



Washwood Heath  
Nursery School

2023-2024

What can I expect at  
Washwood Heath  
Nursery School if my  
child has special  
educational needs?

Open and Honest  
Communication

Appropriate and  
Effective teaching  
and learning

A Partnership  
approach

We will plan and put in place the right support for your child to meet their individual needs so that they can learn and enjoy their time at Washwood Heath.

# Open and Honest Communication

## Who can I talk to about my child's Special Educational Needs?

Every child has a keyworker who will support your child and ensure their individual needs are met. You can speak to your child's key worker everyday.

Jatinder Kaur is the Special Educational Needs Coordinator (SENCO) and Deputy Head Teacher. She works with children, staff, parents and agencies to ensure that all pupils' needs are met.

Sadia Akhtar is our Inclusion Manager and supports with this role in the two year old provision and both can be contacted on the telephone number below.

If you have any concerns about your child with respect to SEND, Jatinder can be contacted on **0121 464 1810**. If she is not available please leave a message or you can email her at:

[j.kaur@washwdhn.bham.sch.uk](mailto:j.kaur@washwdhn.bham.sch.uk)



# Open and Honest Communication

## **What should I do if I have concerns about my child?**

Speak to your child's key worker or the SENCO. We will explain everything to you and make sure that you understand what is happening. We share information honestly and the door is always open for you to talk to any member of our team.

## **What will happen if the nursery have concerns about my child?**

We will talk to you if we think your child needs extra support. We will involve you in discussions about how professional people may be able to offer support and we will always ask for permission before we invite professionals into school.

We will monitor your child's progress regularly and you will be invited to join us to discuss these outcomes and give your views and any progress or concerns from home. You will be involved in making plans and setting targets for your child's learning.

# Appropriate and Effective Teaching and Learning

How will the school provide appropriate and effective teaching for my child?

We offer a wide range of learning opportunities through high quality teaching by qualified staff.

When children need a little extra help we offer additional learning opportunities in small groups - these groups allow children to develop their confidence and specific skills.

Sometimes children need a bit more support. When this happens we may need to ask professional people to help us to help your child. We will use a range of strategies including visual timetables, Makaton signs, symbols and other resources to help enhance learning.

# Appropriate and Effective Teaching and Learning

Children take part in regular trips in the local community and further afield.

We have a Forest School onsite as well as a mud kitchen which all children get to participate in. Children are also involved in growing food in our kitchen garden.

Parents are invited to workshops and celebration events.

We also have Jon the potter, a clay artist who visits the school for 6 sessions and for the last 2 years has worked on projects specifically with SEND children.



# Appropriate and Effective Teaching and Learning

How are staff trained to support the needs of my child?

Staff at Washwood Heath receive appropriate training so that they have the knowledge and confidence to support children's needs.

- Annually all the staff have allergy, asthma and any other appropriate training as needed.
- All staff have received tier 1 - AET Autism Training.
- All staff have had basic training in using Makaton.
- Some staff have completed level 3 ELKLAN training for language development.
- We use a language screening tool called Wellcomm to assess children's language development and put in interventions based on areas for development.
- The SENCO regularly attends city wide training and network meetings.

# A Partnership Approach

## What professionals may become involved with my child?

We will work together to get the very best for your child. Depending upon your child's specific needs the Nursery may make a referral, with your permission for outside support. These services may include:

Educational  
Psychologist

Communication and  
Autism Team (CAT)

Pupil Support Service  
(PSS)

Speech and Language  
Therapist

Pyhsiotherapist

Physical disfficulties  
Support Service(PDSS)

Child Development  
Centre (CDC)

Sensory Support  
Team

Educational  
Psychologist

Occupational  
Therapist

Medical Needs Nurse

Health Visitor and  
Community Nurse

# A Partnership Approach

**How does the Nursery support children with Special Educational Needs through transition?**

**We aim to make times of transition as easy as possible for all the children in Nursery.**

*When starting at our Nursery we:*

- Complete a home visit to meet the child and their family
- Hold discussions with staff from previous settings
- Read any relevant reports
- Hold open days in July

*During the day we:*

- Provide visual timetables
- Talk about changes to the day
- Use a 'now' and 'next' board if necessary

*When moving to a Primary School we:*

- Invite the SENCO and key staff from the school into Nursery
- Talk to the key staff at the new school about things that will help your child to learn and be happy at school
- Talk to the child about their new school have a photo book to prepare them for changes.

# A Partnership Approach

How can parents find Birmingham Local Authority's Offer?

Birmingham's Local Offer can be found at:

<https://www.localofferbirmingham.co.uk/>

If you have a concern or query, or you are just not sure who the best person to talk to is, then please call or email the Parent Link Service and a Parent Link Officer will assist you:

## Parent Link Service

Tel: 0121 303 8461

Email: [Parentlinkservice@birmingham.gov.uk](mailto:Parentlinkservice@birmingham.gov.uk)

PO Box 16289, Birmingham, B2 2XN

This service is available from 9am – 5pm Monday – Friday

## Children's Advice and Support Service(CASS) 0121 303 1888

Outside of normal office hours please call 0121 675 4806 for the Emergency Duty Team

## Birmingham Special Educational Needs & Disability Information, Advice and Support Service (SENDIASS)

Tel: 0121 303 5004 (8:45am to 5pm, Monday to Friday), Email [sendiass@birmingham.gov.uk](mailto:sendiass@birmingham.gov.uk)

Your child's health visitor is also a good place to start if you have any concerns about your child's development.

Other useful contacts include:

Birmingham Parent Carer Forum

Email: [info@birminghampcf.org](mailto:info@birminghampcf.org)

Follow us on: Twitter: [@BirminghamPCF](https://twitter.com/BirminghamPCF)

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/BirminghamPCF/>

Visit the website: <https://www.birminghampcf.org/>

# What Parents say about us.....

*"Ismail is happy coming to nursery, mum would love him to stay at the nursery and not move to school!"*



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*"Excellent help and support given by the school and the other services that have supported my child."*

*"The nursery have done a great job with Zidaan. He has progressed so much from when he was here as a baby to now. He has come a long way and that is because of all the support he has had from nursery."*

*"Thank you for everything you have done for me and my three children. I will never forget your kindness"*