

Additional information for parents 2009 – 2010

Current numbers on roll (Sept 09): 109

Admissions

The Area Education Officer based at White Cross coordinates issues relating to admission to this school. At school we have an Equal Opportunities Policies, available on request, including Disability Equality Scheme, Equal Opportunities, Gender Equality, Race Equality.

Student destinations 2008 – 2009; 1 Residential college; 1 Specialist college (Day provision); 4 Local FE college

2008 – 2009 Rates of pupils' authorised and unauthorised absence

Authorised absences: 7.96% Unauthorised absences: 0.04% Attendance: 92%

Religious Education and Collective Worship

Parents have the right to withdraw their child from religious education and collective worship if they feel this is appropriate. Please discuss this with the Headteacher in the first instance.

Special Educational Needs Policy/ Accessibility

The school has a Special Educational Needs policy which is available to parents on request. The policy gives information about the following:

- The school's special education provision.
- The school's policies on assessment and provision for pupils with special educational needs.
- The school's staffing policies and partnerships with bodies outside school.

The school is designed to meet the needs of pupils with a wide range of special needs and learning disabilities to ensure accessibility in terms of the building and curriculum.

Keeping your child safe

At The Loyne Specialist School we work hard to keep your child safe and secure. Our safeguarding procedures include safe recruitment and selection; health and safety; behaviour management; administration of medication; eating and drinking problems; transport of medication; extended services; anti-bullying; school security; absconding pupils, staff conduct; safe practice in rebound therapy, e-safety and child protection. If you wish to view our safeguarding policies they are available on request. In the unusual situation of parents/ carers not being at home to receive their child from County organised home school transport, then the arrangement is that children are taken to the Education Office at White Cross.

Care and Control

If staff become aware of, or have a need to become involved in situations where a child may be at risk of hurting themselves or others, or if the behaviour of a child seriously disrupts good order in the school or causes damage to property, staff may need to take steps to intervene physically. In such circumstances staff will follow the school's policy for dealing with such situations. Any parent wishing to view this policy may do so on request.

Complaints

Parents are always encouraged to contact the school whenever there is any doubt, anxiety or worry at all. Initially concerns should be brought to the attention of the class teacher. If there continues to be concerns then you should contact the Headteacher. If the complaint is about the Headteacher, then you should contact the Chair of Governors. Please contact school if you require information about our complaints procedure. If you wish to contact Ofsted, you may do so enquiries@ofsted.gov.uk

We hope you find this information useful.

Carol Murphy
Headteacher

Anne Marie Houghton
Chair of Governors