

Royal School for the Deaf Derby

Residential Provision - Statement of Principles and Practice

Royal School for the Deaf Derby's residential provision offers a rich language environment and pupils are encouraged to participate in deaf and hearing community activities and the languages and cultures of both deaf and hearing people are valued. It runs from Monday to Friday although part time placements are available. Placements are discussed at the Annual Review.

There is a good balance of English and British Sign Language. Deaf and hearing, male and female staff work in the residences and can communicate with young people in their first language. Residences are in modern purpose built blocks situated within the campus. Young people who are learning to live independently have access to small self-contained flats with basic cooking facilities to help them in their transition.

Residence provides an extended school day for all young people who it is felt would benefit from a structured social and educational environment. Residence staff work closely with school staff to ensure continuity of care and education for every child. Staff support pupils with their homework and reinforce numeracy and literacy through reading sessions and practical opportunities.

Parents and carers are encouraged to keep in regular contact with their children at the school and young people can contact parents, carers or independent people at any time. We have a range of facilities to enable this including Skype, text and telephone.

A wide variety of activities are available in the houses, in the school sports hall and in the wider community - including swimming, football, dance, bowling, shopping and Youth Club. Young people are supported in developing their confidence to make choices based on the experience and knowledge gained during their time in our supportive environment.

The residential environment at RSDD is a caring and supportive community where the individual needs of young people are recognised and provided for. During their time at RSDD young people make friendships which remain throughout their lives. They develop the skills they need to become well rounded independent young people ready to take their place in the adult world.