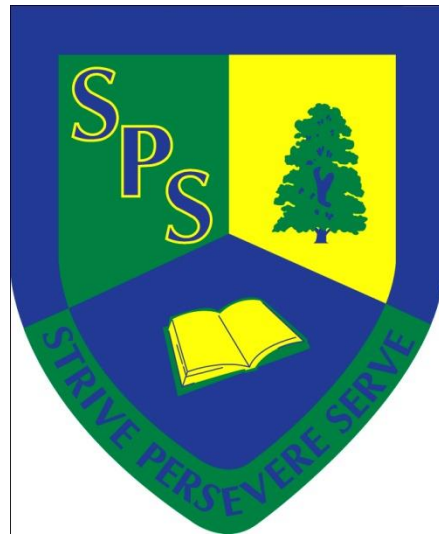


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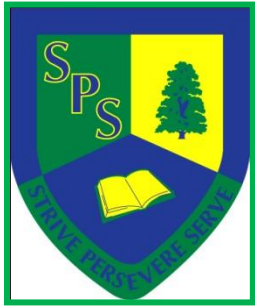


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SANDFIELD SCHOOL



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You are most welcome to contact the School Office Team-and make an appointment to visit the school

Sandfield School is a purpose-built day school which serves the needs of secondary age 11-19 year old pupils with learning difficulties, a range of physical disabilities and complex medical needs in the Liverpool area.

The school is situated just off Queens Drive, Stoneycroft, and is in close proximity to Alder Hey Children's Hospital. It was officially opened in 1961 by Group Captain Douglas Bader and is set in a very pleasant location. Grass and trees surround the school building, and there is a school field and multi – purpose games area

The main school building consists of six classrooms, together with specialist teaching areas including Food Technology Area, Library, Central Hall/Gymnasium and Immersive Suite. In addition there is a separate, specially equipped Sixth Form Building with three classrooms.

The school has medical cover at all times, with Physiotherapy and School- based NHS Nurses. The school has specialist rooms and treatment areas for the use of Medical Staff and Physiotherapists.

Pupils are taught in small class groups which enable them to receive the individual attention that they require. Each class group has at least two classroom assistants attached to them and more often three or more.

In September 2003 Alder Hey Hospital School became part of Sandfield Park School and the school also became responsible for Home Teaching for children unable to return to their own school for medical reasons.

PARENTS

An open door policy is in operation at Sandfield School, and parents are most welcome to contact the school at any time to discuss their child. Parents are invited to attend their child's EHCP Review and regular school and parent events. Parental involvement is encouraged at all levels.

VISION AND VALUES

Through the highest expectations of staff and pupils, we will provide a safe environment with a broad rich curriculum, including a choice of lunch time clubs which encourages personal success and independence. Staff aim to achieve the highest professional standards and teaching learning is based on a vigorous, stimulating and enjoyable curriculum that will aim to prepare pupils for 21st century life, and for pupils to be as independent as possible.

Sandfield School is committed to the belief that all pupils have the right to an education that will prepare and develop them in the best way possible for their future lives. The dignity of each pupil will be respected and they in turn will be encouraged to respect the rights and dignity of others, in line with the 2010 Equality Act. Sandfield recognises the value of partnership with parents and links with outside agencies and the community, and pledges itself to foster them.

AIMS OF THE SCHOOL

- To provide a happy, safe, secure and stimulating environment in which pupils can develop their potential physically, academically, spiritually, socially and emotionally.
- To develop confident and caring young people who can take their place in society as independently as possible.
- To deliver a broad balanced and relevant curriculum, with a focus on employability that can cater as far as possible for individual needs and support pupils in achieving success after they have left the school.
- To work closely with parents and a range of outside agencies to provide support for pupils and help provide them with the widest possible range of experiences.

SENIOR LEADERSHIP TEAM

Mr Mark Hilton

Executive Headteacher (Sandfield Park School which incorporates Sandfield, Sixth Form, ACE and Hospital Education)

Mr Eric Kewley

Head of School (Sandfield)

Mrs Wendy Henshaw

Head of School - (ACE and Hospital Education)

SCHOOL GOVERNORS



A list of governors is available from the Headteacher or Clerk to the Governors (Mrs Kathy Leahey)

THE CURRICULUM

We aim to make the curriculum on offer at Sandfield Park broad, balanced and relevant to the needs of each pupil. Our teaching is mainly class based so that there is greater continuity for our pupils in terms of their education and care. They also have some specialist teachers during the course of a week in PE, Drama and Music. In addition there are specific courses designed to develop independence and daily living skills, and equip pupils with the strategies to overcome particular difficulties.

The following National Curriculum subjects are taught from the age of eleven and are based on the needs of our pupils:-

CORE SUBJECTS

English
Mathematics
Science
Computing and Information Communication
Technology

FOUNDATION SUBJECTS

Humanities
Physical Education (Including Swimming)
Food and Design Technology
Art
Music

COMPULSORY SUBJECT

Religious Education

ASSESSMENT AND EXAMINATIONS

Assessment and testing procedures are used in Key Stage 3 to ensure that we meet the needs of our pupils and help them learn at a pace appropriate for them, based on The National Curriculum. At Key Stage 3, where appropriate, pupils begin to access public examinations. At Key Stage 4 pupils are guided to take public examinations according to their ability. Examinations are based on Entry Levels, ASDAN and A.Q.A Unit Award Schemes. All the examinations taken are validated by nationally recognized Boards.

CELEBRATION OF ACHIEVEMENT

Staff have high expectation of our pupils and achievements are celebrated in different forms, on a daily, weekly and annual basis. Each pupil has an Individual Record of Achievement, in which attainments in curricular and also extra-curricular activities are detailed. At the end of every year, each child receives an Achievements of the Year certificate.

ENGLISH

English is taught to all pupils as an important core subject of the National Curriculum, but it is also part of all other curricular areas. Our class-based way of organizing the curriculum allows for this subject to be linked to others. Each pupil has English targets specific to the needs of the pupils and these are taken into account by teachers. Pupils have a wide range of abilities which are developed within integrated programmes of speaking and listening, reading and writing.

All pupils are encouraged to have confidence to communicate effectively in speech and writing or through signs/symbols, communication charts or devices and to listen with understanding.

Reading skills are promoted to enable pupils to become enthusiastic, responsive and knowledgeable readers. An extensive range of reading materials are used which include symbol collections, picture books, fiction and nonfiction, reference materials, plays, poetry and computer based resources. For those pupils who need greater support to access reading, school provides a systematic, synthetic phonics progress. Reading for pleasure is encouraged in school and at home. Accreditation in English takes the form of school based certificates for small steps of achievement, A.Q.A. units leading to Entry Level, and Functional Skills.

MATHEMATICS

The aim is to generate an atmosphere where mathematics is seen as not just a core subject within the National Curriculum, but also as a worthwhile and enjoyable activity that will enhance the personal effectiveness of the individual.

All pupils will be given: -

- The opportunity and support to reach their full potential.
- Access to appropriate forms of public examinations and accreditation.
- Access to the National Curriculum Programme of Study, where appropriate.
- The chance to view Maths as an enjoyable and interesting aspect of education.

Special emphasis will be placed on developing number skills, mental work and life skills. All students are entered for accreditation at an appropriate level.

SCIENCE

Science in the school is centred on giving the pupils an understanding and enjoyment of the world around them through practical activities and outside visits. The courses are based on the National Curriculum and offer opportunities for taking part in Entry Level accreditations.

HUMANITIES

The teaching and learning of History and Geography is based on topics depending on the needs and interests of the pupils. This will be cross-curricular and so will link with other subjects .

ART

Art plays an important part in the curriculum by developing the pupils' ability to appreciate the visual world around them and to communicate their ideas in visual form through a variety of media.

Art is taught to pupils throughout the school. They are given the opportunity to experience different approaches to art in a happy secure and stimulating environment in which each child can develop their full potential. The programme of study provided seeks to ensure that all pupils are taught through their work to observe record, analyze, communicate, express and appraise to the best of their ability.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION

Physical Education is very much an important part of the life of Sandfield School. P.E. is taught in an enjoyable, safe and positive environment. Each child is given every opportunity to reach his / her potential, taking into account the specific needs of individuals.

Pupils have the opportunity to partake in a range of physical activities including swimming and bike riding. Each child is given the opportunity to develop self-esteem through the development of physical confidence.

Sandfield School takes part in sporting competitions at local, regional and national level on a regular basis,

DRAMA

There are school productions and seasonal celebrations in which all pupils are encouraged to take part. Drama is also recognized as an effective teaching medium and is used in most subject areas to give added value to the curriculum being taught.

We are aware of the scope that drama offers our pupils as a method of expressing themselves and are constantly looking for ways of encouraging its use to enhance the whole school experience.

MUSIC

Music is regarded as an essential element in the education and development of all children at Sandfield School. Pupils have the opportunity to sing, play keyboard and percussion instruments, and experience listening to recorded music in a wide variety of cultural and historical styles. School supports access to peripatetic music tuition for pupils who are interested in learning to play a musical instrument or sing.

FOOD AND DESIGN TECHNOLOGY

In Food Technology we teach our pupils: the principles of a healthy diet; to prepare a variety of dishes and plan meals with a budget. In Design Technology pupils design and make products to meet human needs. Our Food Technology room has been equipped as a commercial kitchen so that food can be made for our shop in the community, The Sandy Park Café.

COMPUTING AND INFORMATION COMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGY

The school is well equipped with computers and associated technology. All pupils have access to the use of Information and Communication Technology. It is an important part of most subject areas and allows computers and devices to enhance the lesson content through use of appropriate software and for information retrieval and sharing. Pupils are taught to use Information and Communication Technology equipment and software confidently and purposefully to communicate and handle information and to support problem solving, recording and expressive work.

PERSONAL, SOCIAL AND HEALTH EDUCATION/ RELATIONSHIPS AND SEX EDUCATION

Aspects of personal, social and health education are undertaken through discussion and practical activities to encourage pupils to take increasing responsibility for themselves and their actions. Pupils are encouraged to think for themselves and draw on personal experiences to express themselves and work through life challenges. We aim to increase self-esteem, and encourage pupils to value themselves and others. A programme to teach pupils about sex and relationships is also followed.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Religious Education at Sandfield Park School aims to give pupils a broad knowledge of Christianity and to develop positive attitudes to members of other faiths by learning about their beliefs and traditions. It is hoped that the teaching of R.E. will help our pupils to develop confidence in themselves, respect for others, and a sense of responsibility. Pupils will have lessons in R.E. and will take part in a corporate Act of worship each day. The main Christian Festivals e.g. Harvest, Christmas and Easter are celebrated and Festivals from other faiths are explained and on occasions celebrated. Links with representatives of all religions are maintained and visits are encouraged. (Parents have the statutory right to withdraw their child from religious education and collective worship).

CAREERS

Sarah Spoor is the lead in this area and is responsible for the School's employability programme across the school from year 7 onwards. The school provides pupils with work experience opportunities, and Supported Internships. School has worked in collaboration with employers such as the Marriot hotel, Maritime Museum and Holiday Inn Express. The School has a Café on Derby Lane. Sandy Park Café, supports pupils to develop work related learning skills and is a fantastic resource.

Pupils at Sandfield School also meet a careers advisor from Year 9 onwards in an individual interview. This gives each pupil a chance to discuss their plans for the future in terms of Sixth Form, college course training and employment options.

This Adviser is available to meet parents both through the Transitional and EHCP (Educational Health Care Plan) Reviews,

THE SCHOOL DAY

The pupils arrive at school on the transport which is provided by the local education authority. In most cases the pupils are collected from home by specially adapted mini-buses operated by Home to School Transport for Children with Special Educational or Other Needs. These vehicles have a tail lift and are staffed by a driver and Passenger Assistant. The school day starts at 8:40 a.m. and the morning session ends at 12.20p.m. Lunches are prepared on site and a choice of meals is offered. (Special dietary requirements are provided for.) Alternatively, pupils may bring packed lunches. School recommences at 1.20 p.m. and the afternoon session concludes at 3.00 p.m.

ABSENCE

We follow the Liverpool City Council Attendance Charter and actively encourage excellent attendance at school. If students are absent then families are asked to inform school as soon as possible on each day that their child is absent, preferably before 8:45 a.m. If school does not receive a telephone message by 9.30 a.m. then we will try to contact parents by telephone. If contact is not possible, or the reason for absence does not meet 'exceptional circumstances', it will be recorded as 'unauthorised'.

SCHOOL UNIFORM

The school uniform consists of a navy blue sweatshirt with a yellow polo style T-shirt underneath, available from school. These are worn with appropriate navy skirt or pants.

The sixth form wear a grey school sweatshirt with black or white polo style T-shirt underneath, available from school. These are worn with appropriate navy skirt or pants.

JEWELLERY

On the grounds of health and safety, it is permissible for pupils to wear only limited items of Jewellery e.g. simple stud ear-rings. The wearing of hoop or pendant earrings, necklaces or other adornments, except on religious grounds, is not allowed.

EXTENDED EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES AND SPORTS

The Calvert Trust Outdoor Centre in The Lake District The Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme

The school offers a wide and varied range of extra-curricular activities, both within the school day and also outside school hours. Pupils are encouraged to be involved in a variety of competitions, organized by the school itself or by other agencies. They take part in a wide range of sporting activities such as hockey, basketball, swimming, boccia, football and athletics, both at local and national level. Many outings are arranged for all pupils during the year to develop educational and social experiences. The school owns four specially adapted mini-buses that greatly facilitate such expeditions.

One of our main aims at Sandfield is to encourage all pupils to develop a high standard of confidence and independence and residential experience is given much emphasis. Pupils are given the opportunity to be involved in a variety of residential visits organized at different venues throughout the year, e.g. The Calvert Trust Outdoor Pursuit Centre in the Lake District.

The school has an independent Riding Group and provides riding holidays each year for some pupils.

We also have the Duke of Edinburgh accreditation for our Sixth Form pupils, where they do voluntary activities as well as take part in a residential visit.

POLICY REGARDING CHARGES FOR SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

The majority of activities that take place during the school day e.g. visit to local shops, parks, etc, are free of charge. For some that incur expenses e.g. cost of admission, parents may be invited to make a voluntary contribution.

For those activities of a longer duration, e.g. weekend trips parents are invited to make a voluntary contribution, depending upon the total cost. This amount is variable.

Alternative arrangements for funding activities are generally made for those pupils who are unable to make voluntary contributions.

SCHOOL GOVERNORS

The governors are actively engaged in the leadership of the school. A governors' meeting is held each half term, parents are represented at these meetings by parent governors.

PASTORAL CARE AND DISCIPLINE

The school provides a caring environment, in which pupils are supervised and their movements, both inside and outside the building, are controlled. Despite the level of supervision required, as much independence as possible is encouraged.

The pupils are expected to adopt acceptable standards of behavior towards each other and towards staff. Respect is required from all pupils for the school building and its contents and for the school environment. A philosophy of mutual respect and co-operation is encouraged. In achieving the foregoing aims, parental support is of immense importance. The school Anti - Bullying Policy is regularly reviewed to ensure it is effective in supporting all our school community.

HOME LINKS

The school welcomes regular contact with parents and views good communication between school and home as an essential part of the education process. Parents can request a visit during the school day by phoning the School Office. There are regular meetings between parents and the Heads of School and Executive Head to discuss any school issues on an informal basis.

The class teacher and parents contact each other through the Dojo system. This means that staff and parents are in contact daily and both parties are fully informed. School is very open in sharing any issues and celebrating successes, and expects families to do the same, to ensure support for each young person is the best it can be.

All families have access to Chatter, on our school website, where school shares key events and class news.

Each pupil has an EHCP Review meeting and there are Parents Meetings and events during the school year. Parents are encouraged to take advantage of these opportunities to find out about their child's work and progress. The School uses Evidence for Learning, which allows teachers to send home photographs, videos and comments on each child's on-going achievements.

There are a number of informal activities throughout the year such as disco's, family bingo and other celebrations to which family and friends are welcome. They are an additional opportunity to meet other families, staff and the Heads of School and Executive Headteacher.

We are continually striving to foster closer links with families, and would encourage parents to participate and contribute to the life of the school.

ADMISSION ARRANGEMENTS

Placement in school is made by the Local Education Authority, and usually results from the outcome of statutory assessment and the issuing of an Educational Health Care Plan (EHCP). Pupils can be admitted at any age within the school's age range.

CHILD PROTECTION

Parents should be aware that the school has a duty to take any reasonable action to ensure the safety of its pupils. In cases where the school has reason to be concerned that a child may be the subject of ill treatment, neglect or other form of abuse, staff have no alternative but to follow Liverpool Child Protection Procedures

and inform Social Services of their concern. **The Safeguarding Leads at Sandfield Park School are Mr. Eric Kewley and Mrs Wendy Henshaw.**

OPERATION ENCOMPASS

Parents should be aware that school supports all aspects of Operation Encompass, which provides support for families where there is Domestic Abuse. We liaise closely with the Police, who contact school when an incident has occurred. There are sign posts for support for victims of domestic abuse on our website. **The named adults at Sandfield Park School are Mr. Eric Kewley and Mrs Wendy Henshaw.**

COMPLAINTS PROCEDURE

The school's aim is to work closely with parents, and we hope that any parents who have any concerns or anxieties will in the first instance raise these with the Class Team, and then, if necessary the Head of School or Executive Headteacher, depending on the nature of the complaint. Most concerns can be satisfactorily resolved through discussion. In the unlikely event that the concern cannot be dealt with, formal complaints procedures can be followed.



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Please note that we have made every effort to ensure that the information in this prospectus is up to date, however information may change during the course of the year. If you need further information please use our school website on www.sandfieldparkschool.com or contact the school on 0151 228 0324.