



Enhanced Provision at Griffin Primary School

At Griffin Primary School, we are committed to ensuring that children with additional and complex needs are able to **feel safe, belong, make progress and thrive**. Alongside our mainstream SEND provision, we have developed enhanced provision across the school for pupils who require a more individualised approach, a higher level of adult support and access to a calm, low-arousal learning environment. The prime area of need for pupils accessing the enhanced provision is communication and interaction. We work with on-site speech and language and occupational therapists to support the needs of children and provide training to staff.

Our enhanced provision is **neurodiversity-affirming, strengths-based, child-centred, trauma-informed and inclusive**. Children remain part of the wider Griffin community, with opportunities to learn and participate alongside their mainstream peers wherever this is appropriate to their individual needs.

Specialist Nursery

Our **Specialist Nursery** provides early intervention for children aged 3–4 with significant communication, interaction and developmental needs who would benefit from a smaller, highly supported learning environment.

Children are offered **15 hours of specialist provision each week**. Places are allocated by the **Wandsworth Early Years Inclusion Panel**; they are not allocated directly by the school.

Children follow an individualised EYFS curriculum, with a strong focus on communication and language, interaction, regulation, independence and early learning. We work closely with families and external professionals to understand each child's needs and support planning for their next stage of education.

EYFS Enhanced Reception Provision

Our **Enhanced Reception Provision** supports Reception-aged children with an **Education, Health and Care Plan (EHCP)** who require a higher level of specialist support than can ordinarily be provided within a mainstream Reception classroom.

Admission is through the **Wandsworth Local Authority consultation process**. The Local Authority consults with Griffin to consider whether our provision can appropriately meet the child's identified needs.

Children access a calm, low-arousal environment with a high level of adult support. Learning is individualised around each child's EHCP outcomes and developmental stage, alongside the EYFS curriculum. Children are also supported to access our mainstream EYFS environment and activities, including opportunities such as Forest School, where appropriate.

The Whale Room – KS1 and KS2 Enhanced Provision

The **Whale Room** is Griffin's enhanced provision for identified pupils in Key Stages 1 and 2 who require a more individualised and highly supported approach to learning.

To be considered for the Whale Room, pupils must:

- have an **EHCP**;
- have significant **social communication and/or language difficulties**;
- be **working below their current Key Stage expectations**; and
- have completed **at least one full term within Griffin's mainstream provision**, allowing staff to understand their strengths, needs and response to ordinarily available provision.

The Whale Room provides a smaller, lower-arousal environment where pupils can access targeted teaching, communication and language support, pre-teaching, regulation opportunities and focused work towards their individual EHCP outcomes.

Placement in the Whale Room does not mean that a child is separated from mainstream school life. Pupils remain members of their mainstream class and access learning, social opportunities and wider school experiences alongside their peers according to their individual strengths and needs.

An Inclusive Pathway

Across all three provisions, our aim is not simply to provide a different classroom, but to provide children with **the right environment, support and opportunities to make meaningful progress**.

We work closely with parents and carers, the Local Authority and professionals including Speech and Language Therapists, Educational Psychologists and Occupational Therapists. Provision is regularly reviewed to ensure that it continues to meet each child's individual needs.

Visit Our Enhanced EYFS Provision

If you are interested in viewing our **Enhanced EYFS Provision**, we warmly welcome prospective families to visit Griffin Primary School.

Please **contact the school office to arrange a tour**, where you will have the opportunity to see the provision, meet members of our team and learn more about how we support children with additional needs.