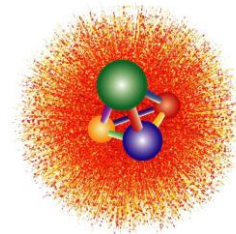


EXHALL GRANGE SPECIALIST SCHOOL

SEN INFORMATION REPORT



Exhall Grange Specialist School is a county-wide specialist provision for pupils aged between 2 and 19 for whom the normative expectations of attainment in the National Curriculum are generally appropriate but who are unable to access the curriculum in a mainstream school owing to their sensory impairment or physical disabilities or the impact of long-term illness.

The school, therefore, caters for pupils whose primary needs relate to sensory impairment, physical disability or long-term illness, or any combination of these, who have a profile of need which cannot be met in a mainstream school and where placement in a broad spectrum special school would not be appropriate.

Although Exhall Grange is a Warwickshire LA special school, we work closely with a number of Local Authorities and therefore following our admissions process do admit pupils from other authorities.

Exhall Grange offers the full National Curriculum, which is differentiated according to need. Access to the curriculum is provided through small groups, specialist teaching and adapted resources. Additional curriculum areas such as orientation and mobility, Braille and keyboarding are offered to those pupils who require such support.

The fragile and vulnerable nature of the pupils on roll means that it is *not* a suitable placement for children whose behaviour is challenging and unpredictable.

The school admits pupils throughout the year but transfer in Year 6/7 will usually be in September at the start of Year 7.

Consideration will always need to be given to numbers in and the profile of each year group.

Each referral will be considered by a Local Authority/School Admissions Panel, which meets half termly and is chaired by a representative of Warwickshire's Special Educational Needs and Disability Assessment and Review team. Although Exhall Grange is a Warwickshire LA special school, the admissions process is applicable for the potential admission of pupils from other authorities.

The child must have an EHC Plan or Statement of Educational Need indicating sensory impairment, physical disability or complex medical as their primary area of need.

What is the Local Offer ?

- The Children and Families Bill is now law from September 2014. From this date, Local Authorities and schools are required to publish and keep under review information about services they expect to be available for the children and young people with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) ages 0-25. This is the 'Local Offer'.
- The intention of the Local Offer is to improve choice and transparency for families. It will also be an important resource for parents in understanding the range of services and provision in the local area.
- The Local Offer is available at www.warwickshire.gov.uk/send.

The School SEN Information Report

This utilises the LA Local Offer to meet the needs of SEND pupils as determined by school policy and the provision that the school is able to meet.

If your Child has Special Educational Needs, what can we at Exhall Grange Specialist School offer ?

At Exhall Grange Specialist School, we embrace the fact that every child is different and, therefore, the educational needs of every child are different; this is certainly the case for children with Special Educational Needs.

What are the approaches to teaching children and young people at Exhall Grange Specialist School ?

- Differentiation
- Personalisation
- Small Groups
- Autistic Spectrum Disorder
- Quality support staff
- Specialist subject teaching
- Qualified Teachers of Visually Impaired (QTVI)
- Specialist equipment
- Independence skills
- Intervention
- School educational visits
- Residential visits
- Personal care
- Mobility

How are adaptations made to the curriculum and learning environment ?

- Personalised learning
- Lead teachers for Year 7 and Year 8
- Appropriate options (subjects & qualification)
- Destination led courses
- Ramps
- Braille/Minolta/thermoform/tactile adaptations
- Use of Makaton signs
- Specialist equipment
- Specialist resources technician
- Communication friendly environment
- High marking/textured pavements
- Rise and fall tables, sinks and cooker
- Talking scales, microwave etc.
- Science equipment adapted
- Communication aids
- Communicate in print
- Mobility training
- Additional support staff in lessons
- Computer adaptations

What is the staff expertise at Exhall Grange School ?

- Safeguarding/child protection
- Qualified Teachers of the Visually Impaired
- Autism training
- Deaf awareness
- Manual handling
- Dysphagia training provided by Speech and Language Service
- Disability awareness training
- 2 full time School Nurses
- Mobility and Independence Team
- 2 full time School and Family Liaison Officers
- Collaborative working with partner and external agencies including Speech and Language Therapy, Occupational Therapy and Physiotherapy
- Manual Handling Team
- Visual Impairment Specialist Resource Technician
- Autism Spectrum Lead Teacher
- Visual Impairment Lead Teacher
- Strategic Lead for Warwickshire Vision Support Service
- Physical Disability Lead Teacher
- Specialist Subject Teachers

How are Children and Young People enabled to engage in wider activities ?

- Lunchtime clubs and afterschool swimming/sports clubs
- Residentials
- Concerts
- Community activities signposted eg in newsletter
- Social evenings – 6th Form, Sports & Social evenings
- Wacky Forum (Youth Forum for young people with additional needs)
- College courses
- Charity fund raising
- Specialist Summer Camp
- Visitors in school
- School visits
- Weekend activities including fishing trips, bike riding, bird watching and gardening
- 6th Form enterprise
- School Council
- Sports Council
- Visually Impaired School Community Forum
- Physically Disabled School Community Forum
- Inter-school cross country/swimming/primary sports day
- Go-Kidz-Go wheelchair course
- Sports visitors/speakers
- Integrated Disability Service play scheme
- Troy (school buddy dog)
- Riding for Disabled lessons
- Stay and play – Early Years
- Rotary events – Drayton Manor/Lake District

How do we ensure that we are meeting the needs of our pupils emotional and social development ?

- Pupil update meetings
- Social Use of Language Programme – friendship group
- Family support liaison
- Referral to outside bodies
- Sensory toys, jackets etc.
- Troy – pupil buddy dog
- Full time specialist support staff are available to promote pupils health and emotional wellbeing including our school nurses who are trained counsellors. There are strong links with the Integrated Disability Service who are based on school site.
- We have recently appointed 2 School and Family Liaison Officers to extend services to parents and pupils including the delivery of Triple P parenting programmes and links with 'Reach'.

What are the arrangements for supporting parents and pupils in the learning process ?

- Annual Review meetings
- Education, Health and Care Plan transition meetings
- Parent Consultation Evenings
- Range of parent events/activities including celebration assemblies and information events such as e-safety
- Regular progress reports
- Home-school diaries
- Text messaging service
- Newsletter
- School Council

How do we support children when they join the School, move to another school or move on to college ?

- Place of assessment week for pupils looking for a place at school
- Pre-visits
- Multi-agency working to share information
- Observations in school
- Year 7 transition day
- College visits
- Support from Right Step (independent careers advice and guidance)
- Independent travel training
- Destination led courses

What if I am unhappy with the provision for my child ?

- Speak directly to your child's class teacher or form tutor, they will be able to offer advice and support
- Speak to the relevant Assistant Headteacher or Deputy Headteacher
- If you are still not satisfied then speak to the Headteacher who will inform you of the steps the school will take to support you and your child and also advise you of how to make a complaint either through the school's Complaints Policy or to the Local Authority

- Parents may also refer to the independent disagreement resolution arrangements available from the local authority.

Which websites can I access to find out more ?

- Warwickshire's Local Offer of SEND support
- Coventry's Local Offer of SEND
- Coventry and Warwickshire Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services (CAMHS)
- Coventry Educational Psychology Service
- Coventry Occupational Therapy Service
- Coventry Physiotherapy Service
- Coventry Speech and Language Services



www.rugbyautismnetwork.co.uk



www.autism.org.uk



www.e-safetysupport.com offering E-safety news for schools



www.warwickshire.gov.uk/safeplaces



[SEND Information, Advice & Support \(formerly Parent Partnership\)](#)



www.scope.org.uk New Parent Befriending Service [Face-2-Face](#)



[Family and Childcare Trust Newsletter October 2014](#)



[Action for Blind People](#)



[EMBRACE - Special Needs Friendship Group](#)



[Short Breaks Sports Club in Nuneaton](#)



[Little Sunflowers - Kenilworth Sensory and Play Centre](#)