



The Castle School SEN Report 2017-2018

The Castle School is located in Donnington village in Newbury and takes pupils from West Berkshire as well as Wiltshire, Hampshire and Oxfordshire. We are a very welcoming and open school with caring and highly skilled staff who are committed to supporting the education of all our young people. We pride ourselves on our warm, caring and supportive atmosphere; a place where young people can flourish, learn, enjoy and be happy. We value and encourage support of parents, professionals and friends.

We cater for young people with a variety of complex learning difficulties from the ages of 3 to 19 years of age. We are based on three sites; The Nursery Unit which is co-located with Victoria Park Nursery in Newbury; The main primary and secondary school at Love Lane; The Post-16 Centre based at Newbury College Campus.

At The Castle School we believe that all young people deserve all the opportunities afforded to everyone. We believe that all young people should be given the right skills to enable them to participate in their local community and beyond. We believe that all young people should be able to have a successful and fulfilling life in paid employment.

At The Castle School we are able to offer all the support that a young person will need in order to achieve the above goals. At The Castle School we:

- Have small classes with high staffing ratios
- Focus on personalised and individual needs of our young people
- Have a highly experienced and qualified staff team
- Provide high quality learning experiences
- Provide opportunities for all young people to experience the community safely and successfully
- Make use of the outdoors to deliver much of our curriculum – not just in classroom settings
- Raise pupil self-esteem and confidence
- Work in a multi-professional way to ensure that speech and language therapists, physiotherapists, psychologists and other professionals are involved in the personalised education of each individual
- Use our expertise to help get all our young people “ready for life” to enable them to be successful in the outside world

Have wonderful facilities including a hydrotherapy pool, sensory rooms, sensory gardens, music gardens, wheelchair swing, basket swings, climbing frames, trim trail, beautiful grounds all in a secure and safe environment. More information can be found at our website [**www.thecastleschoolnewbury.org.uk**](http://www.thecastleschoolnewbury.org.uk)