

## **Eagle Class Rationale 2023 - 2024**

**The Unique Learner:** In Eagle class we are made up of 12 pupils ranging from Year 7 to Year 9. We are an SLD class with a range of different needs, including Autism, Down Syndrome and physical needs.

**Positive Relationships:** We have 6 adults in Eagle class, these are made up of 1 Teacher, 1 HLTA, 3 Teaching Assistants and also a support worker who assists with mealtimes and Personal Care each day. As a team we ensure that pupils are provided with the relevant support, resources and communication aids in order to access their learning and develop life skills. Each pupil has an allocated keyworker. We really value the relationship with families, and encourage regular communication through daily virtual diaries, an online evidence portal and regular family learning opportunities and events. We work closely with professional agencies to ensure that each individual pupils' needs are met including Speech and language therapist, Visual and Hearing impairment specialist, Occupational therapist and the School's Medical team. We recognise the importance of regular communication with all parties, to ensure the best possible outcomes for the children within our class.

**Engaging Environments:** Eagle class is located in the Upper Phase corridor in the School. In the class the pupils have access to comfortable seating, this is located close to the Interactive Whiteboard – pupils sit here when doing whole class learning. There are also tables set up for small group focused learning. There is a reading corner made up of books, armchairs and cushions – this allows for a relaxed area where a love of reading can be promoted. Around the classroom you will see engaging displays and working areas to support pupils with their learning. There is a gated pen area which is often used for outdoor learning. The playground has a variety of play equipment which pupils are encouraged to access during outdoor play. Eagle class also have timetabled access to the swimming pool, the computing room, library and sports hall.

**Learning and Development:** We are a Pathway 3 and 4 class, meaning that all pupils access a subject specific curriculum. We enjoy a wide variety of learning opportunities as part of our regular class timetable. We engage in daily English lessons (including Phonics) and Maths four times a week, alongside Science, Art or Design Technology (rotated half termly), History, Geography or Religious Education (rotated termly) Music, PSHE, Swimming or Forest School (rotated half termly) and Computing. Pupils are also supported to work towards their Personalised EHCP Skills at regular times through the week. These are linked to their EHCP long-term outcomes.

We offer a variety of home learning opportunities that pupils are encouraged to engage with throughout the term.

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