

## **Hearing Impairment Resource Base (HIRB)**

‘Committed to providing effective inclusion within a mainstream setting’

### **HI provision**

Sheldon school encompasses a long-established provision for students with a hearing impairment.

The school adopts an auditory/oral approach with pupils taught largely in mainstream classes alongside their hearing peers. In addition we can offer some withdrawal time in a quiet space where pupils can consolidate work and follow specialist interventions where appropriate i.e. speech and language support.

Pupils with listening devices (hearing aids, cochlear implants and radio aids) will report to the ToD daily for equipment checks. All teaching and support staff are given specialist training on how to accommodate for the needs of hearing impaired students in the classroom and around school.

### **Amplification in the classroom**

Sheldon is unique in that every classroom across the campus has a Soundfield system installed. Soundfield transmits the frequencies of speech with clarity and at equal volume around the room. This significantly improves the listening environment and allows all pupils to access the teacher’s voice above background noise

### **Social**

Hearing impaired pupils enjoy spending some time together as they understand one another’s challenges. Regular social opportunities are provided for this discrete group, with older members of the school acting as role models for the younger pupils.

### **Working together**

The support provided is a culmination of working partnerships between students, teaching & pastoral staff, parents, the local authority and outside agencies. We pride ourselves on regular and effective communication.

### **Progression**

Every effort is made to ensure that our students are fully integrated and reaching their potential. Many deaf students continue their education at our 6<sup>th</sup> form. Those moving to local colleges or employment are supported through the transition and feel well prepared for their next chapter.

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