What can I expect at Washwood Heath Children’s Centre if my child has special educational needs?

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
- Appropriate and Effective teaching and learning
- A Partnership approach
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.

Mrs 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.

If you have any concerns about your child or want to make a complaint 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
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, allotments and a mud kitchen which all children get to participate in and children are involved in growing food in our garden.

Parents are invited to workshops and celebration events.

A music specialist visits us regularly and involves all children in her sessions. We also have a clay artist who visits the centre and many other visitors throughout the year.
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 2 - AET Autism Training.
• All staff have had basic training in using Makaton.
• Some staff have completed level 3 ELKLAN training for language development.
• The SENCO regularly attends city wide training and network meetings.
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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:

- Speech and Language Therapist
- Physiotherapist
- Communication and Autism Team (CAT)
- Child Development Centre (CDC)
- Sensory Support Team
- Educational Psychologist
- Occupational Therapist
- Communication and Autism Team (CAT)
- Health Visitor and Community Nurse
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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
What other support can I get from Washwood Heath Nursery School and Children’s Centre?

There is a Family Support Team who can offer help and support in a range of ways such as parenting support, housing issues and applying for benefits. They also inform you about the different adult courses that are available and run from the centre such as play and stay, English classes and ante natal.

We will always involve you in decisions about your child and listen to your views and also try and involve your child in decisions about their learning.

We will be happy to direct you to organisations who can give advice and support to help you and your child.
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How can parents find Birmingham Local Authority’s Offer?
Birmingham’s Local Offer can be found at:
www.mycareinbirmingham.org.uk SEN Parent Partnership –0121 303 5004
Email: SENDIASS@birmingham.gov.uk for any support or complaints regarding SEND.
• SENAR -0121 303 1888
• Multi Agency Safeguarding Hub (MASH) 0121 303 1888
• Communication Autism Team –0121 675 5057
Email: a2e@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.