

Old Hall Schools Local offer

All Walsall schools have a commitment, through their Local offer to meet the needs of their pupils with Special Educational needs and are supported by the Local Authority to ensure that all pupils, regardless of their specific needs make the best possible progress in school.

All schools are encouraged to be as inclusive as possible with the needs of pupils with a special educational need and/or disabilities being met in a mainstream setting wherever possible where families want this to happen.

At Old Hall we follow the same principles as any mainstream school but are resourced to provide a more specialised, multi-agency approach to support our pupils.

Old Hall provides education for children age 3 -11 years who have severe, complex and profound and multiple learning difficulties.

We offer:

A warm welcoming ethos where our pupils' best interests are paramount.

A personalised curriculum that includes The National Curriculum (for Primary age pupils) or the Early Years Foundation Curriculum (for younger pupils) differentiated to meet individual need and includes basic skills, independence and preparation for learning.

A vibrant creative curriculum delivered through imaginative themed topics.

Wide use of the local community – the school has 2 accessible mini buses – all drivers are MIDAS trained.

Opportunities for outdoor learning including: riding, sailing and outdoor pursuits and residential experiences.

Well trained dedicated teaching staff and assistants.

Small groups and opportunities for 1:1 teaching.

Staff trained in communication strategies including Makaton, use of symbols, Derbyshire Language, Intensive interaction.

All staff trained in Team Teach behaviour management strategies.

All staff trained in Moving and Handling.

All staff trained in Emergency First Aid and 8 members of staff are fully qualified first Aiders

Nursing support for the administration of medication, enteral feeding and monitoring, parent support/open door policy, continence advice and support, signposting, liaising with all agencies including the community children's nursing team.

Physiotherapist and regular physiotherapy technician support

Class teams deliver Physical Management programmes as set by the physiotherapist.

Speech and Language support – Speech and Language therapists are in school 2 days each week and class teams deliver programmes throughout the week.

Clinics that are held in school :

orthoptist, orthotist, paediatric consultant, dietician

(For more information or contact numbers for the above clinics please contact the school Nursing team on:01902 603787)

Support from the Hearing and Vision service.

Support from an educational Psychologist.

Access to specialised equipment and facilities:

Music support in school 1 day each week

Sports coach in school 1 day each week.

Fully equipped Sensory rooms that are accessible to every child.

Hydrotherapy pool

ICT suite

Soft Play room

Sensory trails

Extensive purpose built outdoor facilities

A supportive learning environment where each child's needs are met

Open door policy – parents and carers are encouraged to phone or visit school.

Strong partnerships between parent/carer and school so that we can work together to help each child progress to their maximum.

Regular communication between school and home through home/school diaries, phone calls, progress meetings and Annual Review meetings.

Teacher and assistant support during lunchtimes to promote independence and social skills.

Well structured transitions especially on entry to school and in preparation for Secondary school.

Links with mainstream schools for shared learning experiences.

Assessment places when requested by the Local Authority