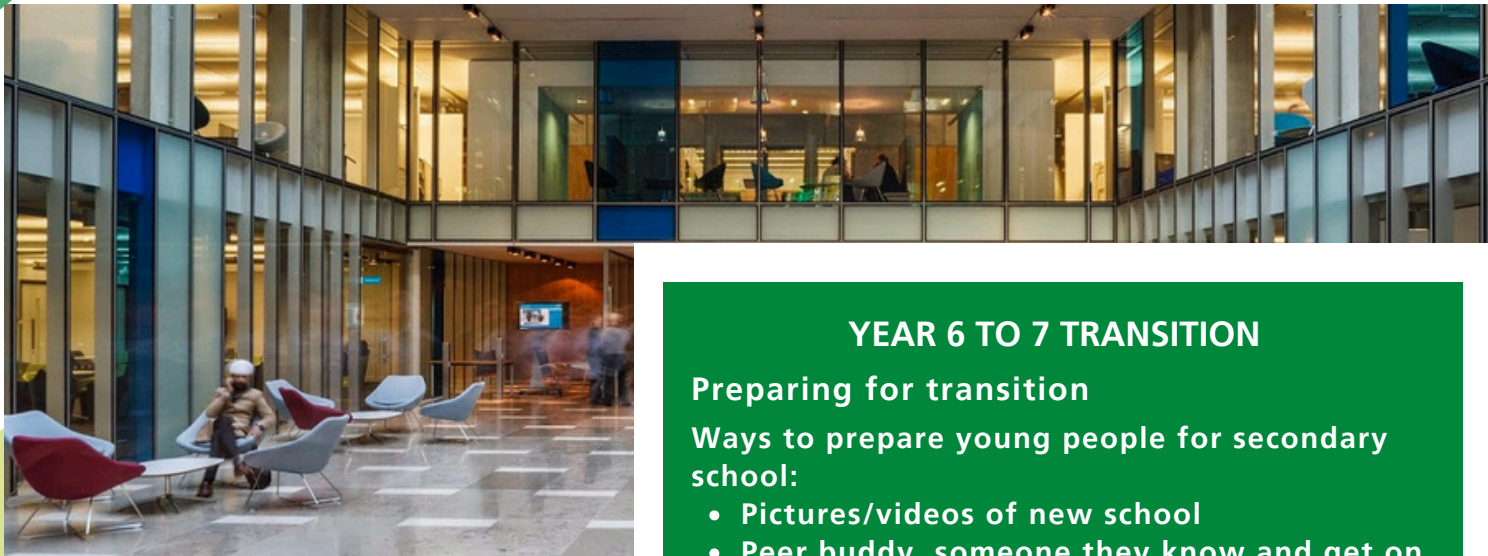


INCLUSION & SEND

Southwark Education Learning and Achievement



EVERWAY (FORMERLY TEXTHELP)

Free exams masterclass (online)

Looking for ways to improve access arrangements with technology? Explore key JCQ guidelines and discover why making the switch from human readers and scribes to technology can make all the difference.

Who should attend: SENCOs and exams officers/assessors

When: 25/03/2025 12pm

[Register here](#)

YEAR 6 TO 7 TRANSITION

Preparing for transition

Ways to prepare young people for secondary school:

- Pictures/videos of new school
- Peer buddy, someone they know and get on with moving to the same school
- Joint annual reviews or parent meetings with both primary and secondary SENCOs
- Social stories and countdown calendars to explain timelines and what to expect
- Having a key adult at secondary school
- Additional SEND transition day (by secondaries)

Early intervention panel

If you have significant concerns about a young person's ability to transition to secondary school you may refer them to the early intervention panel. The panel includes staff from across children and families and is open to both young people with an EHCP and at SEN support, referrals must be submitted by the 26th March at 5pm. [Early intervention panel referral form](#)

Reception Transition Funding Consultation

A consultation has been launched on the proposal to offer Reception Transition Funding from the academic year 2025-2026.

The consultation will close at 5.00pm on Thursday 27th March.

[The details of the proposal and the consultation questions may be found here.](#)

SOUTHWARK SUCCESS

YOUR HARD WORK MATTERS!

Southwark stats:

- At the beginning of 2025 there were **3,649 children and young people with an education, health and care plan**, and approximately 8,000 children receiving SEND support in school. This represents a **156% growth in children and young people with an EHCP in the last 10 years**.
- At 15.3%, the percentage of all school pupils receiving SEN Support continued to rank in the top quartile of all local authorities in England.
- **Our proportion of children with an EHCP and primary need of autism is much larger than most other areas (23.2% in 2024)**. The largest area of need for our children receiving SEND support is in speech, language and communication difficulties.

On every attainment measure, the performance of our Key Stage 4 pupils who receive SEN support is in the top ten of local authorities nationally.

Absence rates for pupils with SEND in our mainstream schools are much lower than across England.

SUCESSES:

- **On every attainment measure, the performance of our Key Stage 4 pupils who receive SEN support is in the top ten of local authorities nationally.** We are top of the table for the rate of SEN support pupils awarded the English Baccalaureate, with 17% of our children reaching that level compared to 5% nationally.
- At Key Stage 4, the performance of our pupils with EHCPs, is also broadly better than their peers nationally. 14% of our pupils with EHCPs are entered for the English Baccalaureate, compared to 5% nationally, and 4% of those children achieve a score of 4 or above in all subjects compared to just 2% nationally.
- **Absence rates for pupils with SEND in our mainstream schools are much lower than across England.** Notably, children with an EHCP in Southwark's mainstream primary schools had the 5th lowest overall absence rate, and the 3rd lowest persistent absentee rate in all of England.

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UPCOMING TRAINING

EYFS Transitions

This course will cover practical advice and strategies to support pupils with SEND transitioning into EYFS, and those transitioning from EYFS to YR1, led by Denise South (SEND consultant).

When: 14/05/25, 4pm - 5pm, online.

[Book here](#)

Improving the writing of EHCP outcomes

Southwark are putting together a training session for all those professionals involved with providing advice/writing outcomes for EHCPs. This session will be led by Kate Hannam (inclusion and monitoring).

When: 09/07/25, 11.30am - 1.30pm, in person.

[Book here](#)

Free Cherry Branch Maps Training!

This training is delivered over three sessions:

Session 1: Introduction to Cherry Garden Branch Maps: Wednesday 30th April 2025: 10am - 11am

Session 2: Follow up session - Wednesday 4th June 2025: 10am - 11am

Session 3: Monitoring and Progression - Wednesday 2nd July 2025: 10am - 11am

[Book your space here](#)

Find us at
160 Tooley street, London, SE1 2QH



THE SEND HUB

Learn, share and socialise with other Southwark SENCOs at the Hub.

Next events - 19th March, 4pm-6pm

22nd May, 4pm-6pm

At Alfred Salter Primary School

[Join the Hub](#)

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