

'Changing Children's Lives'

Sandpiper Group. Mission Statement.

The Sandpiper Group accommodates up to six young people.

Our unit creates the opportunities for the young people to develop and build their social, domestic and independent skills.

The young people are encouraged to interact positively and to take responsibility for their own behaviour and environment.

Emphasis is placed on individuals to show consideration and maturity in order for them to gain further personal and group skills, with a view to developing independent living skills combined with social maturity.

An environment of mutual trust, respect, tolerance and understanding of others is continually encouraged. This leads to a young person improving their self-confidence and self-esteem.



Welcome to YOUR group

Your Staff.

Mrs Powner (Team Leader)
Mrs E Devaney, Mr Phillips,
Mr J Cross, Miss L Hickie

Welcome to the 'Sandpiper Group'. On this group you will have your own bedroom, which you can decorate with posters, photographs etc. Staff and other pupils will respect that this is your own private space. You may bring in game boys etc, and to ensure their safekeeping, all rooms have a lockable cupboard with a key.

We have a kitchen, TV room and a large recreation room. Breakfast and snacks are prepared and eaten in our kitchen other meals are eaten in the dining room. We often cook our own suppers.

By agreement with parents / carers and social care we can also provide after-school activities with the group for some pupils

YOUR DAY

The day starts at:

- 7.30am Getting up time. Washed etc
- 8.00~8.20am Breakfast.
- 8.20~8.50am Tidy your bedroom, brush your teeth. Free time and get things ready for school.
- 9.00am Down to school. Take all necessary equipment, not forgetting additional learning work.
- 12.20~1.30pm Dinnertime and free time on the group.
- 1.30pm Back to school. Remembering to take down any necessary equipment.
- 3.30pm Return to the group for tea.
- 4.00~4.30 pm Additional learning time Afternoon
- 4.30 ~ 6.00 pm Activity Slot.
- 6.30 ~ 8.00 pm Evening meal.
- 6.15pm Evening activities.
- 8.00~8.30pm Kitchen available to make drinks and snacks.
- 8.00~9.15/30 Settling down, Bedtime

BED TIMES – Bedtimes are dependent on age. Make sure you have everything ready for school that you need for the next day.

Shower/Bathroom – There are 2 shower rooms and a bathroom for your use. Pupils can choose to shower/bathe morning or evening and are encouraged to shower/bathe every day.



IF YOU HAVE A PROBLEM

Each Wednesday we have a group meeting where you can discuss and make plans about the running of the group. You decide which activities you would like to participate in for the following week. Popular choices are, fishing, dark walk, computers, swimming, adventure playground, bike rides, cookery, crafts, internet, photography, sports barn, Video/DVD, shopping trips. The activity plan is agreed by all and is posted on the notice board each Monday. We have a behaviour support programme, like the school programme, working for special optional activities one evening per fortnight.

You will have a key worker who is there to help you, and to listen and support you, but you can talk to any of the staff.

There may be other things you are not sure of. Please just ask someone!

You should ask the staff to sort it out for you without you needing to make a complaint, but if you need to make a complaint there is a **COMPLAINTS FORM**, which you can use. You should have a copy just in case you need it. Copies are available on the group. All you need to do is fill it in.

There are lots of people to help you: You can talk to your friends, family, group staff, key worker, Mrs Backledge, Mr Barden, your teacher, TA, or Mr Williams. If you feel you cannot talk to any of these people, talk to your parents/guardian or Social Worker if you have one.

Here are some phone numbers and websites and people you can call if you need advice or help.

CHILD LINE 0800 1111

New Ofsted 08456 404040

INDEPENDENT LISTENER 0151 632 3201

W.K.R.S.

Help line for weekends and holidays. This is an answer phone and will be checked regularly.

0151 632 3201

WWW.rights4me.org.uk

Care Standard booklets are available for parents/guardians and staff.

You can bring your own a mobile phone to school, but it must not be taken to class.

*Sandpiper Group Team
February 2010'*
