

Higham Lane School  
Helping Learners Succeed

# Support for Learning

## Key Information For Year 7 Students 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to the Support For Learning Department. I am delighted that your son or daughter will be joining us in September and myself and the rest of the team are looking forward to working with both you and them.

Again we find ourselves in unpredictable times. With COVID-19 continuing to have an impact on our daily lives, it has meant that we have had to alter our plans to provide extra transition support for your son/daughter's transition to secondary school in September. Despite this, we will do everything that we can to make the transition to secondary school as smooth as possible for your son/daughter.

Even though you and your son/daughter will be unable to meet the support for learning team in person, you will be able to find details about the team within this booklet. Additional information and videos regarding SEND and the support we provide can be found on the Higham Lane website [www.highamlaneschool.co.uk](http://www.highamlaneschool.co.uk).

I and the rest of the team wish you and your son/daughter a happy and safe summer and we look forward to seeing you in the Autumn term.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me via the SENDCO@highamlaneschool.co.uk email address.

Kind Regards,

Miss Greenfield (SENDCO)

# Key Members of staff



**Mr Kelly**  
Headteacher



**Miss Greenfield**  
SENDCO



**Mrs Lynch**  
Year 7 Progress  
Leader



**Mrs Albrighton**  
HLTA



**Mrs Bowers**  
HLTA



**Mrs Moore-Bennett**  
Student Services



**Mrs Whitmore**  
Student Services

You must bring the right equipment with you everyday.

You will need to have a pencil case in your school bag. It needs to have the following things in it:

- 2 pens
- Pencil
- Ruler
- Purple pen
- Rubber
- Sharpener
- Highlighter
- Protractor
- Pair of compasses
- Glue stick
- Corded headphones for ICT
- Coloured pencils

You will also need a scientific calculator, a reading book and your organiser in your school bag.



This is the Higham Lane uniform.

You must wear your blazer at all times when in school and your shirt must be tucked in.

Girls can wear HLS skirts or trousers.

Boys wear black school trousers.

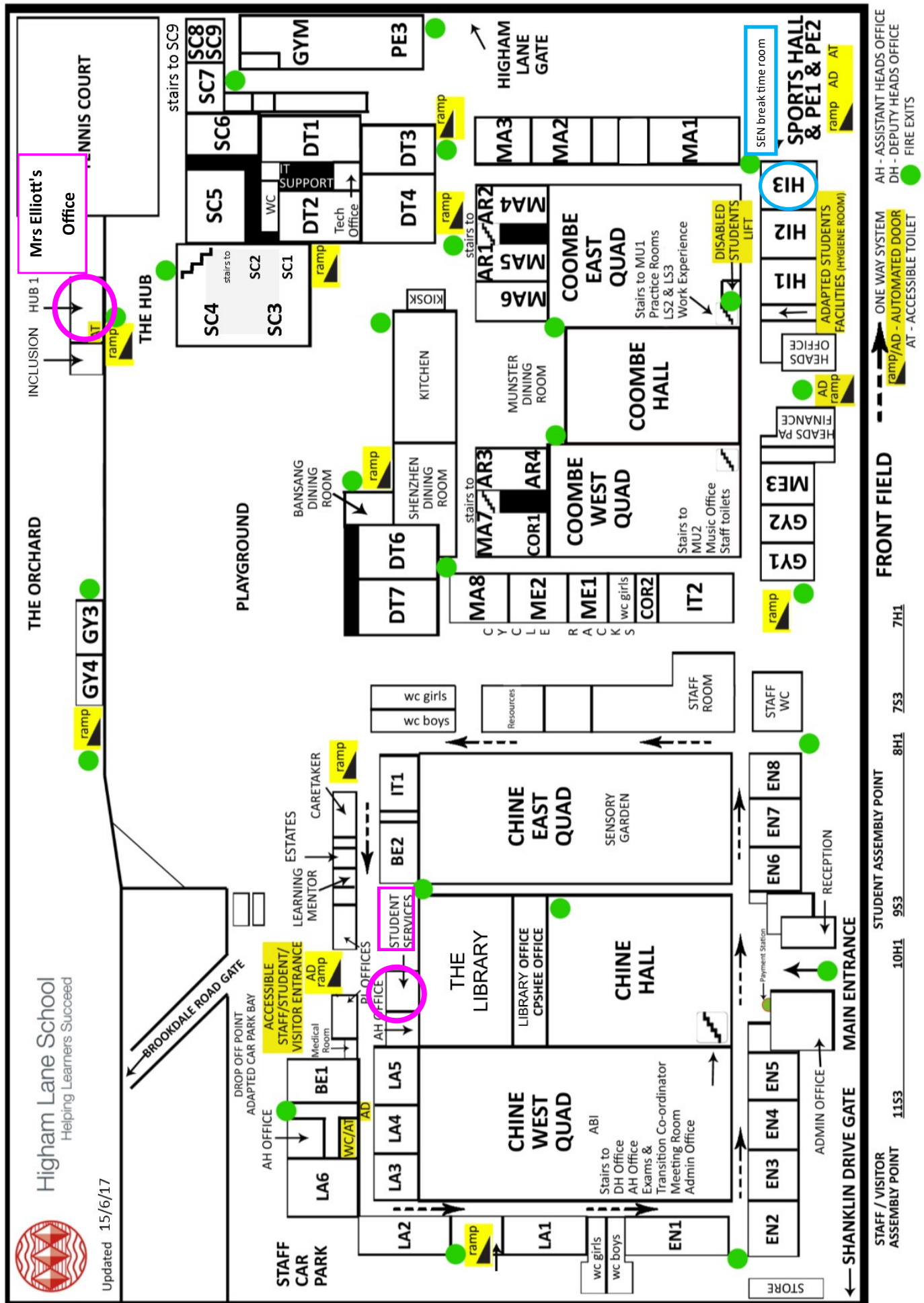
This is the Higham Lane PE kit.





# School Map

If you have any concerns or problems you will be able to find help at Student Services or in Miss Greenfield's office. (Highlighted in pink)





## Typical classrooms around school



The playground



Coombe Hall



English classroom



IT classroom



History classroom



Art classroom





Maths classroom



MFL classroom



D&T classroom



D&T workshop



Science lab



Food technology room



# School dinner



One of the dining rooms

You can pay for your school dinner by scanning your fob.

This may change in September but we will let you know!



Example of a school dinner menu

GLOBAL ADVENTURE WEEK 3					
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
GLOBAL ADVENTURE	<b>INDIAN</b> Chicken Balti Naan Bread Cucumber Raita	<b>BRITISH</b> Sausage Mashed Potato Peas	<b>BRITISH</b> Roast Turkey Roast Potatoes	<b>THAI</b> Chicken Pad Khing Sweetcorn	<b>BRITISH</b> Home-made Battered Fish Fillet Peas 93065563
HIGH STREET FAVES	<b>DEEP SOUTH DINER</b> Quorn Chilli	<b>WINGS &amp; THINGS</b> Veg & Bean Quesadilla	<b>DEEP SOUTH DINER</b> Quorn Sausage	<b>WINGS &amp; THINGS</b> Loaded Mac 'N' Cheese	<b>DEEP SOUTH DINER</b> Quorn Burger
	Lemon and Herb Piri Rice	Pasta Salad *	Creamed Potatoes	Garlic bread	Chips (oil)
SPEEDY ITALIAN	Corn on the Cob	House Slaw	BBQ Beans	Chop Chop Salad	Baked Beans
	Veggie Hot One Pizza (v)	3 Cheese Sicilian Pizza (v)	Mushroom & Sweetcorn Pizza (v)	Sicilian Cheese & Tomato Pizza (V)	Cajun Chicken Sizzler Pizza
	Bolognaise pasta	Herby Tomato Pasta (v)	Bolognaise pasta	Herby Tomato Pasta (v)	Bolognaise pasta
	Margherita Pizza (v)	Margherita Pizza (v)	Margherita Pizza (v)	Margherita Pizza (v)	Margherita Pizza (v)
Wholegrain * Oily Fish ***					

# School Timings

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday

<b>Registration</b>	<b>8.50-9.10am</b>
<b>Period 1</b>	9.10-10.10am
<b>Period 2</b>	10.10-11.10am
<b>Break</b>	<b>11.10-11.30am</b>
<b>Period 3</b>	11.30am-12.30pm
<b>Lunch</b>	<b>12.30-1.15pm</b>
<b>Period 4</b>	1.15-2.15pm
<b>Period 5</b>	2.15-3.15pm

Wednesday

<b>Registration</b>	<b>8.50-9.10am</b>
<b>Period 1</b>	9.10-10.05am
<b>Period 2</b>	10.05-11.00am
<b>Break</b>	<b>11.00-11.20am</b>
<b>Period 3</b>	11.20am-12.15pm
<b>Lunch</b>	<b>12.15-1.00pm</b>
<b>Period 4</b>	1.00-2.00pm
<b>Period 5</b>	2.00-2.55pm


























# Example of a 2 week timetable

























	<b>AMon</b> Science	<b>ATue</b> Geog	<b>AWed</b> Eng.Lang.	<b>AThu</b> Eng.Lang.	<b>AFri</b> Music
<b>1</b>	HL SC8	CJ GY1	WE EN7	HI EN8	DC MU1
<b>2</b>	Eng.Lang. TL LA2	Music DC MU1	German HR LA6	Science HL SC8	Hist GJ HI3
<b>3</b>	German HR LA6	PE DA PE3	PHSE MA DT4	PE DA PE3	Maths MK MA2
<b>4</b>	Hist IA HI1	Maths MK MA2	Art BS AR1	Computer Science BP B&E1	Geog CL GY4
<b>5</b>	Maths MK MA2	Eng.Lang. WE EN7	Maths BM MA5	Maths MK MA2	Technology SK DT7
<b>Tw</b>					

	<b>BMon</b> Eng.Lang.	<b>BTue</b> Maths	<b>BWed</b> Science	<b>BThu</b> PE	<b>BFri</b> Hist
<b>1</b>	WE EN7	MK MA2	BR SC2	WS PE3	IA HI1
<b>2</b>	Science HL SC8	Geog BD GY1	Computer Science BP B&E2	PE WS PE3	Science HL SC8
<b>3</b>	German HR LA6	Eng.Lang. HI EN8	PHSE MA DT4	Modern Ethics \$KA DT7	Geog CJ GY1
<b>4</b>	Maths MK MA2	Science BR SC2	Eng.Lang. WE EN7	Art JD AR2	Technology SK DT7
<b>5</b>	Modern Ethics LC ME1	German HR LA6	Hist GJ HI3	Art JD AR2	Technology SK DT7
<b>Tw</b>					



# Example of a visual timetable

Week A	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Registration					
Period 1	Maths MA1 	English EN3 	Technology DT7 	I.T. IT1 	Hist HI4 
Period 2	English EN3 	English HUB1 	Technology DT7 	Maths COR1 	English EN3 
Break					
Period 3	Music MU1 	Maths MA4 	PHSE EN3 	ME ME2 	Art AR3 
Lunch					
Period 4	PE SL 	Geog GY2 	Science SC9 	Science SC8 	Maths COR1 
Period 5	PE SL 	Hist HI4 	Maths MA1 	English HUB1 	Geog GY2 

Week B	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Registration					
Period 1	English En3 	Maths MA1 	Science SC9 	Maths COR1 	Maths COR1 
Period 2	Science SC8 	I.T. IT1 	Music MU1 	Science SC8 	English HUB1 
Break					
Period 3	Maths MA4 	Science SC8 	PHSE EN3 	English HUB1 	Technology DT7 
Lunch					
Period 4	PE SL 	English HUB1 	Art AR3 	Geog GY2 	Maths MA1 
Period 5	PE SL 	Hist HI4 	Art AR3 	English EN3 	ME ME2

## Break time Provision

SEND Social Room: KS3 (Year 7-8) - EN8  
and KS4 (Year 9-11) - Hub

## Lunch time Provisions

KS3 - EN8 and KS4 - The Hub

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday

12.45pm - 1.15pm

Wednesday

12.30pm - 1pm

There will be designated activities each day  
e.g. Tuesday/Friday Homework Club

## Homework Club

after school

KS3 - Wednesday in The Library

KS4 - Tuesday and Thursday in The Library

All rooms, including the Dining Room, are supported by a learning support assistants. We also have S4L3 - a calm room which is available at all times of the day.

# Learning Support Assistants



Mrs Albrighton  
HLTA

Hello! My name is Mrs Albrighton.

Things I like doing include growing fruit and vegetables in my allotment and looking after my chickens who live there. I also run Nuneaton BMX Club at the Jubilee BMX track in Nuneaton so if you're a BMX racer, or would like to know more about the club, please come and say hi and I can tell you all about it! When I'm not at the allotment or BMX track, I love playing with my little poodle called Betty. I have taught her to do loads of tricks and she can ring a bell which tells me she wants feeding! I love the cinema and go as often as I can - my favourite films are Marvel ones!

I'm really looking forward to meeting you all and can't wait for you to join us at Higham Lane!



Mrs Bowers  
HLTA

My name is Mrs Bowers. I have been a member of staff at HLS for 18 years. My Hobbies are gardening, upcycling furniture and I love Cricket and Rugby. I also love listening to music. My specialist subject is English.



Mrs Sloan  
LSA

My name is Mrs Blyth. I assist in English, Modern Ethics, Geography, History, Science and Art. I enjoy gardening, designing my own clothes, decorating, lots of art-work, walking my two dogs Bonnie and Clyde and spending time with my family. I have a great interest in how things are made, why they are given that particular name and who invented them.



## Learning Support Assistants



Mrs Curzon

I support in a variety of classes but my specialist areas are mainly in English and Art. I am currently studying for my BSc honours degree in Psychology with Counselling at University.

Outside of the learning world, I love to go ice-skating, and I also love to go on really long walks when the weather is nice. My other hobbies include taking my Son to Football, and taking my Daughter to do mixed martial arts.



Mrs Duberia  
LSA

My name is Mrs Duberia. I'm a Teaching Assistant here at Higham Lane School. I very much enjoy my work. I love to support students to achieve their full potential. Outside of work, I enjoy reading novels and learning about make-up techniques.

I love to travel, going for walks in the countryside. I love cooking and trying out new recipes.

Looking forward to meeting you all in September.



Mrs Greenhough  
LSA

Hi, I am Mrs Greenhough and I support Science mostly along with a little Maths.

I love exercise classes and keeping fit.

## Learning Support Assistants



Miss Johnson

LSA

Hi, I am Miss Johnson and I mainly support in English which is my favourite subject. I am passionate about reading (especially Harry Potter!) so when I am not at school I usually have a book in my hand and I am currently reading '1984' by George Orwell. I have a pet cat called Alfred who is very fluffy and always getting into mischief and at the weekends my favourite thing to do is spend time with my family and friends.



Miss Malik

LSA

Hi, my name is Miss Malik and I support in a variety of subjects but my favourite is Maths. Outside of school I like baking, spending time with my friends watching Avatar the Last Airbender/Legend of Korra or eating chocolate (usually a KitKat).



Mrs Miles

LSA

My Name is Mrs Miles I have worked at Higham Lane for the past 9 years as a Learning Support Assistant. You will mainly see me in Science lessons supporting students although I enjoy a variety of other subjects too within the school. When I am not at school I enjoy walking, cooking and meeting up with my family and friends at the weekend.

# Learning Support Assistants



Mrs Simpson

LSA

I enjoy supporting all year groups, especially in Maths. I also enjoy supporting German and French. In my spare time I like walking, reading and watching movies.



Mrs Smith

LSA

Hello my name is Mrs Smith and I support a student 1 : 1 and so you will see me around the whole school site. The student I work with will tell you I like to sing and make up silly songs! My favourite subject is Art and if I could I would paint and draw all day. I also love spending time with my family, music, going to festivals and travelling.



Miss Thompson

LSA

Hi! My name is Miss Thompson and I am the Pastoral Support Assistant at Higham Lane School. Primarily, I support students who have a physical disability, but I also support some students with their social and emotional development. Outside of school, I am Mum to four sons and enjoy spending time volunteering as an instructor with Sea Cadets. I also LOVE music! I look forward to meeting you and welcoming you to Higham Lane School!





Mr Williams

LSA

Hi, my name is Mr Williams and you will usually find me in Computing or Technology classrooms because those are the subjects I support the most in, and my favourites. When I am not helping out in a classroom I like to play the drums, play computer games or build something cool with Lego. My favourite thing to do on the weekend is travel! I have a campervan that I use to go all around the UK. I am looking forward to meeting you all when you join us in Year 7.

## In-Class Support



Mrs Davis

Hi I'm Mrs. Davis. You can expect to see me supporting and assisting teachers in lessons and covering classes. This is a great way for me to get to know our new students better. I'm looking forward to being part of your learning journey here a HLS. I have been interested in English Literature and Performing Arts from a young age, I appeared in a number of school and college productions and went on to study performing arts at DeMontfort University. I now devote my time to encouraging pupils to be the best they can be.

Mrs Paruk

My name is Mrs Paruk I cover lessons when teachers are absent and support students in lessons which makes my role really interesting. I enjoy helping students learn. In my spare time I enjoy baking, arts and crafts like knitting and being creative. I love learning languages and apart from English I speak Gujarati and Urdu. I look forward to meeting you in September.

## Year 7 Form Tutors

H1 - Mrs Gowen and Mrs Betteridge

H2 - Miss McGee

H3 - Miss Ivens

L1 - Mrs Davenport

L2 - Mr Cole

L3 - Mr Parker

S1 - Miss Mackey

S2 - Mrs Findlay and Mrs Watson

S3 - Miss Charles

# Top Tips for Surviving Secondary School!



## Be prepared!

Look at your timetable and make sure you know where to go and when.



## Be organised!

Make sure you have the right books and equipment with you for each lesson.



## Be enthusiastic!

Teachers won't expect you to get every answer right, but they will be impressed if you try your best and 'have a go' at learning new things.



## Be resilient!

Sometimes things won't go your way - they will be difficult or unfair or embarrassing. This is normal and happens to everyone, so don't worry. Just say to yourself, 'tomorrow's another day'...



## Be brave!

It might seem hard to make new friends, but everyone is feeling the same way. Say hello!

If someone else seems to be having a hard time, try to help. This is a good way to make friends and hopefully they will return the favour.



## Be kind!



## Be yourself!

Believe in yourself! You can do it!



## Be honest!

If you do something wrong or forget something, it's much better to own up straight away.



## What do our Students and Parents have to say?

### Student A

1. Before I started Higham Lane I was excited and nervous.
2. The support I have had has been fantastic.

### Parent A

We realised it was a big step for our daughter and were anxious that she would be slow to settle in. Strategies have been put in place to help her acclimatise to the new school environment and these have really helped.

We liked that another pupil showed our daughter around and he is still involved.

The communication between Higham Lane and St Nicholas to discuss our daughter's needs was fantastic and really helped the transition.

### Student B

Before I started Higham Lane, I was genuinely worried that I wouldn't be able to socialise much with the other students and I was quite devastated that I had to leave Year 6. However I was quite ecstatic that I had a chance to find a lot of things about Higham Lane, how interesting it really is and much more.

2. I have found the support at Higham Lane outstanding because I actually have a chance to express myself at the appropriate time. I am treated very much like a young adult and teachers listen to what I have to say and my opinions. To help me during difficult times of the day such as lunch time, I have an early lunch pass because when I first arrived, I had a very bad experience with waiting in large queues, always being last in them, being stuck in large crowds and leaving me with virtually no choice of food whatsoever.

I have a key worker, called Ms. Johnson, to support me with loneliness, work, and many other dilemmas, as well as Student Services Mrs. Elliott, Mrs. Bowers helping me. I genuinely thank them for being such giant support towards me, my work and my problems. Everyone has been so helpful; making sure I know where I had to go, showing me around the school and looking after me; especially when I have been a bit down and worried, I have had lots of help and support.

### Parent B

Before my son started Higham Lane School, as a parent I needed to understand how his wide variety of needs could be met and was helped by talking with the support for learning team.

My son and I had the opportunity along with other parent/ carers to attend a relaxed drink and cake evening, to meet the team, shown how the transition will work and to ask questions which gave me a lot of reassurance.

I felt confident on induction day because prior to that my son was able to visit Higham Lane School in small groups so he could understand the environment and layout of the school, it meant a lot to know that he was happy and looking forward to induction day.

A key information booklet was handed to him detailing relevant school information in clear, simple text along with pictures and whenever he asked questions about the new school he could use and understand this booklet which helped settle his thoughts. By September my son was ready and nervously looking forward to starting Higham Lane School.



For any further information please speak to  
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or

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