

Limington House School SEN Information Report

Government legislation requires us to publish a new report called the SEN Information Report (Clause 65 of the new SEN legislation in the Children and Families Act 2014). This report is co-produced by the Headteacher, Governors, parents and carers.

Limington House School is a special school currently providing for 85 young people with severe and profound and multiple learning difficulties between the ages of 2 and 19.

- Provides a positive and supportive learning environment which enables each pupil to develop the skills and confidence to achieve their full potential.
- Has an FE department with an emphasis on life skills, community, independence and prepares pupils for life after school.
- Recognises that all pupils learn, achieve and succeed in different ways.
- Enables all pupils to communicate effectively.
- Respects individual views on religious and cultural issues as all pupils develop into responsible citizens.
- Develops all pupils to be as independent as possible and to live safe, healthy and fulfilling lives.
- Makes full use of the local community to enable all pupils to develop social skills and bring learning to life.
- Promotes effective working relationships between parents, carers and external agencies.

The following sections aim to answer any questions you may have about our school:

<p>1. What kinds of special educational needs does Limington House make provision for?</p>	<p>Limington House is a community maintained all age special school. We have provision to meet the needs of pupils with severe, profound and multiple learning difficulties and a high proportion of pupils with autism. Pupils may also have physical difficulties and multi-sensory impairments. All pupils have communication needs.</p>
<p>2. How would Limington House identify and assess my child's special educational needs?</p>	<p>Your child, as all children in the school, will have a statement of special educational needs or an Education, Health and Care Plan (EHCP). This is reviewed annually where progress is discussed and any additional needs or changes to the document are then made. In addition pupils are constantly observed and progress noted. Pupils are assessed against their own prior learning. A formal meeting is held three times a year with teachers and senior leaders to monitor progress. The school works closely with therapists and external agencies such as social services to identify the holistic needs of every child.</p>
<p>3. How does the school evaluate the effectiveness of provision for pupils with special educational needs?</p>	<p>We have a robust system of reviewing our provision against the OFSTED framework of self-evaluation. This includes:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Effectiveness of Leadership and Management2. Quality of Teaching, Learning and Assessment3. Personal Development, Behaviour and Welfare4. Outcomes for Children <p>Governors are involved in this process and receive regular reports through various committees and look at progress and attainment of all pupils in the school. Data is collated and analysed</p>

	<p>within a timed framework and compared with national data of similar pupil groups in other special schools. Governors are heavily involved in the day to day life of the school.</p>
<p>4. How do I know how well my child is doing at school?</p> <p>How will staff support my child?</p> <p>How will the curriculum be matched to my child's needs?</p>	<p>You will be involved in discussions related to your child's progress and expectations at annual review meetings. We will jointly formulate an Individual Education Plan (IEP) which is updated on a termly basis.</p> <p>In addition you are invited to two Parents' evenings to discuss your child's progress with their teacher.</p> <p>We communicate with you regularly through our home/school books and by telephone and text messaging.</p> <p>We value information and communication in the home/school books from you to keep us informed about important events in your child's life.</p> <p>We produce an annual report which you receive in July as a summary of your child's activities and progress across the year.</p> <p>Your child will have long and short term objectives and an IEP. Learning is differentiated on an individual basis.</p> <p>The staffing ratio is high and relevant to the needs of the pupils within each class.</p> <p>School staff are supported by speech and language therapists, physiotherapists, occupational therapists, the specialist school nursing service and specialist teacher advisors for hearing and visual impairments where and when appropriate.</p> <p>Our curriculum is broad and relevant to the needs of our pupils and has been revised in line with new regulations from the DfE. We enhance our core curriculum through a variety of activities.</p> <p>We hold regular religious education days, language days and other curriculum focus days. Pupils are encouraged to take part in after school activities. We enable pupils to access regular trips</p>

<p>How is the decision made about the level of support my child needs?</p>	<p>out into the local community. Our curriculum is differentiated according to the needs of your child. Your child will not be entered for end of key stage tests but will be assessed against p levels and through teacher assessments.</p> <p>Your child will initially have their needs identified through their statement or Education, Health and Care Plan (EHCP). This is constantly reviewed and using our expertise and experience we will identify when and where additional support may be needed.</p>
<p>How will my child be included in activities outside the school curriculum, including trips?</p>	<p>Limington House is an inclusive school and all pupils are encouraged to fully participate in whole school events and activities, on and off site. The extent to which every pupil is able to participate will vary according to their level of need, but activities and expectations will be carefully differentiated in order to support every pupil. As a school we place huge value on the importance of a balanced and varied curriculum, and on curriculum enhancement activities. All visits and off site activities are fully risk assessed and carefully planned. Pupils are also able to take part in regular class trips and visits, and parents and carers are communicated with on a regular basis to ensure they are fully aware at all times of any off site activities. A range of residential educational visits are offered to our pupils in the FE department. We hope that all pupils will access at least one opportunity during their time with us.</p>
<p>What support is there for my child's overall well-being?</p>	<p>The well-being and emotional health of your child is as important as their academic progress. Every class teacher will plan for the development of their pupils, and our broad and varied curriculum ensures the full social and emotional development of every pupil. The high staffing levels in each group help to support and develop the emotional well-being of every pupil in the group. Any individual personal care needs are met on a daily basis by staff in the class team discreetly and with dignity, fostering independence whenever possible. We work in close liaison with health services, depending on the individual needs of the pupil, jointly overseeing health</p>

	<p>care plans and the administration of medication and health management procedures. All our staff are experienced and well trained to support these procedures.</p> <p>We work closely with Social Care and the Children with Disabilities Team.</p> <p>Pupils are also supported through the development of their individual behaviour plans, communication passports and regular communication through the home/school book.</p>
<p>5. What training is provided for staff supporting children and young people with SEN?</p>	<p>All staff receive a comprehensive and ongoing training programme designed to ensure they are fully equipped to meet the needs of pupils with a very wide range of complex special needs. All new staff take part in a detailed induction programme and are closely supported throughout their first year by senior staff. Staff receive regular training in Team Teach (positive behaviour management), medicines management and moving and handling. Some staff train as MIDAS drivers, first aiders and many complete water safety training.</p> <p>School staff complete five days of annual training and this time is carefully planned for to make sure it is used to extend and develop staff knowledge and skills further, and also to work on key areas of the school development plan.</p> <p>All our teachers are qualified and have undertaken specialist further professional development. This includes autism specific training, makaton, communication approaches such as PECS (Picture Exchange Communication System), hearing and visual impairment training.</p> <p>Our learning support staff also have a range of expertise which includes physiotherapy, sensory, tube feeding, makaton, PECS (Picture Exchange Communication System) and autism. This is not an exclusive list and on-going professional development is key to ensuring staff of all categories remain updated and skilled.</p>

<p>6. How accessible is Limington House School?</p>	<p>We continue to work on improving the premises to ensure that the school meets all current accessibility requirements as the original school was not built for this purpose.</p> <p>The school has worked with the local authority to improve access for vehicles with the completion of a new drop off and collection area at the front of school. This has transformed the transport arrangements with pupils being able to be safely transferred to and from the vehicles on the school site at the start and end of the day. It has also enabled all parents to park safely in the car parking bays off-site.</p> <p>We have a sensory studio and hydrotherapy pool.</p> <p>Our grounds are inclusive and we have a range of outdoor play and learning activities.</p>
<p>7. How are parents and carers involved in the school?</p>	<p>As with any prospective parents, we will welcome you and your child to have a tour of the school and a conversation with the Headteacher. We arrange transition visits prior to your child starting at our school. We visit the family home as part of the introduction process for our very young pupils.</p> <p>We produce termly newsletters for families detailing elements of our pupils work and achievements.</p> <p>You are able to visit our website for information of forthcoming events and details about many aspects of school life and items related to our local area. The website is updated regularly and carries information statutorily expected of us by the local authority and OFSTED.</p> <p>We have a number of parents on the Governing Body and all parents are invited to stand for election when there is a vacancy.</p>

<p>8. How do parents/carers and children get involved in their education?</p>	<p>You will be invited to two Parents' Evenings each year and relevant staff will also meet with you at your child's annual review. You are encouraged to write a report as part of your contribution to the annual review. Your child will make their own contribution to the meeting and may be present to give a presentation.</p> <p>We arrange clinics at school for you to see your child's paediatrician, dental nurses, therapists, podiatrists, orthotists and wheelchair specialists.</p> <p>All parents and carers are invited to become part of Friends of Limington House which organise a range of events during the year for families.</p> <p>We celebrate some festivals at our local church, hold a Christmas play and we have other events all of which you are warmly invited to attend.</p> <p>For further information our website is regularly updated with upcoming events and we produce a termly newsletter to keep you updated of the exciting things your child has been learning.</p> <p>We communicate with you regularly through your child's home/school book and by telephone and text messaging. We encourage families to tell us their news and keep in touch via your child's home/school book.</p> <p>We liaise with you regarding reading homework or work as appropriate for your child and your family circumstances. Some pupils are involved in the running of the school through the School Council. They organise a range of charity days during the school year.</p>
<p>9. What do I do if I have a concern about the school provision?</p>	<p>In the first instance we encourage you to contact your child's class teacher. If you still have concerns then please contact the Headteacher. In the unlikely event that your concern is not resolved then please contact our Chair of Governors. You can request a copy of our complaints policy which is also available via our website. If your concerns cannot be addressed by the school or Local Authority, ultimately you have recourse to the Secretary of State for Education.</p>

10. How does the school prepare my child for joining the school or transferring to another provision?	Limington House has a thorough transition programme to help pupils and their families with moving to our school or moving on to another provision or stage of their lives.
11. Where can I get further information about services for my child?	The information in this report forms part of Hampshire's Local Offer. Further information can be accessed by the Local Offer website at this link www.hantslocaloffer.info

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