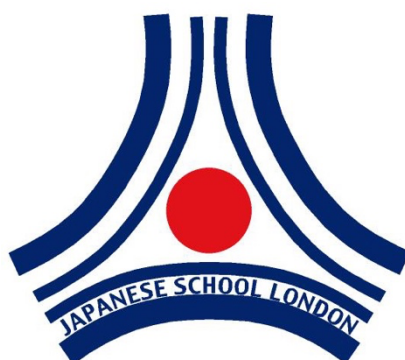


Special educational needs (SEN) information report

The Japanese School



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Dear parents and carers,

The aim of this information report is to explain how we implement our SEND policy. In other words, we want to show you how SEND support works in our school.

If you want to know more about our arrangements for SEND, read our SEND policy.

You can find it on our website [<http://www.thejapaneseschool.ltd.uk/nihonjingakko/>].

1. What types of SEN does the school provide for?

Our school provides for pupils with the following needs:

AREA OF NEED	CONDITION
Communication and interaction	Autism spectrum disorder
	Speech and language difficulties
Cognition and learning	Specific learning difficulties, including dyslexia, dyspraxia, dyscalculia

	Moderate learning difficulties
Social, emotional and mental health	Attention deficit hyperactive disorder (ADHD)
	Attention deficit disorder (ADD)
Sensory and/or physical	Hearing impairments
	Mild physical impairment

2. Which staff will support my child, and what training have they had?

Our special educational needs co-ordinator, or SENCO

Our SENCO is Ms Tanaka and Ms Shimizu.

They have 4 years' experience in this role and have worked as a music teacher. They are a qualified teacher.

They constantly study and acquire new information through courses from the Overseas Child Education Foundation and online webinars. They are allocated 12 hours a week to manage SEN provision.

Class/Subject teachers

All of our teachers receive in-house SEN training, and are supported by the SENCO to meet the needs of pupils who have SEN.

External agencies and experts

Sometimes we need extra help to offer our pupils the support that they need. Whenever necessary we will work with external support services to meet the needs of our pupils with SEN and to support their families. These include:

- GPs or paediatricians
- School nurses
- Social services and other LA-provided support services

3. What should I do if I think my child has SEN?

Tell us about your concerns

We will invite you to a meeting to discuss them

We will decide whether your child needs SEN support

If you think your child might have SEN, you need to note it in the family background survey form. There is a section indicating special support in there. If you realise that your child has SEN after enrolment, the first person you should tell is your child's class teacher.

They will pass the message on to our SENCO, Ms Tanaka and Ms Shimizu, who will be in touch to discuss your concerns.

You can also contact the SENCO directly. ron-nichi@thejapaneseschool.ltd.uk

We will meet with you to discuss your concerns and try to get a better understanding of what your child's strengths and difficulties are.

Together we will decide what outcomes to seek for your child and agree on next steps.

We will make a note of

If we decide that your child needs SEN support, we will formally notify you in writing and your child will be added to the school's SEND register. We will have a meeting involving parents, the child's class teacher and SENCO. The discussed support plan will be documented in writing.

what's been discussed and add this to your child's record. You will also be given a copy of this.

4. How will the school know if my child needs SEN support?

All our class teachers are aware of SEN and are on the lookout for any pupils who aren't making the expected level of progress in their schoolwork or socially. This might include reading, writing, number work, communication skills and social competence.

If the teacher notices that a pupil is falling behind, they try to find out if the pupil has any gaps in their learning. If they can find a gap, they will give the pupil extra tuition to try to fill it. Pupils who don't have SEN usually make progress quickly once the gap in their learning has been filled.

If the pupil is still struggling to make the expected progress, the teacher will talk to the SENCO, and will contact you to discuss the possibility that your child has SEN.

The SENCO will observe the pupil in the classroom and in the playground to see what their strengths and difficulties are. They will have discussions with your child's teacher/s, to see if there have been any issues with, or changes in, their progress, attainment or behaviour. They will also compare your child's progress and development with their peers and available national data.

The SENCO will ask for your opinion and speak to your child to get their input as well. They may also, where appropriate, ask for the opinion of external experts such as a speech and language therapist, an educational psychologist, or a paediatrician.

Based on all of this information, the SENCO will decide whether your child needs SEN support. You will be told the outcome of the decision in writing.

If your child does need SEN support, their name will be added to the school's SEN register, and the SENCO will work with you to create a SEN support plan for them.

5. How will the school measure my child's progress?

We will follow the 'graduated approach' to meeting your child's SEN needs.

The graduated approach is a 4-part cycle of **assess, plan, do, review**.



As a part of the planning stage of the graduated approach, we will set outcomes that we want to see your child achieve.

Whenever we run an intervention with your child, we will assess them before the intervention begins. This is known as a 'baseline assessment'. We do this so we can see how much impact the intervention has on your child's progress.

We will track your child's progress towards the outcomes we set over time and improve our offer as we learn what your child responds to best.

This process will be continual. If the review shows a pupil has made progress, they may no longer need the additional provision made through SEN support. For others, the cycle will continue and the school's targets, strategies and provisions will be revisited and refined.

6. How will I be involved in decisions made about my child's education?

We will provide termly reports and an annual guidance plan on your child's progress.

Your child's class/form teacher and SENCO will meet you every term, to:

- Set clear outcomes for your child's progress
- Review progress towards those outcomes
- Discuss the support we will put in place to help your child make that progress
- Identify what we will do, what we will ask you to do, and what we will ask your child to do

The SENCO may also attend these meetings to provide extra support.

We know that you're the expert when it comes to your child's needs and aspirations. So, we want to make sure you have a full understanding of how we're trying to meet your child's needs, so that you can provide insight into what you think would work best for your child.

We also want to hear from you as much as possible so that we can build a better picture of how the SEN support we are providing is impacting your child outside of school.

If your child's needs or aspirations change at any time, please let us know right away so we can keep our provision as relevant as possible.

After any discussion we will make a record of any outcomes, actions and support that have been agreed. This record will be shared with all relevant staff, and you will be given a copy.

If you have concerns that arise between these meetings, please contact your child's class teacher. You are welcome to call the school or contact the school's email address.

7. How will my child be involved in decisions made about their education?

The level of involvement will depend on your child's age, and level of competence. We recognise that no 2 children are the same, so we will decide on a case-by-case basis, with your input.

We may seek your child's views by asking them to:

- Attend meetings to discuss their progress and outcomes
- Prepare a presentation, written statement, video, drawing, etc.
- Discuss their views with a member of staff who can act as a representative during the meeting
- Complete a survey

8. How will the school adapt its teaching for my child?

Your child's teachers are responsible and accountable for the progress and development of all the pupils in their class.

High-quality teaching is our first step in responding to your child’s needs. We will make sure that your child has access to a broad and balanced curriculum in every year they are at our school.

We will differentiate (or adapt) how we teach to suit the way the pupil works best. There is no ‘1 size fits all’ approach to adapting the curriculum, we work on a case-by case basis to make sure the adaptations we make are meaningful to your child.

These adaptations include:

- Differentiating our curriculum to make sure all pupils are able to access it, for example, by Team Teaching, adapting the teaching style or content of the lesson, etc.
- Using recommended aids, such as laptops, tablet, visual timetables, etc.

We may also provide the following interventions:

AREA OF NEED	CONDITION	HOW WE SUPPORT THESE PUPILS
Communication and interaction	Autism spectrum disorder	Visual timetables Tablet Team Teaching
	Speech and language difficulties	Team Teaching
Cognition and learning	Specific learning difficulties, including dyslexia, dyspraxia and dyscalculia	Team Teaching Tablet Teaching materials at various levels
	Moderate learning difficulties	Team Teaching Tablet Teaching materials at various levels
Social, emotional and mental health	ADHD, ADD	School nurse’s office Team Teaching Group works
	Adverse childhood experiences and/or mental health issues	School nurse’s office Group works
Sensory and/or physical	Hearing impairment	
	Visual impairment	Limiting classroom displays
	Mild physical impairment	Slope Innovative classroom arrangement

These interventions are part of our contribution to Ealing council's local offer.

9. How will the school evaluate whether the support in place is helping my child?

We will evaluate the effectiveness of provision for your child by:

- Reviewing their progress towards their goals each term
- Reviewing the impact of interventions anytime when needed
- Using pupil questionnaires
- Monitoring by the SENCO
- Using provision maps to measure progress
- Holding an annual review (if they have an education, health and care (EHC) plan)

10. How will the school resources be secured for my child?

It may be that your child's needs mean we need to secure:

- Further training for our staff

11. How will the school make sure my child is included in activities alongside pupils who do not have SEND?

All of our extra-curricular activities and school visits are available to all our pupils, including our ~~before and~~ after-school clubs.

All pupils are encouraged to go on our school trips, including our residential trip(s) to [PGL (year 5) / Wales (year 6) / Scotland (year 8)].

All pupils are encouraged to take part in day / school festival / exchange with local schools / swimming lessons (year 1 – 4).

No pupil is ever excluded from taking part in these activities because of their SEN or disability and we will make whatever reasonable adjustments are needed to make sure that they can be included.

12. How does the school make sure the admissions process is fair for pupils with SEN or a disability?

For inquiries regarding admissions, please contact us via email. Email: ron-nichi@thejapaneseschool.ltd.uk

13. How does the school support pupils with disabilities?

Please see the school's accessibility plan.

14. How will the school support my child's mental health and emotional and social development?

We provide support for pupils to progress in their emotional and social development in the following ways:

- Pupils with SEN, as well as other students, are encouraged to be part of the school council
- Pupils with SEN are also encouraged to be part of after school club activities to promote teamwork/building friendship
- We provide extra pastoral support for listening to the views of pupils with SEN by carrying out pupil questionnaires.

- We have a 'zero tolerance' approach to bullying. We prevent bullying in the school by carrying out pupil questionnaires. See also our Anti-bullying policy.

15. What support will be available for my child as they transition between classes or settings, or in preparing for adulthood?

Between years

To help pupils with SEND be prepared for a new school year we:

- Ask the current teachers to attend a final meeting of the year when the pupil's SEN is discussed and pass on that information to the teacher for the next year.
- Schedule lessons with the incoming teacher towards the end of the academic year

Between schools

When your child is moving on from our school, we will provide the annual guidance plan in writing so that you are able to share this with the new setting.

Between phases (for primary schools)

The SENCO of the secondary school will contact our school for sharing the information of students with our SENCO. They will discuss the needs of all the children who are receiving SEN support.

Pupils will be prepared for the transition by:

- Practising with a secondary school timetable
- Learning how to get organised independently
- Plugging any gaps in knowledge

Between phases (for secondary schools)

The SENCO of the primary school contacts with our SENCO and teachers to discuss the needs of the incoming pupils.

We arrange meetings with the parents/carers of incoming pupils to discuss how we can best welcome their child into our community.

We set up new pupils with a buddy from the year above to help them get settled in and make friends.

Onto adulthood (for secondary schools)

We provide all our pupils with appropriate advice on paths into work or further education such as career learning lectures and workplace experiential learning.

We work with the pupil to help them achieve their ambitions, which can include goals in higher education, employment, independent living and participation in society.

16. What support is in place for looked-after and previously looked-after children with SEN?

Mr Marcus Regan DDSL will work with Ms Tanaka and Ms Shimizu, our SENCO, to make sure that all teachers understand how a looked-after or previously looked-after pupil's circumstances and their SEN might interact, and what the implications are for teaching and learning.

Children who are looked-after or previously looked-after will be supported much in the same way as any other child who has SEND.

17. What should I do if I have a complaint about my child's SEN support?

Complaints about SEN provision in our school should be made to the class teacher in the first instance. They will then be referred to the school's complaints policy.

If you are not satisfied with the school's response, you can escalate the complaint. In some circumstances, this right also applies to the pupils themselves.

To see a full explanation of suitable avenues for complaint, see pages 246 and 247 of the [SEN Code of Practice](#). If you feel that our school discriminated against your child because of their SEND, you have the right to make a discrimination claim to the first-tier SEND tribunal. To find out how to make such a claim, you should visit: <https://www.gov.uk/complain-about-school/disability-discrimination>

You can make a claim about alleged discrimination regarding:

- Admission
- Exclusion
- Provision of education and associated services
- Making reasonable adjustments, including the provision of auxiliary aids and services

Before going to a SEND tribunal, you can go through processes called disagreement resolution or mediation, where you try to resolve your disagreement before it reaches the tribunal.

The disagreement resolution and mediation services for our local authority is: Kids SEND Mediation.

https://www.ealingfamiliesdirectory.org.uk/kb5/ealing/directory/service.page?id=Cs_9g4c8c5s

18. What support is available for me and my family?

If you have questions about SEND, or are struggling to cope, please get in touch to let us know. We want to support you, your child and your family.

To see what support is available to you locally, have a look at Ealing Council's local offer. Ealing Council publishes information about the local offer on their website:

Our local special educational needs and disabilities information advice and support services (SENDIASS) organisations are: <https://www.ealingsendiass.org.uk/>

Local charities that offer information and support to families of children with SEND are: Ealing Mencap

Local charities supporting families of pupils with SEND, include: <https://www.ealingmencap.org.uk/>

National charities that offer information and support to families of children with SEND are:

- [IPSEA](#)
- [SEND family support](#)
- [NSPCC](#)
- [Family Action](#)
- [Special Needs Jungle](#)

19. Glossary

- **Access arrangements** – special arrangements to allow pupils with SEND to access assessments or exams
- **Annual review** – an annual meeting to review the provision in a pupil's EHC plan
- **Area of need** – the 4 areas of need describe different types of needs a pupil with SEND can have. The 4 areas are communication and interaction; cognition and learning; physical and/or sensory; and social, emotional and mental health needs.
- **CAMHS** – child and adolescent mental health services

- **Differentiation** – When teachers adapt how they teach in response to a pupil's needs
- **EHC needs assessment** – the needs assessment is the first step on the way to securing an EHC plan. The local authority will do an assessment to decide whether a child needs an EHC plan.
- **EHC plan** – an education, health and care plan is a legally-binding document that sets out a child's needs and the provision that will be put in place to meet their needs.
- **First-tier tribunal/SEND tribunal** – a court where you can appeal against the local authority's decisions about EHC needs assessments or plans and against discrimination by a school or local authority due to SEND
- **Graduated approach** – an approach to providing SEN support in which the school provides support in successive cycles of assessing the pupil's needs, planning the provision, implementing the plan, and reviewing the impact of the action on the pupil
- **Intervention** – a short-term, targeted approach to teaching a pupil with a specific outcome in mind
- **Local offer** – information provided by the local authority which explains what services and support are on offer for pupils with SEN in the local area
- **Outcome** – target for improvement for pupils with SEND. These targets don't necessarily have to be related to academic attainment
- **Reasonable adjustments** – changes that the school must make to remove or reduce any disadvantages caused by a child's disability
- **SENCO** – the special educational needs co-ordinator
- **SEN** – special educational needs
- **SEND** – special educational needs and disabilities
- **SEND Code of Practice** – the statutory guidance that schools must follow to support children with SEND
- **SEN information report** – a report that schools must publish on their website, that explains how the school supports pupils with SEN
- **SEN support** – special educational provision which meets the needs of pupils with SEN
- **Transition** – when a pupil moves between years, phases, schools or institutions or life stages