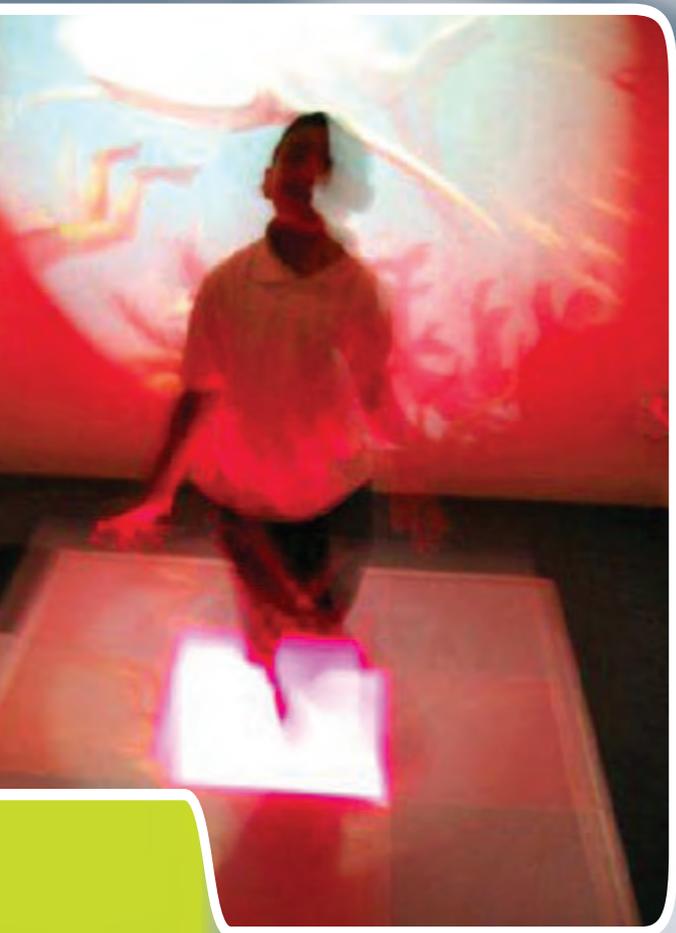


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Brookfields
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The Sensory Resource at Brookfields School is a specialist provision, established in April 2002 to work with those children whose learning difficulties are compounded by a sensory impairment such as vision, hearing or dual. The specialist support provided by school-based staff delivers a comprehensive, inclusive and individually tailored support package. Our aim is to meet the child's individual sensory needs in an atmosphere that is fun and enjoyable, but also challenging and where the child is encouraged to meet his/her potential both socially and academically.

Who are we?

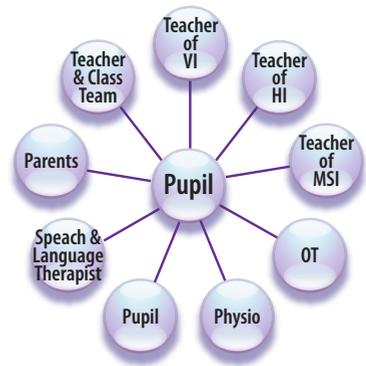
The Sensory Resource is staffed by a team of highly trained, qualified and experienced specialists. The teachers of visual-, hearing- and multi-sensory – impairments hold the mandatory qualifications and our support staff are also specifically trained specialists with particular skills in Braille and ICT. Appropriate mobility and orientation training takes place both on and off-site with our Mobility Officer.



What we do?

We offer programmes of support designed and tailored to meet the complex needs of those pupils with specific sensory impairment/s. Pupils who are part of the Sensory Resource are included and taught in classes across the school alongside their peers. They receive time-tabled sessions of specialist support either individually in class, in the school's many specialist rooms or in the Resource base itself. Sensory Resource staff are an integral part of the pupils Educational Team and work in partnership with all members of that team to facilitate and support communication and curriculum needs.

Sensory Resource pupils experience a diverse complementary curriculum created to meet individual needs in self-help skills, visual stimulation, auditory training and tactile awareness. Sessions may also include specific speech and language work, physiotherapy and music therapy. We maintain strong links with families and outside agencies supporting the child's needs at home and socially.



The Sensory Resource is well-equipped with a wide range of specialist equipment such as:

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- Portable sensory trolleys
- Soundbeam
- CCTV
- Braille
- Zyfuse
- Electronic magnifiers
- Amplification equipment
- Sensory Rooms
- Sensory Garden



Regular environmental audits are routinely conducted to ensure that acoustic and lighting conditions are well-maintained for all our pupils. A state of the art sensory suite includes a soft play area, resonance board, interactive light/sound floor, a dark room with ultraviolet light and a white room which offers bubble tubes, fibre optics and a water bed. Our sensory garden has evolved over several years and is a favourite place for staff and pupils. It contains strikingly coloured, tactile and aromatic plants and different textured pathways allowing our non-ambulant pupils to experience different sensations as their wheelchairs move over them.





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