Educational provision for children with Developmental Language Disorder

Approximately 10% of children in the UK have long-term, persistent Speech, Language and Communication Needs (SLCN). Early intervention is critical for children with such needs, in order to support their language development, as well as their curriculum access, from a young age.

Who we are

The Lighthouse is the name of our Resource Base at Pimlico Primary for children with DLD. We have been successfully supporting pupils aged 3-11 with speech and language needs for decades. We currently see children at Pimlico Primary, and through our outreach service, for children with or without EHCPs.

Who we can work with

Children who:

- May or may not have an EHCP
- Have speech and language as their primary need
- Have a diagnosis of development language disorder (DLD) and/or would be highly likely to meet the criteria for diagnosis if they were assessed
- Are currently in nursery or primary provision
- Are residents of the Bi-borough and attend a Bi-borough (Westminster or RBKC) school

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Pimlico Primary Academy

THE LIGHTHOUSE:
OUR RESOURCE BASE FOR
STUDENTS WITH DEVELOPMENTAL
LANGUAGE DISORDER



Why choose us

- Specialist provision, delivered within a mainstream school setting
- A school with many years' experience of supporting pupils with language needs
- A whole-school communication-friendly environment
- A Resource Base Lead teacher with oversight for whole school provision
- Specialist teaching and highly skilled TA support
- Speech and Language therapy
- A wonderful Victorian building with extensive outdoor spaces for pupils of all ages

Decisions around placement are ultimately decided by City of Westminster Local Authority. However, to find out more about our provision, firstly contact us at

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Our Pathways

Pathway 1 offer - on-site at Pimlico Primary Academy

For children who gain a place on Pathway 1, they will come on our school roll and be a part of our school community. Their education will be overseen by a Resource Base Lead Teacher, who is a senior leader within the school and an experienced and practising Speech and Language Therapist.

They will be taught by a Specialist Teacher with experience of working with children with DLD, while also attending mainstream lessons that are planned and delivered with DLD in mind.

They will have direct contacts with a Speech and Language Therapist each week. They will access specialist interventions that have a proven evidence-base for children with DLD.

We have some places for children who do not yet have an EHCP



Pathway 2 offer - working with the child's school or nursery

Some parents/carers wish for their child to go to/stay in their local nursery or primary school. We can cater for this. Our outreach programme is designed to support schools to deliver their curricula, while also supporting students to make progress with language needs and to be successfully included in the wider life of their local school.

Our outreach offer includes the following:

Resource Base Outreach Teacher *

- Visits to the child's school that take place up to fortnightly, alongside a Speech and Language Therapist where needed
- Observations of, and coaching sessions with, the child's class teacher(s).
- Bespoke half-termly training for school staff, with a focus on creating a communicationfriendly environment.
- Half-termly development meetings for the school SENDCO, including how to identify and support children with SLCN.

Resource Base SALT assistant

 Fortnightly visits to assist any support staff currently working with the child, i.e. to setup interventions or give guidance around classroom support.

*Post currently awaiting fulfilment