

Middleton is a primary special school for children with Autism, Speech Language and Communication Needs and Moderate Learning Difficulties.

An important aspect of the work we do is to offer SEN support to mainstream colleagues. There has been an established Outreach Service at Middleton for a number of years, but in November 2014 a new outreach provision was launched across the LA and Middleton continues to provide support to local schools through this service.

What Services are on offer?

There are 3 main types of support:

- i) pupil focus support
- ii) school focus support
- iii) INREACH/Training

Pupil Focus Support

May include:

- ✚ Creation of resources to support learning
- ✚ Strategies to assist with inclusion
- ✚ Advice on differentiation and curriculum development
- ✚ Assist in accurate assessments and appropriate target setting
- ✚ Demonstration of equipment and resources
- ✚ Facilitate discussions with parents and other professionals
- ✚ Share ideas
- ✚ Support in developing effective behaviour management strategies
- ✚ Support in transition procedures

School Focus Support

May include:

- ✚ whole school training in areas such as Sign Language, Assessment, Challenging Behaviour, alternative modes of communication etc

Inreach

May include:

- ✚ Visits to Middleton to observe practice
- ✚ Visits to Middleton to borrow resources
- ✚ Attendance at training events

What makes this service different?

Outreach is delivered by serving teachers and teaching assistants who understand about planning and teaching children with additional needs. They understand the pressures of working in a real school. This is a free and unlimited service with rapid response. This service offers the opportunity to develop a long term supportive relationship between the two settings.

Do outreach staff have special training?

Yes they are qualified teachers who have worked in mainstream and special schools. They have advanced qualifications in special needs.

What is the aim of the outreach service?

Is this a way of getting children considered for a place in special school?

Definitely not! The Outreach Service is intended to support children in mainstream schools, through the input of staff experience and resources from local special schools. The aim is for more children to remain in mainstream schools receiving the education they need to overcome their difficulties. The outreach service encourages schools to develop an inclusive approach to learning.

How do I make a referral?

Complete a Middleton Outreach Referral Form. These can be found on the Middleton website or through contact with the school.

What will happen next?

Upon receipt of the referral we will contact you to identify which type of outreach response is most appropriate.

What does the Outreach Service expect from me?

Effective communication is key to a positive outcome for all. Therefore teachers need to be given time to meet with the Outreach provider and commit to the strategies which are agreed. To continue to improve the service we offer we value evaluation and feedback from all service users.

For further information please telephone the school.

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