

Physical Disability Outreach Support Team Regency High School

Supporting children with physical disabilities in mainstream schools and early years settings across South and North West Worcestershire



“The support and advice provided by the PD Outreach team this year has been exceptionally effective in supporting our staff to cater for the needs of children with complex physical disabilities”

“Support is always given very promptly following any requests for advice or resources”

Feedback from Schools being supported by the PD Outreach Team 2016/17

Our Aims

- Enable children with physical disabilities to be educated in mainstream schools wherever possible.
- Provide appropriate support for children with physical disabilities, their parents and school staff to achieve successful, inclusive education.
- Offer advice, training and specialist equipment, where required, to help maintain access to a full curriculum.
- Assist with all aspects of planning and implementing access for children with limited mobility, including building modifications.

Supporting Children

We work in schools and Early Years settings across Worcester, Broadway, Pershore, Evesham, Droitwich, Tenbury, Stourport, Bewdley and Malvern. Many children we support have cerebral palsy, whilst others may have spina bifida, arthritis or other forms of physical disability. Some may have experienced traumatic injury or have a temporary disabling condition. Quite a number have limited mobility and a few use wheelchairs regularly. Some, but not all have Education Health and Care Plans maintained by the Local Authority.

Regency PD Outreach Support Team Support Children Through:

- School & Pre-school Visits
- Expert Advice
- Assessments
- Provision of Specialist Equipment
- Staff Training
- Building Adaptations
- Teaching Assistant Support

Sporting Opportunities

Outreach children are able to attend a Sports Club, specifically aimed at students with disabilities which is held at Regency High School on a weekly basis, we provide a wide range of sporting activities including Boccia, curling and table top cricket.

The Outreach Team work closely with local partners to enable mainstream students with disabilities to take part in appropriate sporting activities. We also take advantage of links with Disability Sport Worcester and the University of Worcester, through which we have enjoyed a range of coaching events, local, regional and national sports competitions.



The PD Outreach team offer weekly pool sessions specifically tailored towards pupils with disabilities. The sessions focus on rehabilitation, exercise and swimming and are planned in close liaison with physiotherapy.

Worcestershire County Council

“Worcestershire LA will, wherever possible and appropriate, ensure that a child’s special educational needs will be met alongside his or her peers and within his or her own community” (Worcestershire County Council, SEN Policy)

The Regency Outreach Support Team is Local Authority funded and managed by Regency High School in Worcester, a special school for pupils with Physical Disabilities and Learning Difficulties.

Working Together

Regency Outreach Support Team recognise the importance of working collaboratively with colleagues in mainstream schools, parents and of course, the children themselves.

Close links are maintained with physiotherapists, occupational therapists, educational psychologists and staff in pre-school settings and schools. The team liaises regularly with Local Authority officers and Worcestershire Accommodation Services.

Teaching assistants employed through the team support a number of pupils in mainstream schools.

PD Outreach Support Team regularly assist with training and advice on issues such as using ICT for recording, methods of Augmentative and Alternative Communication, manual handling and access to school buildings and the curriculum.

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