

CHRIST CHURCH SCHOOL – OUR LOCAL OFFER

10. HOW DO WE LISTEN AND RESPOND TO CHILDREN WITH SEND?

We know that the only way we really find out if a child is happy, feeling safe and taking part in the full life of our community is for the school to be certain that it hears the voices of children, especially those most vulnerable.

We make sure that we listen to children in our school and respond to what they say in a number of ways, including:

- clear policies and systems to support children in expressing any worries or concerns that they have – giving children the right to choose a preferred adult to talk to
- talking to children and/or groups of children during lesson observations to understand their experience of the lesson and views on their learning
- inviting children to make personal contributions to their Annual Review meetings
- doing an annual pupil questionnaire
- encouraging children to respond to feedback given through developmental marking
- agreeing with them individual targets
- making sure that our School Council is inclusive and represents the whole of our community
- ensuring that our safeguarding procedures are strong and that all staff are well trained.

Once Camden commences the transference of statements, we will use the WIKI website project with pupils who have an Education Health and Care Plan – this helps everyone supporting the child and family to share information and listen to their views.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS – LISTENING TO CHILDREN

Q. Who can my child talk to if he/she is worried about something?

A. We make sure that every child has at least one adult with whom they can talk and share any worries or anxieties. In most cases, this is likely to be the class teacher or teaching assistant but a child is welcome to talk to any member of staff in the school. Through regular class Circle Times and PSHE lessons, children are encouraged to discuss their worries or issues that they are facing in school and resolve these with the adults and peers in the class.

Q. My child says he/she does not want to come to school. What should I do?

It's important that you encourage your child to try to explain why and approach it in a calm open way. Contact the class teacher or any other staff member you feel comfortable talking to. You can also call or come to school to talk with the Head teacher as well. Whatever you do – don't do nothing.