



The Secondary Hub for Learners with Physical Disability at Jack Hunt School

What is a Hub?

Peterborough City Council and a number of primary, secondary and special schools are working together to create a network of specialist hubs in schools across the city. These Hubs are developing to become 'centres of expertise' to help improve the support for all children with special educational needs and disabilities in all schools in the Peterborough area. The primary focus of a Hub is to equip themselves and other schools to support students with specific SEND. Some of these Hubs have a limited number of places for students.

You can find out more about the network of Hubs at

<https://www.peterborough.gov.uk/residents/special-educational-needs/local-offer/early-years-education-and-training/education/>



The Peterborough Secondary Hub for students with Physical Disability is based at Jack Hunt School. The Hub caters for a small number of students whose needs are primarily related to their physical disability and mobility/access needs. The Hub aims to integrate the students within the school as much as possible. Hub professionals support the students to access lessons and extracurricular activities, including trips and visits. Additionally, staff within the Hub are trained to support learners with their Physiotherapy, medical needs and Intimate Personal Care, as needed.

For further information, please see the Peterborough Local Offer:

www.peterborough.gov.uk/localoffer or contact

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What do the Hubs offer to help?

For students, the Hub offers bespoke provision based on individual need. Each student has a mainstream timetable, with additional 1:1 sessions for Physiotherapy, Occupational Therapy or support to catch up on work. We work closely with health professionals to ensure that we are following an approved programme of physical support. Whilst over time, the expectation is that students will become increasingly independent and may transition out of the Hub into the school, we also recognise that Physical Disability may be for life and that learners will need continued support to access life in school.

There are a number of staff members based in the Hub, including the Hub Lead and Teaching Assistants. All staff have received a variety of relevant training to support learners, including fire evacuation, safe medication, personal care and assisting learners to move safely. We liaise with wheelchair services and work hard to make sure that learners receive the individual support needed to access a broad and balanced curriculum.

Jack Hunt School has a staggered lunch system, with students in different school houses having lunch and tutor group at different times. Hub staff are always on duty at break and lunch times, and students can choose to either spend this time in the Hub or join their friends elsewhere in the school. Staff supervise students going to the canteen and the learners have different activities clubs they can join to spend time with others.

What difference does the Hub make?

One learner joined the school in 2014. He uses a wheelchair to support his mobility around the school as a result of his cerebral palsy. Staff in the Hub work with him to ensure he receives the right level of Physiotherapy to support his continued movement and enable him to join in every school activity, including trips abroad, sports activities and a broad and balanced curriculum. This young man has shown such a commitment to not allowing his disability to hold him back, that he won an award at our Sports Award evening.

Improving support across Peterborough

The Hub has a key role in modelling and assisting schools across Peterborough to improve their support for students with Physical Disability. It does this by offering:

- Drop-in sessions for teachers and teaching assistants;
- Modelling of approaches and resources, which can be used across whole schools to build inclusive culture and practice;
- Training on a range of topics around physical disability and enabling access for a range of teaching and support staff and staff from other schools.

How do I get a place at the Hub?

Placements are via the SEND Panel. Students in the Hub must have a primary need of physical disability and an Education, Health and Care (EHC) Plan to be considered for a place in the HI Hub.

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