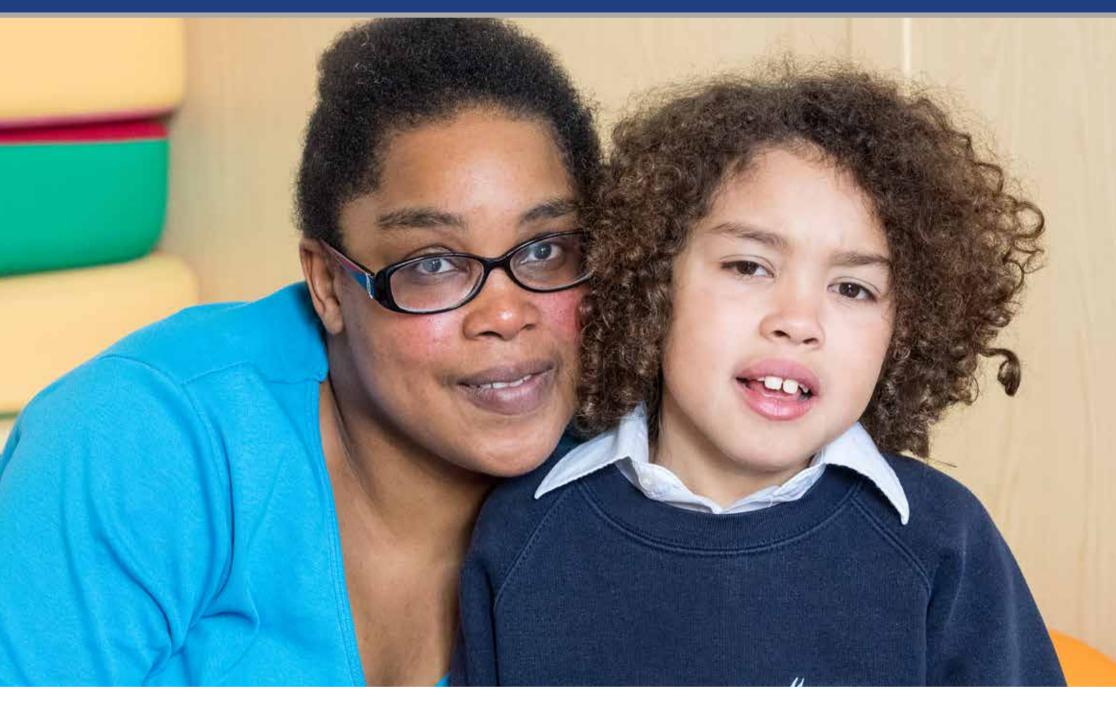
## MARIE IS GRATEFUL FOR THE SUPPORT HER SON HAS RECEIVED WITH HIS SPECIAL NEEDS, SHE WISHES ADAM COULD STAY AT MONEGA PRIMARY SCHOOL FOR THE WHOLE OF HIS EDUCATION

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Marie Emmanuel and Ben Bailey live in Newham with their son, Adam, nine. Adam has Autistic Spectrum Disorder (ASD) and is in Year 4.



## **UNPHASED BY SPECIAL NEEDS**

Before Adam started nursery, staff did a home visit and Marie discussed that Adam was being investigated for ASD. "I was impressed because it didn't phase them. They immediately said they were happy to provide one to one support for him."

Adam is non-verbal and Monega has adopted a number of practices to help him communicate. The Picture Exchange Communication System (PECS) allows Adam to communicate requests, thoughts or anything that can be symbolised with a picture, to teachers and classmates at school. "Monega have also put in place a visual timetable and an activity sheet which is broken down into small sections for him," explains Marie.

## A BRILLIANT SCHOOL

"From a special needs perspective, Monega Primary School has supported us really well from nursery onwards. The Special Needs coordinators always have time to talk to you about any concerns and the weekly coffee mornings for parents of children with special needs offer a great source of support. It's a brilliant school!"



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