



Royal School  
for the Deaf Derby

## Information & Guidance for Pupils



Achieving  More Together

## Welcome to Royal School for the Deaf Derby (RSDD)

### Leadership Team

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## Timing of the School Day

EYFS1			
Day Pupils	Pupils arrive	Registration	Pupils leave
Monday (or first day of term)	09.25	09.30	12.15 after lunch
Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday	08.40	08.45	12.15 after lunch
Friday	08.40	08.45	12.15 after lunch



Primary Department			
Day Pupils	Pupils arrive	Registration	Pupils leave
Monday (or first day of term)	09.25	09.30	15.30
Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday	08.40	08.45	16.00
Friday	08.40	08.45	14.30
Residential Pupils			
Monday (or first day of term)	09.25	09.30	
Friday			14.30

Secondary Department			
Day Pupils	Pupils arrive	Registration	Pupils leave
Monday (or first day of term)	09.25	09.30	15.30
Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday	08.40	08.45	16.05
Friday	08.40	08.45	14.30
Residential Pupils			
Monday (or first day of term)	09.25	09.30	
Friday			14.30

**Students in Post 16 have individual timetables and depend on our partnership placements which include colleges and training providers.**

**Post 16 Registration 08.30**

### Training Days

- If Training Day is on a Monday pupils return to RSDD on Tuesday at Monday start times, day pupils go home at 16.05
- If Training Day is on a Friday pupils go home on Thursday at 16.05

## Deaf Heritage



Dr William Roe founded our school in 1893, because he wanted to improve the lives of deaf people, who were ill-treated and misunderstood by society at that time.

His wife Lydia was a pioneer in her own right, becoming the first woman qualified to teach deaf pupils in England.

At this time, the school was extremely progressive and today we encourage pupils to learn about RSDD's fine history and to be proud of its culture and heritage.

## Anti-Bullying

Our school community will not tolerate bullying, including between adults, or adults and children and young people, or between children and young people. If you are being bullied, please tell your form teacher or tutor or fill in a form which you can post in a red box.



<p><b>If you are bullied</b></p> <p><b>DO:-</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Ask them to STOP if you can</li> <li>✓ Tell them to go away and leave you alone</li> <li>✓ Ignore them</li> <li>✓ Walk away</li> <li>✓ Use the children's complaint form, give it to a staff member or put it in the red box, if you are too scared to speak openly about it</li> <li>✓ Talk to a friend</li> <li>✓ Tell your parents</li> <li>✓ TELL SOMEONE</li> </ul> <p><b>DON'T:-</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✗ Do what they say</li> <li>✗ Get angry or look upset</li> <li>✗ Hit them</li> <li>✗ Think it's your fault</li> <li>✗ Hide it</li> </ul>	<p><b>No to bullying</b></p>	<p><b>What should I do if I see someone else is being bullied?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Tell an adult straight away</li> <li>✓ Don't try and get involved—you might end up getting hurt or you could end up in trouble yourself!</li> <li>✓ Don't stay silent or the bullying will keep happening</li> </ul> <p><b>The Headteacher, Governors and staff will work together to:-</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Make our school a place where everyone can feel safe and happy. That means no bullying allowed</li> <li>✓ We will help everyone to get on with each other and we believe that everyone has the right to be who they are and safe</li> </ul> <p><b>What will happen to a bully?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Teachers and staff will get involved and help you solve problems</li> <li>✓ They can help talk to your parents and talk to your friends</li> </ul>
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NSPCC text 88858



## Behaviour

We insist on good manners and behaviour at all times

We ask you to conduct yourself properly with self-discipline, respect and consideration of others.

Good behaviour is always acknowledged.

Please note chewing gum is not allowed on campus.



## CCTV

CCTV is in operation in school buildings and across this site. This is to ensure your safety.

## Community



You will have the opportunity to take part in a range of activities for example, the signing choir or school performances.

## Annual Reviews and Education, Health Care Plans (EHCP)

EHCPs must be reviewed annually and will be used to assess your progress in relation to the IEP targets, your school placement and to set new targets for you. We will ask you to attend the meeting in secondary and Post 16 departments and you will be asked about

- your views about your education and learning
- to identify your own needs
- to share in individual target setting across the curriculum



## Curriculum

You will follow the National Curriculum and have an individual timetable. The curriculum booklets are on [www.rsdd.org.uk](http://www.rsdd.org.uk)

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Maths							
English							
Science							
History							
Geography							
Art							
Music							
PE							
PSHE							
Religion							
French							
Spanish							
Latin							
IT							
Design							
Food							
Home Economics							
Business							
Law							
Politics							
Philosophy							
Religious Studies							
Modern Languages							
Foreign Languages							
Other							

## Travel and Proof of Identity:

You can use the following cards. You will be given support to get these cards by staff.

- Bus Travel (b\_line): Before 09.30 you should use your b\_line card, pay for your ticket, keep it and use a claim form to reclaim the money. b\_line cards are free but if they are lost cost £5.00 to replace
- Bus Travel (Gold Card): You can travel on the bus for free after 09.30 using your Gold Card. If you lose your Gold Card you have to ask your local council to replace it and it will cost £5.00
- Citizencard: This is proof of age. Cards are free but cost £5.00 to replace if lost.



There is wheelchair access to all parts of the school, disabled toilets and parking, yellow marked pathways for partially sighted children and young people, ramps, handrails, and easy access for taxis/other transport with good outside lighting

## E-Safety

We work closely with you to ensure we are up to date with new technologies. If you have a problem, please see a member of

### The Safeguarding Team

- Neil Gorse Deputy Head Care & Guidance - (Lead Safeguarding Officer LSO)
- Victoria McGrath – Assistant Head Welfare & Residential
- Lucy Noble – Safeguarding and Attendance Lead
- Michaela Gaunt – Residence Lead

### Safeguarding Governor

Heather Flockton

## Examination Results

These can be collected from school between 10.00 and 12.00 on the day the results are sent by post. Results cannot be given out by phone or text.



## Hair

You are expected to have your hair tidy and longer styles must be fully tied back. Hair must not be dyed an unnatural hair colour including streaks or tips of hair. If this is done during holiday times, it



must be washed out ready for returning to school. Hair must be appropriately cut – i.e. no Mohican style cuts or razored designs within the hair style.

## BSL

Your individual needs will be agreed with the BSL Lead, parents/carers and Local Authority.

BSL can be offered at Entry Level, Level One, Two and Three



## Health Centre



If you feel unwell, tell a member of staff who will arrange for you to see the school nurse. Some children have medical issues that need medicine or checks every day. We will support you with this.

## House System

You will be given a House colour. Each House is named after a Deaf person who is a positive role model. All pupils, staff and governors are allocated to houses. The houses are integral to the reward system in school.

Daunt House	Hanifin House	Westbury House	Kendall House
Culture and History	Comedy and Story Telling	Sport and Adventure	Media and Creative Arts
			
			

Winning shield designs to be used for banners, supporting, certificates



You will be given tokens for rewards that are logged onto the Reward System on a computer which can be swapped for prizes.

## Personal Property

Mobile phones or electronic game devices (or equivalent) are not allowed in school. You can hand them in to Reception when you arrive at school. They will be kept safe until you collect at the end of the day.

Please do not wear jewellery (rings, necklaces etc.) for school, although a watch can be worn when not participating in PE lessons.

If you have pierced ears, you must remove your studs for PE and swimming lessons.

## Personal Wellbeing

You will have support for

- Emotions – if you get upset or need support
- Careers – helping you to find your path
- Citizenship including advice on drugs, police, Trading Standards.
- Positive sex and relationships advice



## Learning beyond the school

You will have the opportunity to take part in day visits to such places as art galleries, exhibitions, museums and theatres as well as other locations such as work place environments. Residential activities include the Duke of Edinburgh's Award and Residential Centres.

## Sport

Our physical education staff have coaching qualifications in many sports. Involvement in the Derby City School Sports Partnership gives us access to other external coaches. This allows us to run a full and diverse sports activity programme. Our teams compete regularly in local, county and national tournaments with both deaf and hearing competitors.

## Residence

Residence will help you to be confident, independent and responsible members of society. You can take part in a range of activities including swimming, shopping, football, bowling, youth club, swimming.

There are deaf and hearing, male and female staff. The houses are on the school site and called Morris House and Friargate House.



You can contact your parents at any time. We have a range of facilities to enable this including Skype, text and telephone. You can also contact an independent person for help if you would like. This person also visits school at least once a term.

Children in residence usually have £10.00 per week to spend sent from home. You will be taught to budget how this money is spent and learn how to save for future activities. You should bring your own toiletries and sanitary items.

## School Meals



There is a full range of healthy food is available and choices are displayed in school. Occasionally we have special themed lunches

### Break times

- Primary - Fruit
- Secondary - Fruit is always available plus a selection of toast or crumpets etc. Plus 100 calorie snacks
- Post 16 students are independent but encouraged to eat healthily with fruit available.

### Drinking water

- Drinking water is available every day.

## Residence

You will have your evening meal in residence and will be consulted about food to be included on the menus

Students in Post 16 are given £10.00 per week to buy lunch. This will be paid into your bank account. You will be given support on how to budget the use of this money with support from Post 16 staff. A healthy lunch can be bought at RSDD or at college. You can chose to eat at other places but this may be more expensive. You do not receive the money if they are absent.



## Sun Protection

SLIP - Wear a top with sleeves to protect shoulders

SLAP - Wear a hat with a brim to protect eyes, ears and neck



SLOP - Use sun cream with a protection factor of 30 or above  
SUNGLASSES to protect eyes  
SHADE – find shade when it is especially hot around lunchtime  
You can help by bringing to school, a hat, sunglasses and sun cream

## Speech and Language Therapy

Specialist Speech and Language Therapists devise speech and language therapy programmes to meet your individual needs

We aim to develop your confidence in communication with a range of people. You may do a qualification in Speech and Language too!



## Audiology



The Audiology Clinic has a purpose-built, well equipped testing room and we employ a Specialist Audiologist. You will be encouraged to maintain and check your hearing aids and you will be routinely tested to check that you are gaining benefit where appropriate.

## Uniform



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