

Children aged 4-11 with autism in Hackney: information for parents and schools about specialist provision

Introduction

Many children with autism in Hackney attend their local mainstream school. For a small number of children, a more specialist approach may be needed.

We have three primary schools with additionally resourced provision (ARP) for children with autism, who have a Statement of Special Educational Need or Education Health and Care Plan.

Millfields Community School, Hilsea St, London E5 0SH

Tyssen Community School, Oldhill St, N16 6LR

Whitmore Primary School, Bridport Place, N1 5JN

We have one Special School for children with autism and learning difficulties.

The Garden, Wordsworth Rd, N16 8BZ

How to apply for a place in specialist provision

At your child's Annual Review your child's progress will be reviewed.

If concerns are raised, you, or someone working with your child may think that a specialist provision should be considered for your child. This will be recorded in the Annual Review.

You will be given information about the specialist provisions available in Hackney.

The next step is to visit these schools, to help you decide whether you want to make an application for specialist provision.

If you do want to apply, you will complete a referral form together with your school's Senco.

This is sent off to Hackney Learning Trust, and your child's name will be added to a list for discussion at the next Specialist Autism Provision Panel.

This Panel meets once a year, in the Spring Term, to allocate places at the four provisions for the following September.

If a place becomes vacant during the year, an extra panel meeting is held.

The panel allocates places at the provisions, based on

- The individual needs of each child
- Vacancies in the appropriate year group at The Garden and the schools with ARPs

The panel may decide

- To offer a place at The Garden Special School
- To offer a place at any one of the mainstream ARPs : Millfields, Tyssen or Whitmore (depending on vacancies within those schools)
- Not to offer a place – in this case your child will remain at their current school.

N.B. Places at The Garden can be applied for at any time of year, through the Annual Review Process.