

CHRIST CHURCH SCHOOL – OUR LOCAL OFFER

8. HOW DO WE MAKE SURE THAT OUR CLASSROOMS ARE SAFE, ACCESSIBLE AND STIMULATING?

We work hard to make sure that our school building and all classrooms are safe, stimulating and accessible. All staff work hard to make Christ Church school an attractive and welcoming environment and the classrooms provide age-appropriate and stimulating learning environments through classroom organisation, displays and resources.

We have an Equality policy and plan, which includes our own Accessibility Plan, through which we are making improvements to the school environment over time.

Specialist teams, for example Physiotherapists, Occupational Therapists and the Hearing and Visual Impairment Support Service provide guidance, advice and equipment for a child with particular access or support needs.

You will find more information about Camden's Sensory Advisory Service on this link to the Camden Local Offer:

<http://www.localoffer.camden.gov.uk/template/3/camden-sensory-advisory-service>

For some children with Special Educational Needs, we provide specialist equipment including digital technology: IPADs and lap-top computers.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS – ACCESSIBLE SCHOOL AND CLASSROOMS

Q. How accessible is the building for a child who uses a wheelchair?

A. Due to the age and layout of the building, Christ Church School does not currently have full disabled access however we will always aim to make reasonable adjustments for disabled pupils so that pupils with individual needs can take part in all aspects of school life. The school has a longer term plan to improve the physical environment to make the school site more accessible for disabled people. Increased accessibility to the school site and to as many areas of the school building as possible remains a priority for our 'suitability' building project and within our Accessibility Plan.

Q. My child has a hearing impairment –will the school be able to meet his/her needs?

A. We have experience of working with children with hearing impairments and we work closely with the Camden Sensory Support Service to make sure that we provide the right kind of specialist resources needed to access the curriculum. We also provide training for support staff and class teachers to develop their knowledge of hearing impairment.

Q. What specialist resources and equipment are available for my child?

A. We aim to provide a service that meets your child's needs. For example, if your child requires Occupational Therapy or Physiotherapy, we can arrange for the delivery of this support in our school.