Primary School HUB supporting children with speech, language and communication needs (SLCN) at Southfields Primary School

What is a Hub?

Peterborough City Council and a number of primary, secondary and special schools are working together to create a network of specialist hubs in schools across the city. These Hubs are developing to become ‘centres of expertise’ to help improve the support for all children with special educational needs and disabilities in all schools in the Peterborough area. The primary focus of a Hub is to equip themselves and other schools to support students with specific SEND. Some of these Hubs have a limited number of places for students.

You can find out more about the network of Hubs at https://www.peterborough.gov.uk/residents/special-educational-needs/local-offer/early-years-education-and-training/education/

About our Hub

We are a specialist provision that works within our mainstream school.

We provide specialist support to children with SLCN from ages 4-11 years old.

We are funded by the Local Authority

For further information, please see the Peterborough Local Offer: www.peterborough.gov.uk/localoffer or contact the Hub Manager: Sharon Payne (erp@southfields.peterborough.sch.uk or 01733 562873)
What our children say:

“I can now read the Rainbow Fish book!” - George, Reception

“I enjoy reading books now and I love coming to Southfields. I am helped a lot with my talking.” - Jack, Year 3.

What our parents say:

Parents agree that the school value the views, wishes and feelings of children and families.

- ‘My child enjoys coming to Southfields’
- ‘I am happy with the progress my child is making in their speech and language’
- ‘Southfields involves me in decisions about my child’s support.’

How do I get a place at the Hub?

Placements in the Hub are via the SEND Panel. Students in the Hub must have an Education, Health and Care (EHC) Plan to be considered for a place in the Hub.

What we offer to improve support across Peterborough?

- Hub sessions for SENCos, teachers and teaching assistants
- Drop-in sessions to share the modelling of approaches and showcase resources, with the key aim to show how these can be used across whole schools to build inclusive culture and practice.
- In collaboration with SALT deliver training on related topics

What can we provide?

- Hub places are completely inclusive. Children on the Hub access mainstream lessons taught in a language-friendly setting.
- Access to the whole curriculum
- A designated Speech and Language Therapist (SALT), who will visit the school and work with your child on a regular basis.
- Children on the Hub are provided with a bespoke programme that is tailored to the needs and views of the child. The programme is devised by the SALT.
- Regular assessment and feedback from both the SALT and Hub manager on the progress and needs of your child.
- Programmes are delivered daily by qualified staff.
- Specialist classroom support.
- A manager and team of staff with experience and expertise in supporting children who have speech and language difficulties.
- Sensory Integration Therapy.
- Access to and support from outside agencies such as Occupational Therapy and Educational Psychology Services/
- Transport to and from home for those living out of catchment area.

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