupils/families coming into Greenmead:</p> <p>Families are welcome to phone the school and make an appointment to do a tour of the school and meet with a member of the school leadership team. Once we have received a consultation request from your local authority for a placement at Greenmead School we have 15 days to make an informed decision based on whether we can confidently meet your child's needs and</p>

	<p>transferring to another school/secondary school?</p>	<p>spaces available. We will then reply to your child’s local authority who will name Greenmead School on your child’s EHCP. Once it has been confirmed that your child will begin at Greenmead School we will begin the admissions process which will include; firstly the class teacher or a member of the school leadership team will visit your child in their current setting or home to talk with school staff or parents/carers and spend some time observing your child. If your child is currently in a school setting we ask that we be invited to their EHCP review meeting as part of the handover. We’ll then have a professionals’ handover meeting with you present to share information across the settings either school to school or community services to school. The leadership team with key school partners from health and therapy will hold an internal risk assessment meeting which will allow us to make sure that we have all the equipment, resources, etc needed to support your child’s transition. At this point we will be able to give you a confirmed start date and plan with you the transition into school.</p> <p>Pupils transitioning out of Greenmead and onto secondary settings:</p> <p>At your child’s year 5 EHCP review meeting we will update your child’s EHCP and make recommendations for assessments. We advise parents to visit a number of secondary special schools so that you have sufficient time and are able to make an informed choice of where you want your child to go. It is recommended you start thinking about secondary school placements when your pupil is in Year 4. The school can give you a list of schools available in Wandsworth and also in neighbouring boroughs. If you would like help and advice about which school you think is right for your child we can do this with you and may even be available to visit schools with you.</p> <p>When pupils are then in year 6 we work closely with their new school and plan a series of visits to their new setting over the course of the summer term to support the transition in September. We will hold their Yea 6 EHCP review meeting in the summer term and invite the new school to attend so that new long and short term objectives are agreed across both settings and professionals can hand over key information to one another.</p> <p>All pupils in Year 6 are offered a block of music therapy in the summer term as part of a leavers group. This group is offered to help them to become ready for the change and to give them the opportunity to express any concerns or worries they may be feeling.</p> <p>The therapy team will ensure that all therapy information, programmes and reports are sent ahead to your pupil’s new school as part of their discharge reports.</p>
<p>11</p>	<p>How are the school’s resources allocated and matched to child’s special educational need?</p>	<p>EHC Plans have funding attached to them that is relevant to your child. The amount of funding is decided by the Local Authority’s SEN team and this is determined by the degree of need and following an assessment against learning, health and social care outcomes. The school can ask for an increase of funding at the EHCP review or can call an interim review to request additional funding for specific resources. The first £6000 of the statement/EHC Plan is funded from the school’s resources. The school has a Pupil Premium grant. This grant is available for pupils who are eligible to apply for Free School Meals, where a pupil is looked after by the local authority or adopted or where a pupil has a parent in the national forces. The grant was introduced to narrow the gap in attainment between pupils from lower income families and their wealthier peers. This budget can be used to provide support, materials or equipment for any pupils who qualify as above but is the school leadership team and governors who decide how best to use the grant’s resources according to pupil need.</p>

<p>12</p>	<p>How is the decision made about what, how much support my child will receive?</p>	<p>Special educational provision is always underpinned by high quality teaching. Resources and support provision will be outlined in your child's EHC Plan and will be reviewed annually at their EHCP review meetings. The school will be following Wandsworth's policy and guidance for personal budgets.</p> <p>Your child's therapy provision is assessed against their need based on assessment by each of the therapists. On your child's EHCP there will be a clear package of care written which includes direct/indirect time which will be monitored at regular intervals in the year.</p> <p>At Greenmead we fully believe and embrace integrated therapy. This means that your child's therapy programmes will be shared with the class staff who will also be up-skilled by the therapy team to ensure that your child's therapy programmes and goals are integrated throughout the teaching day. A little bit every day is more beneficial than one session a week. Integrated therapy also allows your child to learn functional, life-long skills that can be integrated into the waking day. It is also important that your child learns to develop skills within small groups and in the classroom environment rather than being withdrawn to work 1:1 with an adult.</p>
<p>13</p>	<p>How will I be involved in discussions about and planning for my child's education?</p>	<p>New pupils and their parents/carers have a review meeting six weeks after they start at Greenmead. At the six week review meeting the class teacher shares the baseline assessment that has been completed during their first few weeks of school and parents, class teachers and therapists set short term Individual Education Plan (IEP) targets. At this meeting the child's EHCP targets and provision will also be reviewed and agreed at the 6 week review meeting.</p> <p>For all pupils; IEPs are reviewed every term.</p> <p>There are three parents' evenings every academic year. Parents' evenings focus on the progress their child is making and any areas of development that may be a cause for concern. Parents' evenings are an opportunity for parents/carers and class teachers to discuss and plan future priority areas for pupils including any difficulties or concerns that parents may have at home.</p> <p>At the final parents evening of the year, parents will receive a report on their child's progress for the academic year. This will include progress and achievements made in areas of IEP targets and across curriculum subjects.</p> <p>Parents meet with their child's class teacher and a member of the Senior Leadership Team once a year to review their child's EHCP. If your child is under 5 years old, there are 6 monthly reviews. At this meeting a thorough and detailed report outlines pupil progress and attainment over the course of the academic year. Parents and school review the progress made towards annual targets and together plan priorities for the next year.</p> <p>For pupils making the transition to secondary school; All transitions are well planned for throughout the school as pupils move from class to class and phase to phase. In July we hold a new class day where pupils move up into their new class and spend the afternoon with their class teacher and team of special school support assistants who will work with them next year.</p>

		<p>For pupils in Year 6 we work closely with their new school and plan a series of visits to their new setting over the course of the summer term to support the transition in September.</p> <p>All pupils in Year 6 are offered music therapy in the summer term as part of a leavers group. This group is offered to help them to become ready for the change and to give them the opportunity to express any concerns or worries they may be feeling.</p>
14	Who can I contact for further information?	<p>You can contact the following for more information:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Greenmead School <p>Tel. 0208 7891466</p> <p>Website: www.greenmead.wandsworth.sch.uk</p> <p>Email: admin@greenmead.wandsworth.sch.uk</p> <p>Headteacher: Toni Edmonds-Smith</p> <p>School Business Manager: Jacqueline Mayhew</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The interim Chair of Governors: Paul Nicholls • The multi-therapy team: Please leave a message via the school office or email the Clinical Lead • Wandsworth website: www.wandsworth.gov.uk • For further information about Wandsworth's Local Offer for SEND and the current changes: www.wandsworth.gov.uk/sen • For further information about health provision for your pupil please contact your GP • If you would value additional support you can contact Wandsworth Information, Support and Advice Service http://www.wandsworth.gov.uk/wiass
15	What can I do if I have a concern or a complaint about the service being delivered by the school?	<p>Please tell us of your concern as soon as possible. It is difficult for us to investigate an incident or problem properly if it took place some time ago. We do appreciate the assistance we receive from parents in addressing any problems that arise. We receive very few complaints. Problems sometimes arise from misunderstandings which are easily addressed. Most concerns and complaints can be sorted out quickly by speaking with your child's class teacher. When parents and teachers treat each other with mutual respect and support, this provides a very good role model for all our pupils. If, having spoken to the class teacher, you still have concerns, you should see the Headteacher. Greenmead's complaints policy can be found on http://www.greenmead.wandsworth.sch.uk/Policies-and-Guidance</p>