

Key Stages 1 & 2

For the main part of school the planning is completed in 4 documents. These are Literacy, Maths, Personalised Learning Plan A - including key skills, physical development, and RE and PLP B for topic and subject planning. Each sheet outlines learning outcomes for the current half term and related activities – each are personalised to the pupil.

Topics are developed from year to year to meet the needs of the pupils and the current climate in which we live. Each topic runs for half a term.

Teaching across the school takes place individually, in small groups or as whole classes. Most teaching takes place in the classroom setting but we also make full use of the many facilities at Grangewood to allow for different teaching opportunities. So, for example, we may work on Maths or Science concepts in the sand room or spa pool, play skills in the soft play room and Science concepts in the sensory room.

Individual pupils and small groups may also attend sessions of occupational therapy, speech and language therapy, physiotherapy, hydrotherapy, sensory integration and creative therapies. Many pupils also attend integration sessions at local mainstream schools.

Outdoor educational visits and offsite activities are an important aspect of a child's experience at Grangewood, offering a great potential for extending and developing educational experience, developing self-esteem and appropriate social behaviour and promoting a positive attitude to personal health and wellbeing.

ICT also plays a key role in the teaching at Grangewood and is embedded in all aspects of the curriculum. Children of all abilities are able to access educational software to enhance the curriculum using touch screens, switches or traditional access devices. Every classroom has an interactive whiteboard.

We also place a great emphasis on the creative development of individuals. Children are encouraged to express themselves creatively in all subjects. During a year, we hold several themed days and weeks, including Creative or Sports Week, to support different curriculum areas. The pupils benefit from many visitors to the schools sharing their talents with the pupils including dancers, artists, sportsmen, theatre groups and musicians. We also have good links with local schools who often join us for these events.