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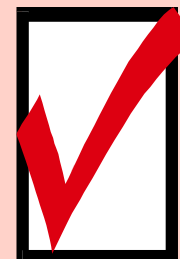
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Learning**

**SPECIALIST SUPPORT  
AT SECONDARY LEVEL**

**FOR PUPILS  
PARENTS  
&  
SCHOOLS**

# LITTLE HEATH SPECIALIST SUPPORT SERVICE

**Little Heath Specialist Support Service** provides specialist support in the secondary sector for students with statements of SEN within Redbridge and for those at School Action Plus through a direct referral system.

The support is provided by a team of teachers who all have further qualifications and/or extensive experience of Special Educational Needs.

We support over 150 pupils in 16 Redbridge Secondary Schools.

We work with pupils who have:

- **Speech & Language Disorders**  
Including receptive and expressive language difficulties (not resulting from English as an additional language)
- **Social & Communication Difficulties**  
Those with an Autistic Spectrum Disorder  
Including Asperger's syndrome
- **General Learning Difficulties**  
Those whose learning is delayed in all areas
- **Specific Learning Difficulties**  
Those who have specific difficulties in the areas of literacy and/or numeracy

## Support

We aim to provide a holistic approach, supporting pupils both educationally and socially.

We aim to work in partnership with parents and carers as well as schools and other professionals.

**We are able to offer:**

- ◆ Specialist input for pupils with SEN
- ◆ Observation and on-going assessment
- ◆ Problem solving
- ◆ Individual / small group / whole class support
- ◆ Individual work for specific areas of difficulty
- ◆ Language Groups
- ◆ Social Skills Groups
- ◆ Circle of Friends
- ◆ Suggestions for alternative resources / courses for pupils
- ◆ Liaison with other agencies involved
- ◆ Written reports and input to reviews & IEPs
- ◆ Collaborative work and projects with mainstream staff to improve provision for all pupils

The focus of support is decided on a termly basis following discussion with those involved.

## Advice and Training

We aim to develop, promote and share good practice with parents & carers and schools

**We are able to offer:**

- ◆ General advice about our areas of specialism and their impact on access to the curriculum
- ◆ Specific advice on individual pupils' needs
- ◆ Development and use of appropriate strategies
- ◆ Ideas for development of resources and differentiation
- ◆ Training on a range of topics relating to Language, Communication and Learning e.g:
  - \* Social Skills
  - \* Visual Strategies
  - \* Literacy
  - \* Asperger's Syndrome

## Developing Partnerships

**We aim to create links and work jointly with:**

- ◆ Parent and Carer Groups
- ◆ Other agencies
  - \* Speech & Language Therapy
  - \* Educational Psychology
- ◆ Local Authority & Children's Services - linked to SEN development, training and initiatives
- ◆ Further education providers and employers