

Multi-Disciplinary Approach

We work with a range of different Medical Professionals at Hollywater School in order to support the variety of medical needs of our students.

The different medical professionals we work with are as follows:

Nursing Team

The Special School Nursing Service use their clinical judgement and public health expertise to identify health needs early, determining risk and providing early intervention to prevent issues escalating. They offer training to staff in order to support the medical needs of students and support families with medical appointments. They create all the medical care plans for our students in conjunction with the students' Paediatrician and other clinical professionals. They quality control medication administration and complete competency checks for all staff.

Sensory Occupational Therapists

The Sensory Occupational Therapy team, TLC Space and ACE, work with students whose sensory needs make day-to-day tasks more difficult. They work closely with education and health to make sure the adults working with our students have the skills they need to recognise their sensory needs. They work alongside other professionals to adapt environments and put strategies in place to meet sensory needs. This helps to support a calm environment, encourage attention, participation self-regulation and independence.

Children and Adolescent Mental Health Service (CAMHS)

Hampshire Child and Adolescent Mental Health Service (CAMHS) are an NHS specialist service that aims to help young people aged 5 -18 years and their families who are finding it hard to manage their emotional and psychological health, and who are suffering with acute, chronic and severe mental health problems. MHST, the Mental Health Support Teams (MHST) is a Hampshire CAMHS early help service designed to improve access to psychological therapies for young people, while also assisting schools to develop a whole-school approach to positive mental health and wellbeing.

Orthotics

Orthotic services provide prescription insoles, braces, splints, footwear, and helmets which help people recover from or avoid injury, or live with lifelong conditions.

Physiotherapy

NHS physiotherapists visit school to review pupils who have physiotherapy as part of their EHCP provision and train staff to deliver pupils' physiotherapy programmes. Physiotherapy is delivered both by LSAs within classrooms and by the physiotherapy team, in the physio room. Staff have experience in using standers, walker, putting on gaiters and splints and completing physio programmes. Some pupils also access hydrotherapy as part of their physiotherapy

programme. We also have 3 Acheeva Learning Station beds, to assist with ensuring those pupils who are wheelchair users have changes of position during the day.

We currently have 3 classrooms which have ceiling track hoists in and have 3 bathrooms with ceiling track hoists. We also have a mobile hoist to use in other parts of the school.

Speech And Language Therapy

Speech and Language Therapy (SaLT) is delivered in school either by direct individual or small group interventions or throughout the curriculum depending on recommendations from the therapists.

We have visiting Speech and Language therapists from both NHS, who see pupils who have SaLT outlined in section G of their EHCP and Hampshire County Council, who both visit once a week. We also have a Speech and Language assistant in school to deliver individual programmes and ensure that pupils' communication resources are up to date.

NHS Speech and Language therapists are responsible for writing and reviewing any eating and drinking plans that a pupil may have and ensuring that staff are trained in these.

Sarah Gilling, Specialist Speech and Language therapist is available to all the pupils in the school when needed. Sarah's contact details are sent to carers at the beginning of each academic year and carers are welcome to contact her directly.

Occupational Therapy

NHS Occupational therapists visit school to review pupils who have OT as part of their EHCP provision. Occupational therapists are responsible for reviewing pupil's specialist seating in school and ensuring that needs are met in relation to developing motor skills so pupils can become as independent as possible.

Private therapist in school:

Some pupils may have therapists that are being funded privately. These therapists are welcome to visit pupils within school and liaise with staff. We ask that therapists make contact with the school prior to visiting so we can ensure that the pupil is available, we can check that carers are aware of visits and we can ensure that there is a room available. At the time of contact, school will ensure that a private therapist can meet our safeguarding requirements.

Immunisation Team

The immunisation team offer vaccinations in schools. Vaccinations take place within the school and there are catch up appointments for any missed vaccinations.

Paediatricians

A paediatrician is a doctor who treats new-borns, children and adolescents and young adults. Paediatricians play an important role in health and wellbeing of children. They have a wide range of responsibilities from conducting regular check-ups to diagnosing and treating illnesses, injuries and other health conditions.

Dentist

Dentists are the frontline of good oral health. They work with communities to prevent and treat dental/oral disease, correct dental irregularities and treat dental/facial injuries. There is a local specialist dentist for students with additional needs to whom the SSNS can refer students.

Optician

An Optician helps people get the right vision-correcting tools for their needs. Their duties include giving eyewear advice, fitting spectacles and repairing glasses. Hampshire Advisory Service support pupils who have a diagnosis of visual impairment and they will come into school to support.