



SEN Information Report

<p>What kind of SEN provision is available at Oak Grove College?</p>	<p>This is a maintained day special school for students aged 11-19 years. Students will be provided with an appropriately paced and differentiated curriculum. We currently have planned places for up to 260 students. At Oak Grove College - the students' identified needs will be complex including: severe learning difficulties, profound and multiple learning difficulties, moderate learning difficulties or autistic spectrum conditions. These may include students with sensory or physical difficulties. Students require an EHCP to access our provision. As a generic special school, there is a real community feel where all students have a place amongst their peers and are prepared for life in the wider community either in specialist provision, community living or the world of work.</p>
<p>How will Oak Grove College identify and assess my child's special needs?</p>	<p>All students will have been assessed for and have a statement of special educational needs or, from September 2014, an Education Health and Care Plan (EHCP). This year families of students in transition years (11 and sixth form) will have their statement of special educational need transferred to an EHCP. This will be led and facilitated by our Local Authority, West Sussex County Council.</p>
<p>How does Oak Grove College evaluate the effectiveness of our provision?</p>	<p>We have robust procedures for self evaluation of our work, including using our College Improvement Partner, governors and external specialists to quality assure the work we do. In addition the college self evaluation cycle is based upon the Ofsted evaluation schedule. Families contribute to the evaluation through our annual questionnaire and through the annual review process. Alongside this, our Federation partners support the senior leadership team in challenging, reflecting and quality assuring our own evaluations.</p>
<p>How do I know how well my child is doing at OGC?</p>	<p>Early in the autumn term (October) you will have an opportunity to meet with your child's form tutor and in the spring term you will be able to meet with all subject teachers. As part of the annual review you will be given a report which outlines the progress your child is making and will receive an end of year report. In addition to this, you are welcome to discuss your child's progress with us at any time.</p>

	<p>Three times per year students will have Individual Core Learning Plans or Individual Medium Term plans created to plan their own journey in the core skills and this will identify areas of strength and for development.</p>
<p>How will the staff support my child and how will the curriculum be matched to my child's needs?</p>	<p>All planning is highly differentiated for each child, and the support provided for each individual child is outlined in their EHCP and care plans and individual core learning plans. College staff are supported by members of the NHS nursing team, SALT, physiotherapists, OTs and the community paediatrician and psychiatrist. For those with the most complex needs multi disciplinary meetings are held on a termly basis to plan and review support.</p> <p>Lessons are differentiated according to the needs of each student, and additional adult support is allocated where this can provide support for learning with the aim of all young people becoming as independent as possible.</p>
<p>How do we adapt the curriculum at Oak Grove College?</p>	<p>Our curriculum is reviewed every year and adapted to ensure it is relevant, challenging, aspirational and provides an enjoyment in learning while ensuring that the core skills of literacy, numeracy, life skills and social and emotional skills are developed. This includes the development of vocational skills, the opportunity to experience adult service placements, undertake work experience, undertake courses at local FE colleges and make use of our great strength in the Arts, the outdoors and in vocational learning.</p>
<p>What additional support for learning is available?</p>	<p>As part of the work of Oak Grove College, we constantly review and adapt the support required for students with the aim of ensuring that all become as independent as possible. Alongside this, students all benefit from our Pastoral Support Team, Manual Handling Team, Safeguarding Team, Learning Mentors and Counsellors, where appropriate.</p>
<p>What further activities are available in addition to the curriculum activities?</p>	<p>Oak Grove College runs a range of after school and holiday clubs, offers a range of residential opportunities and the opportunity to train and compete in a wide range of sporting events. Family sports events are also offered alongside our partners in Superhero triathlon events. In addition, our Arts Team runs a significant number of productions that are inclusive and accessible to all.</p>
<p>What support is there for social and emotional development at Oak Grove College?</p>	<p>The development of social and emotional skills is at the very core of all our work. All the staff work with a clear behaviour policy that promotes student respect and decision making. Within the personal development curriculum, social and emotional skills are a fundamental aspect of work and all students have a range of social development targets throughout their time at Oak Grove College.</p> <p>There is an experienced pastoral leadership and support team that is able to support students and their families. We can access mentoring, music therapy, counselling and riding therapy for</p>

	students where appropriate. We have of team of learning mentors to support students who work alongside the therapy teams.
What training is provided to develop staff expertise?	All of our staff have undertaken significant training and qualifications and continue to do so throughout the academic year. All staff have a training plan and this ensures that all the statutory training is undertaken and that all develop their skills to enhance learning. In addition, we provide significant training opportunities to a range people training to be teachers, nurses and social workers. We also support professional learning throughout our Federation, Durrington Family Group and the wider special schools family in West Sussex, South Downs Alliance and the South Downs SCITT.
What equipment and facilities are there to support young people with special needs?	Oak Grove College is a fully equipped, modern generic special school with hygiene rooms, swimming pool, sensory rooms, soft play room, therapy rooms, curriculum specialist rooms, Eyegaze technology, specialist teaching rooms and a specialist outdoor learning environment. The college is accessible to all.
How are families involved in the education of their children?	At Oak Grove College - parents / carers are fully included in the process of working with their children/young adults. This includes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Initial visits to college • Introductory meetings • Outstanding transition links with feeder schools • Daily home/college book for information exchanges and key messages • Twice a year parent / carer / teacher meetings • Creation of ICLPs or IMTPs each term • One detailed report at the end of the year • Annual Review meeting and report • Parent workshops and training • Coffee mornings • Parental Representation on Management Committee and Governing Body • Parent involvement in changes in college through informal and formal consultations • Regular questionnaires of families • Regular newsletter and text updates. • Social media • Friends of Oak Grove College, a charitable organisation that promotes our work and helps to raise funds to continually improve the college.
How do young people consulted about their views in relation to their education?	All young people in our college are treated with dignity and respect. There is full personalisation of the curriculum for each student in order that they can access and experience success throughout their college life. The assessment and annual review process of statements of EHCPs includes the choices and views of students. At the end of years 9 and 11 students are also able to make informed choices about their curriculum for the following

	<p>key stage.</p> <p>Students are consulted with regard to policies that impact on them and they have the opportunity to meet with the Headteacher during Headteacher celebrations to give their views on the college and their education.</p> <p>We are committed to engaging, listening and responding to the views of students.</p>
What do I do if I have a concern about the provision at Oak Grove College?	In the first instance, please contact your child's Pastoral Leader or class teacher. If you still have a concern then please contact the Phillip Potter, Headteacher. There is a complaints policy available on our website.
What specialist services can be accessed at Oak Grove College?	The College receives advice from a range of health professionals in order to meet the needs of the students as assessed by the appropriate professionals. We have two nurses who work on our site, a team of speech and language therapists, physiotherapists, OTs and manual handling leads. We regularly hold multi disciplinary meetings to review students. In addition, a range of specialist services can be accessed where they are written into the EHCP.
What are the College's arrangements for supporting students in transferring between phases of education or in preparing for adulthood?	<p>All transitions are well planned for throughout college as students move from class to class and to a new key stage. Students are increasingly supported in planning for their transition from college to adult life. Transition experiences are provided for students at a range of appropriate environments and we work with Further Education colleges, work experiences providers, local businesses, charities and social care provision to provide high quality transitions.</p> <p>Students joining us in year 7 will have the opportunity to have a number of taster visits to college before spending a full day in college prior to their September start. Students will be visited in their home schools and families offered opportunities to visit or meet with us in advance culminating in the family picnic on transition day.</p> <p>Students joining at other times of the year will have sensitive, appropriate transition arrangements made depending upon their specific needs and circumstances.</p>
Where can I get further information and support?	<p>Click here and this will take you to our parental information page on our website.</p> <p>http://oakgrovecollege.org.uk/information/parentscarerssupport/</p>
Where can I get information about the LA local offer?	<p>Click here and this will take you to the LA local offer page on the West Sussex website. https://westsussex.localoffer.org/</p>