



Thomas Deacon Academy SEND Hub for children and young people with SpLD

Thomas Deacon Academy is commissioned by Peterborough City Council to host a Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) hub focussing on Specific Learning Difficulties (SpLD). We work to raise the quality of support for all children and young people with SEND in the Peterborough area and to promote the “SEND is everybody’s Business” approach.

We also offer a small number of hub places for children with Education and Healthcare Plans placed by Peterborough City Council.

Further information on the Peterborough SEND hub network and details of how children are given a hub place is on the Local Offer

[Peterborough Local Offer](#)

What does our SpLD Hub offer?

- **To improve SEND support across Peterborough:**
 - Training in topics around dyslexia, dyspraxia and dyscalculia for colleagues working in Primary and Secondary settings across Peterborough, including:
 - Opportunities to discuss your own setting’s graduated approach to SpLD provision.
 - Opportunities to discuss potential screening and other assessment tools.
 - Opportunities for teaching colleagues to discuss evidence based intervention programs, specialist dyslexic software and effective dyslexic resources.
 - Opportunities for teaching colleagues to visit TDAJ and observe good dyslexic practice.
 - High quality teaching strategies for mainstream classrooms
 - Ideas for targeted and specialist provision for learners with SpLD.
 - Guidance and support in working towards a whole school accreditation.
 - Involvement in your own setting’s whole school training.

- Signposting to additional services and specialist support.
 - Resource 'Lending Library'.
 - Attendance at parent coffee mornings and workshops to help parents support children at home.
 - Participation in wider projects (such as SENDCo Network Events) supporting the needs of SEND learners across Peterborough in partnership with the Local Authority.
- **For our children:**
 - Inclusive SEND provision for learners with Specific Learning Difficulties (SpLD)
 - Teaching in a mainstream classroom with full access to the mainstream curriculum.
 - Use of assistive technology to support learning.
 - Individual Learning Programmes based in identified strengths and areas of difficulty alongside continuous evaluation of the impact of strategies and interventions.
 - Teachers and support staff with experience and ongoing training in teaching and supporting learners with SpLD.
 - A wide range and variety of resources that are tailored to suit individual strengths and weaknesses.

How do we support children and young people in Peterborough with SpLD?

- Through providing information and support for staff to ensure that their needs are being met.
- Through providing information and support for other adults working with the children and young people.
- Provision of information about SpLD in a child friendly format.

Who do I contact?

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