



## Physical Disability Outreach Support Team Based at Regency High School

Supporting children with physical disabilities in mainstream schools and early years settings across South Worcestershire



*Support for individual children through providing equipment and completing an audit of school environment that was used to inform the school's accessibility plan were particularly effective. Thank you for your continued support*

*Supporting our bma room application for a child with additional needs has been particularly effective. our service is very helpful and supportive. My experience of working with pd outreach has been very positive and led to improved outcomes for pupils*

**Feedback from Schools being supported by the PD Outreach Team 2022/2023**

Delivered on behalf of



## **Our Aims**

- Enable children with physical disabilities to be educated in mainstream schools wherever possible.
- Provide appropriate support for children with physical disabilities, their parents/carers and school staff to achieve successful, inclusive education.
- Offer advice, training and specialist equipment, where required, to help maintain access to a full curriculum.
- Assist with all aspects of planning and implementing access for children with limited mobility, including building modifications.

## **Supporting Children**

We work in schools and Early Years settings across Worcester, Broadway, Pershore, Evesham, Droitwich, and Malvern. Many children we support have cerebral palsy, whilst others may have spina bifida, arthritis or other forms of physical disability. Some may have experienced traumatic injury or have a temporary disabling condition. Quite a number have limited mobility and a few use wheelchairs regularly. Some, but not all have Education Health and Care Plans maintained by the Local Authority.

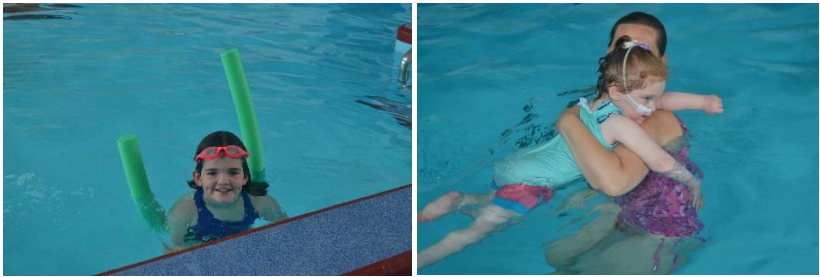
## **Regency PD Outreach Support Team Support Children Through:**

- School & Pre-school Visits
- Expert Advice
- Assessments
- Provision of Specialist Equipment
- Staff Training
- Building Adaptations
- Teaching Assistant Support

## Opportunities

Advice is given on access to accessible sporting groups and we liaise with PE staff at schools to ensure pupils with disabilities are included as much as possible.

The PD Outreach team offer weekly swimming sessions specifically tailored towards pupils with disabilities. The sessions focus on rehabilitation, exercise and swimming and are planned in close liaison with physiotherapy.



## Worcestershire County Council

**“Worcestershire LA will, wherever possible and appropriate, ensure that a child’s special educational needs will be met alongside his or her peers and within his or her own community”** (Worcestershire County Council, SEN Policy)

The Regency PD Outreach Support Team is Local Authority funded and managed by Regency High School in Worcester, a special school for pupils with Physical Disabilities and Learning Difficulties.

## Working Together

Regency PD Outreach Support Team recognise the importance of working collaboratively with colleagues in mainstream schools, parents/carers and of course, the children themselves.

Close links are maintained with physiotherapists, occupational therapists, educational psychologists and staff in pre-school settings and schools. The team liaises regularly with Local Authority officers and Worcestershire Accommodation Services.

PD Outreach advise on interventions in curriculum areas such as ICT and recording.

PD Outreach Support Team regularly assist with training and advice on issues such as using ICT for recording, methods of Augmentative and Alternative Communication, manual handling and access to school buildings and the curriculum.

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