



Communication and Interaction

Due to the rising number of students identified as the main barrier to learning as being down to their communication and interaction difficulties the school decided to enhance its Speech and Communication Intervention provision by employing a SALT worker for one day a week.

PECS Training

Students at Sidestrand Hall School at times find it difficult to communicate verbally. Therefore, it is imperative to find other means of allowing the students to communicate as effectively as they can. We invested in PECS Intensive Interaction Training for key members of staff to help support students in their communication.

Training and Resources

To further enhance our provision of Speech and Language within the school, the school have trained some key staff in the Elklan model to key members of staff. This was further supported with resources and training being provided for some.



Transition Co-ordinator

We recognise the importance of transition for all pupils and understand that transition can be a difficult time for students. Therefore, the school employs a dedicated worker who is focused on supporting students during this time.

Read Write Inc

Many students at Sidestrand Hall School find reading difficult, therefore it is a priority for the school to support students in learning how to read. The School has introduced the Read Write Inc strategy in to Key Stage 2. This will be further developed throughout the school to support students' literacy and reading skills.



Thrive

At Sidestrand Hall School the pastoral support our students receive is important to us. We invested in the Thrive strategy to help students emotionally. The students have become more self-assured and allows them to be fully engaged with their learning.



School visits and events

At Sidestrand Hall School we recognise the benefits of extra-curricular activities and how they can support the learning within the classroom. Along with allowing the students to enhance their social, behavioural, independence and communication skills.