

Families, Schools and services working together



Every child and young person matters in the Rother Valley

The RV Inclusion Hub Local Offer For parents/carers, children, young people and professionals

The Government have made some major changes to the way that children and young people with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) and their families are to be supported from September 2014. A new law entitled the Children and Families Act 2014 requires every local authority to publish information about available services for children and young people from birth to 25 who have special educational needs and/or disabilities (SEND). This is known as the 'Local Offer'.

The Rother Valley group of schools have put together their Local Offer' to explain what we do, how we do it and how we can help you, your family, your child and their school or other setting.

The questions used in this document have been provided by the West Sussex Local Offer <https://westsussex.local-offer.org/>

1. What does your SEND Hub Network do?

Our vision is to be able to meet the needs of all children, young people and their families in the Rother Valley through outstanding provision.

We do this through:

Supporting parents and families

e.g. website information and signposting, workshops, activities and resources

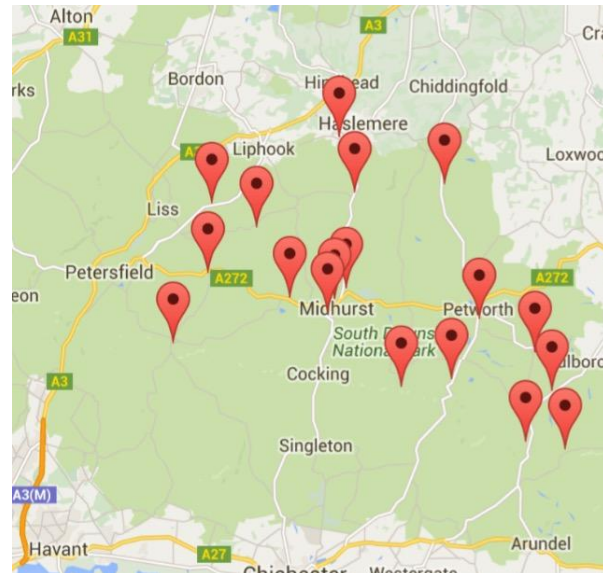
Developing staff expertise

e.g. website information and forum, training, peer to peer working and shared resources

2. Who leads your SEND Hub Network and what area does it cover?

The Rother Valley (RV) Hub includes the following 16 schools:

- Bury C of E Primary School
- Camelsdale Primary
- Easebourne C of E Primary
- Fernhurst Primary
- Fittleworth C of E Primary
- Graffham C of E Infants & Duncton C of E Junior
- Harting C of E Primary
- Hollycombe
- Midhurst C of E Primary
- Midhurst Rother College
- Northchapel Primary
- Petworth C of E Primary
- Rake C of E Primary
- Rogate C of E Primary
- Stedham Primary
- St James C of E Coldwaltham and Amberley C of



Pre-school settings and schools in the independent sector and beyond the locality can also access some of our services through the RV Hub.

The RV Hub is led by a Steering Group that consists of three RV headteachers, RV Hub web manager, RV Hub Co-ordinator and representatives from RV SENDCos, Speech and language Therapy Service, Social Communication Team and RV Governors.

The Steering Group works closely with the RV Headteacher group and with the TESLA Teaching School Alliance through their lead schools Camelsdale Primary and Bohunt School.

We have a RV Hub Co-ordinator who works one day a week and can be contacted on: enquiries@rvhub.org.uk

3. Who does your SEND Hub Network provide for?

As an inclusion hub, we provide support through our schools for children and young people who may be vulnerable and/or children who have special educational needs. This covers the age range 0-25 and includes children who are gifted and talented. We support the families who may need help. We provide training resources and information for staff in RV schools.

4. How can I access support from the SEND Hub Network?

The first point of contact is through the RV schools. Further information about the hub can be provided through the website www.rvhub.org.uk and the hub co-ordinator as above.

- ***What support can I access as a school /setting member of the SEND Hub?***

We provide a range of support to schools including training and peer to peer support. Most of what we provide for the RV schools is currently free. However there may be costs for some support. Our website provides details of training events.

Parent workshops and events will often be free. Individual schools and the RV website will provide information about what is available for parents and families.

5. How are decisions made about who can use your service?

- The RV Steering Group makes the decisions about who can use the service.
- We are working with the West Sussex Parent/carer forum to involve parents in the work of the Hub.

6. How do you communicate with service users and how are they involved in decision making/planning?

- Parents - parent surveys, RV Hub website, postcards, informal events e.g. coffee mornings. The views of parents are shared with the steering group.
- Schools – training, peer-to peer support, course evaluations, questionnaires, audit of CPD need, visits to schools. The schools are represented on the RV Hub Steering group and all information about staff needs is shared with the steering group.

7. Is your service fully accessible?

We aim for our website, training events, meetings and other events to be as fully accessible as possible. We welcome contact with us through the RV Hub website email address to discuss any specific access issues.

8. What training is available and what have the staff supporting children and young people with SEND had or are having?

- Initially we used a questionnaire to find out from schools about their training needs for staff and staff expertise in with working with vulnerable children and children who have special educational needs. This has been followed up with visits to schools to discuss their needs and expertise in more depth.
- All schools in the Rother Valley attended a conference in October 2015 'Strictly Ready to Learn,' which included workshops that addressed the training needs identified through the RV Hub.
- SENDCos meet termly to network and support their needs and the website has a resource section for staff.
- Training is linked to specific projects e.g. Speech and Language School Start Programme for reception teachers and support staff.
- Specific workshops and training events are provided linked to the audit of need e.g. Helen Arkell Dyslexia training, Social Communication Team Training, Team Teach Training, Learning Mentor Training.
- We are developing the expertise within the RV Hub to enable staff to provide peer-to-peer support.

9. Who can I contact for further information?

- *Parents - the school is always the first point of contact. Each school has further details of what they offer on their website. The RV Hub website provides links to all the schools and their local offer: <http://www.rvhub.org.uk/schools.html>*
- *Staff - the RV Hub Co-ordinator can be contacted through the RV Hub Website.*

www.rvhub.org.uk

10. How are you funded?

West Sussex County Council provided funding initially to help set up the RV Hub as well as those in other parts of West Sussex.

The schools in the Rother Valley decided to use their locality funding from west Sussex this year to fund the further development of the Hub.

We have been successful in bidding for funding for special projects that will meet the identified needs in our schools.

Future funding may come from a range of different sources such as the schools, West Sussex, our training programme and special projects.

11. Do you work with other Networks?

There are a number of Hubs across West Sussex. Hubs have emerged as a response to the reduction in services provided by West Sussex County Council. There is a strong partnership between Hubs across West Sussex, who work together to share ideas, training and resources.

