

School: Rushmere Hall Primary School

Specialist Unit: Hearing Support Base

Number of places: 15

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Description of resource base

The Hearing Support Base provides specialist provision for deaf children with EHCPs. The children have a bespoke learning experience of mainstream and specialist teaching according to their needs. A total communication approach is used, BSL, SSE and oral communication. A speech and language therapist liaises regularly with the teachers of the deaf and offers speech therapy onsite.

Specialist staff are employed who have an understanding of language development and a British Sign Language qualification.

Overview

All children access their mainstream classes for part or all of the school day depending on their ability to access the curriculum. When in their mainstream class they will be supported by a specialist teaching assistant who liaises regularly with the teachers of the deaf to ensure that the children are able to reach their potential. Some children require additional English and Maths support so this is planned and delivered by a teacher of the deaf in the resource base. All HSB children in mainstream classes will be withdrawn for interventions to complete outcomes stated in their EHCPs.

Children are expected to come to school wearing appropriate uniform in line with the school dress code. Behaviour expectations are high and children are able to earn team points in line with the rest of the school. Staff within the resource base focus on positive growth mind-set, helping the children build resilience, independence and confidence.