



PARTNERSHIP LEARNING  
**RIVERSIDE SCHOOL**  
Excellence for All



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# SEND Offer

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## **SEND Offer**

All our Teachers take responsibility for SEND in their classroom and around the school and all our staff have access to current, specific, non-sensitive information pertaining to SEND. Excellence for all is the motto that underpins the ethos of our school and it is particularly pertinent when considering the management of SEND. We learn from the students, their parents, seek specialist advice and we are committed to providing specific and appropriate training for our staff where and when it is required.

We have developed a menu of provision aimed at removing barriers to attainment.

### **Literacy Acquisition**

Literacy Focus – The majority of SEND students at KS3 have Literacy Focus lessons instead of English, History and Geography. The curriculum combines the three disciplines, but there is a key focus on developing the students' active literacy. 8 hrs per week. These lessons have a TA (Teaching Assistant) in support.

### **Teaching Assistants**

All 'S' band SEND students have a TA attached to their lessons to support learning objectives.

## **SEND Interventions:**

- Project X – Literacy intervention - Small group of up to 4 children taught by a TA. The programme provides a two-text approach. Text 1 is 100% decodable to build confidence and develop vocabulary; text 2 is 80% decodable to challenge students and deepen comprehension.
- Literacy Focus - Literacy Focus is an intervention making up part of a bespoke curriculum for students with SEND. The intervention is centred on 8 hours of Literacy Focus lessons per week incorporating English geography and history.
- Friendship Squad - An ongoing programme devised by the Educational Psychologist and speech and language therapist in collaboration with TAs to support students social and communication skills.
- Counselling - Face to face confidential therapy sessions helping the student to gain a better understanding of their feelings and thought processes, and to find solutions to problems.
- Mentoring – drop in and timed sessions allowing students a safe place to talk, supporting student wellbeing.
- Speech and Language Therapy – 1:1 and group sessions with Riverside’s Speech and Language Therapist.
- Educational Psychologist – Assessment and 1:1 student and parent meetings, exam stress workshops and drop in sessions.
- Access arrangements for external examinations.

## **Medical**

All support staff are qualified first aiders. Epilepsy, Anaphylaxis and Diabetes training is delivered to all staff by the school nurse, annually at the beginning of the autumn term. Care plans are reviewed annually with student, parents, school nurse and the Assistant SENDCo.

## **Special Examination Arrangements**

At the end of KS3 we identify and apply for Access Arrangements for External Examinations and we have a fully qualified Assessor in School, Kendra del Rio.