

# SEND News – Term 1 2021



Hello everyone, I cannot believe we are at the end of Term 1. I know the pandemic is still having its impact, but I've loved hearing about the excellent work happening in our schools for our children and young people with SEND. In this update, I've tried to give a flavour of some of the provisions run by the SEND team in the Trust. These are exclusive to Acorn and both the staff and the learners attending these provisions have worked so hard this term.

Have a lovely and safe half-term break.

Sue Fulbrook (SEND Director)

## Acorn's Enhanced Provisions

### Link 2

Link 2 is a nurture base for primary aged children who may be struggling with their social, emotional and/or mental health or with difficulties related to an ASC. Children follow a personalised curriculum including maths, English, PE and a focus on SEMH. This term, they've been looking at "what is special about me?" Link 2 offers a bespoke placement and a supported reintegration package to the child's primary school. We maintain the "link 2" the home primary school.

### Forest School

Acorn's forest school runs every Friday during term time out of the nature area at Kingdown School. Ten children from year 2 to 6 are enrolled on the programme and engage in activities to build social skills, confidence, self-esteem and resilience. Activities are varied and include archery, fire lighting, log cutting, wide games, nature art and much more.

### Behaviour Support

Our behaviour support and Thrive trained TA visits learners in their schools to observe and give advice as to next steps. She also sees some learners for a period of intervention to support emotional development and behaviour management.

### Educational Psychology

Acorn has a limited number of Educational Psychology hours which we have sourced privately. This is targeted at learners with complex SEND and is allocated on a needs-led basis.

### Aspire

Aspire is a facility for secondary-aged students who have an ASC. Again, a bespoke package is created to meet the needs of individual students with some accessing provision on main site at Kingdown School too.

### The House

The House is also for secondary-aged students. It caters for learners with SEMH who are struggling in mainstream classes and seeks to address anxieties and teach self-regulation. Many of our House learners are progressing to lessons on main site at Clarendon Academy.

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