



Vale of Evesham School

'a specialist school for cognition and learning - enabling inclusion in the community'

Community

The Vale of Evesham School enjoys being part of the local community and endeavours to involve the local area as much as possible into our school life. This takes the form of a variety of different approaches and involvement.

Throughout the school year classes visit their local places of. We also encourage local speakers that represent a variety of charities to talk in our weekly assemblies and encourage local businesses to share in our school life.

We have a very good link with local leisure providers and access their premises regularly, visiting the cinema, galleries and other exciting venues with links that give us special concessions.

Local charities are supported by us and will promote our school in their press releases if they can. They also visit us and give talks about their charities to our young people in assemblies and involve us in their fund raising.

As part of our community projects we use the local transport systems and use this as part of our Travel Training Programme. We try and support all local events and have enjoyed been part of the Evesham Carnival and other events that we can take part in. Number 8 in Pershore have encouraged us to take part in the National Film Festival Presentations and have allowed us to use their cinema for our youngsters to get used to accessing a film without a large audience.

We also use the local Pet's for Therapy Service and currently have two PAT Dogs helping us in school from the local community.

Parents/Carers and friends of the school are invited to social events and a variety of talks are hosted at the school about different topics. We always like to involve parents and carers as much as possible in the day and as part of some of the residential activities.

We have a variety of students that do work experience in our school from a variety of local colleges and universities. This promotes our school and enables a high standard of work experiences for students interested in special educational needs.

Some of our ex students return to do volunteer work with us which is lovely to see.

We also link with local schools and have youngsters attending lessons at the local High School and some youngsters access our school from these settings sometimes to receive extra support. We believe we are in the heart of our local community and cherish the links we have with it.

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