

Help from Outside School

Please speak to the Class Teacher or SENCO if you think that your child needs support from any of these services.

Educational Psychologist (EP):



- An expert in child development and learning.
- Offers advice and assessment for a range of needs.
- Explores difficulties that your child is having in school.
- Trains school staff.
- We pay for sessions from an independent Educational Psychologist who is registered with the Health & Care Professionals Council (HCPC).

Referrals: Parents/carers must sign a form to refer to the EP.

Speech and Language Therapist (SALT):



- Often referred to as SALT or SLT.
- Explores difficulties with speech sounds, using language and understanding language.
- Delivers and monitors interventions.
- Trains school staff.
- We pay for sessions from Guy's and St Thomas' Trust (GSTT). The therapist is in school for one day each week.

Referrals: Speech and Language Therapy is a health service and the referral is made through a Common Referral Form with parental consent.

Special Schools Outreach:



Lambeth has a number of specialist schools and centres to support schools, families and children with specific needs such as:

- Hearing impairment
- Visual Impairment
- Physical needs
- Autism
- Behaviour

Referrals: Please speak to the SENCO if you feel your child would benefit from specialist support.

CENMAC:



- Experienced teachers with knowledge of assistive technology (computers to support learning).
- Support school staff in using technology to help children learn.
- Loan the school computers and other equipment for the child.
- Provide training in how to use special software.

Referrals: CENMAC support can be provided if a child has an EHC Plan. A referral form must also be completed.

Occupational Therapist (OT):



- Works on skills to support your child's independence.
- Can support with dressing, feeding and other life skills.
- Explores high and low levels of activity in children.
- Helps parents find ways to manage children's behaviour at home.

Referrals: School referrals to OT are made through a Common Referral Form with parental consent. The referral process and common interventions can be found on the Evelina London website: <http://www.evelinalondon.nhs.uk/resources/patient-information/occupational-therapy-school-age-resource-pack.pdf>

Physiotherapist:



- Works with children who have difficulties with movement.
- Provides advice, support and recommendations for specialist equipment.
- Trains staff working with your child to meet their physical needs.
- Works alongside other medical professionals.

Referrals: School referrals to physiotherapy are made through a Common Referral Form with parental consent.

Child and Adolescent Mental Health Service (CAMHS):



- Works with children when there are concerns about emotions, behaviour or social skills.
- Helps families to manage the child and their needs.
- We pay for sessions from CAMHS. The CAMHS worker is in school for half a day each week.
- Please note: The sessions are commissioned through Croydon's CAMHS service. As a child cannot be under two CAMHS services, your child will need to be 'discharged' from the school service if your family GP wants to make a referral to Lambeth or Southwark CAMHS.

Referrals: Schools refer to CAMHS through a referral from.

School doctor (Community Paediatrician):



- Can explore children's difficulties when other professionals cannot find causes.
- If you think that your child might have a learning disability, such as Autism or ADHD, the paediatrician can help to explore this.

Referrals: School referrals to the paediatrician are made through a Common Referral Form with parental consent.

School nurse:



- Makes sure medicines are kept and administered correctly in school.
- Helps to organise training for medical needs.
- Monitors children's health needs and contacts other health professionals when necessary.
- Checks children's height and weight where there are concerns about the child's growth, including obesity.
- Provides medical plans for children with medical needs, such as asthma.

Referrals: Children with medical needs who require medication in school are automatically monitored by the school nurse. The school nurse also helps to monitor children when Social Care are involved.

Local Authority:



- Provide a named person to manage the EHCP process.
- Monitor the school's provision for children with SEND.
- Provide additional resources (funding) for children with a high level of needs.
- Although the school is in Lambeth, your child will be supported by their home borough (where they live). For most of our children, this will be Lambeth or Southwark.

Contact by: sending a letter, visiting the local authority website or via the school.