



Hub @ Whittington CE (VA) Primary School



Our Resourced Provision (Hub) is designed to meet the needs of up to ten children with complex needs. The setting is a nurturing and calm environment which enables children to learn and develop through their own interests. Each child in the provision is unique and beautiful and our child-led approach to learning, curriculum engagement and social skill development recognises each child's individuality, efforts and achievements. Children in the Hub can explore their own interests in a safe and enabling environment, where sensory needs can be met.

Curriculum

After getting to our children, personalised curriculums, targets and plans are designed to help support, challenge and engage them; the plans cater for individual learning preferences, interests, sensory and SEMH needs. When in the Hub, learning and intervention will take the form of small group, pair or individual activities. Hub children are an important part of our school community and, in many ways, are indicative of our commitment to inclusion and courageous advocacy. Support is skilfully designed for each child to access mainstream learning and activities with their peers when it is appropriate to their needs and/or interests. Inclusion and integration into our mainstream setting is vital and allows each child to have the confidence and skills to learn with their peers - providing excellent opportunities to access all areas of the curriculum – as well as making social links with their peers. We have unapologetically high aspirations for our children and are committed to equip them with the skills they need to progress through their journey.

Interventions are tailored to each child's needs and include: Precision Teaching; immediate intervention to support curriculum and academic skills; Talk Time; fine and gross motor skill support; social groups and sensory input.

Whittington CE Primary School offers a wide range of extra-curricular activity that are very popular with our Hub children. These include: Football, Art and Well-being, Cross-Country and Singing. As a Hub we are very proud to represent our school in events such as Ten-pin Bowling and Athletics.

We are always seeking additional enrichment opportunities to enhance the experience of our Hub children. E.g. horse riding, walks and visits.

The Hub Environment

We are attached and very much a part of the main school, and we have our own unique space. This incorporates a smaller learning room which is a wonderful space to share a story on our comfy seating or play a game or two. Next door we have a more typical learning classroom for the older children (replicating mainstream classes) and a larger, more open-plan class-base to support our Early Years and Key Stage 1 children. This space allows for children to play with the small world toys or have sensory activities on a tuff spot. The Hub has its own kitchen so that we can cook, prepare snacks or enjoy tasting activities. Attached to our Key Stage 1 classroom, we have our own outdoor space to play games and enjoy water activities. We have a small quiet room with beanbags that provides a low-sensory environment to regulate and express emotions. We also use our beautiful grounds, Forest School area and garden to support outdoor learning.

Staffing

The Resourced Provision is highly staffed with ratios to suit the complex needs of the children. The Hub is led by a qualified teacher, and member of SLT, and in collaboration with a Higher Level Teaching Assistant (SEND) and other Teaching Assistants. All adults are trained to a high level of expertise. All of our staff are highly-skilled at working as a team to ensure that children build on success, have opportunities to experiment and try new things and cope with their feelings in a wide variety of situations and pressures. Every minute of the day is supported by design and provides a framework for our children to build confidence, widen social experiences and develop the skills needed to have successful relationships.

Admissions

Applications for a place at Whittington Hub are overseen by the Shropshire SEN team:
senteam@shropshire.gov.uk

If you would like any further guidance on the application process, please do not hesitate to contact the school.