

The Harbour LAN Centre Prospectus 2017-2018



About us:

The Hythe School is happy, caring and dedicated to providing the best possible education for every pupil in a stimulating and safe environment. In September 2004 the school opened a Specialist Centre for children with Learning and Additional Needs, known as **The Harbour Centre**.

This year we have extended our provision into Key Stage 1 for children who have Communication and Interaction Needs (COIN).

The Harbour Centre can accommodate up to 12 children in Key Stage 2, 9 children in Key Stage 1 and is part of the Local Education Authority's strategy to ensure that children with learning difficulties have some mainstream experience.

We have a high staff/ low pupil ratio, meaning we can offer a personalised curriculum for each child with the level of support that each child needs. Activities and lessons are multi-sensory and differentiated to their needs enabling all children to access the curriculum. Pupils are usually taught English and maths in the Centre, and included into their mainstream classes as much as they are able.



Inclusion:

Children from The Harbour Centre are included in visits, assemblies, clubs and residential trips that are offered to their year groups. They wear the same uniform, share the same playtime and lunchtime arrangements and are an integral part of The Hythe Community Primary School.



Children are supported in mainstream by a member of Centre staff. We work closely with all class teachers to ensure that all children receive a broad and balanced curriculum and that we can help them achieve.

Staffing and facilities:

The Centre Manager leads the resource and there is a teacher for each key stage. They work closely together to plan for meeting the needs of the children and ensuring good progress. All our support staff support the children both in their learning in The Centre and in their mainstream classes, on school trips and during lunch and break times.

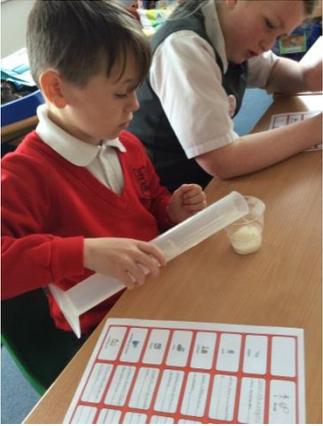
A Speech and Language Therapist and a Speech and Language Therapy Assistant are in the Centre every week. Other outside agencies including Occupational Therapists, Physiotherapists, Physical and Sensory Support and Outreach workers visit the Centre to carry out further assessment and give advice.



The Harbour Centre provision consists of two classrooms, a group room, a sensory room and an office. We also have a school swimming pool. There is an enclosed outdoor learning and play area attached to the Centre which the children use daily throughout the year. This includes a sensory garden and plots for children to grow their own herbs, vegetables and flowers.

Working with parents and families:

We aim to work with all family members to help them contribute to the development of our pupils. There is regular contact with all parents through home-school books, phone calls, one-to-one meetings and coffee mornings. A member of staff is always available before school and at the end of the day for you to raise any concerns or queries. If you need to discuss something in more detail or more confidentially then please call to arrange a convenient time. As your child has an Education Health Care Plan (EHCP), you will also be invited to termly review meetings to discuss their progress.



Admissions:

There are regular, county-wide forums to select the children who would benefit from the specialist support at the Centre and meet criteria for admission. All children considered at forum must have an Education and Health Care Plan (EHCP). Further details of these arrangements can be obtained from your Area Education Office.



Parents and carers are very welcome to visit at any time.
Please call to arrange an appointment.

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