



Focused Provision at Fernwood Primary and Nursery School

At Fernwood Primary and Nursery School we have a Focused Provision – a specialist provision, called “The Lighthouse”. This is a provision for children with complex additional needs with a diagnosis of Autistic Spectrum Disorder (ASD).

Our new, purpose- built provision opened in October 2022 and serves our school community including between 6 to 8 children at any one time. A few children access this as part of a shared provision with a mainstream classroom.

Presently, The Lighthouse will be a 10-place provision, 6 full time pupils from Fernwood Primary and Nursery School and 4 pupils allocated by the Local Authority SEND Team in liaison with school. This will not impact on our pupil numbers on roll.

The aim of The Lighthouse is to provide an inclusive education for our children with the greatest need. The emphasis is on academic steps of progress together with developing the children's social and emotional needs, speech, language and communication needs and developing each child's levels of independence.

Each child has an Individual Provision Plan (IPP) and some children may have an Education Health and Care Plan (EHCP). Each child receives the entitlement of The Lighthouse – its daily routines and structures within a Primary curriculum but also individualised learning to match each individual's needs.

The Lighthouse is led by Miss McGarvie and her team including 2 level 3 Teaching Assistants with an expertise across a wide range of SEND strategies and practice. All members of the team working in The Lighthouse have a passion and understanding for the children in their care and see it as their role to be the children's advocates.

We work in liaison with the Inclusive Education Services including the ASD team and Education Psychology as well as NHS services such as Speech and Language Therapy, Physiotherapy and Occupational Therapy.

We continually review our provision to ensure we are implementing best practices in all areas of teaching and learning to deliver “Excellence For All”.