

## **Newick House School**

General Information about the school for job applicants and others with an interest

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Newick House is a special school for pupils with a range of needs and learning difficulties, including autism, and speech, language and communication difficulties. We have been awarded specialist status as a school for Communication and Interaction, although the school is currently designated as a school for pupils with Moderate Learning Difficulties.

The school shares a site in Burgess Hill with Birchwood Grove County Primary School. It is maintained by West Sussex County Council and admits children aged between 5 and 16 years who live in the Mid Sussex area. Most pupils travel to the school by bus or taxi. Currently we have 164 pupils on roll, all of whom have a Statement of Special Educational Needs. There are over 90 staff who fulfil a range of roles - teachers, teaching assistants, administrative staff, therapists, premises staff and technicians.

Newick House is a happy and successful school, which enjoys a good reputation within the county. West Sussex County Council is both supportive and appreciative of its special school provision and is committed to the long term future and continued development of special schools. As a result of the review of special schools in the county there are likely to be changes to the school or its building in the next five years. The results of consultations on the long term future of the school should be known by September 2010.

Newick House is committed to using ICT as an additional resource to help pupils achieve their full potential. We now have a network of 70 computers in the school. These developments are supported by our Network Manager

and a technician, and two ICT Subject Leaders, including an Advanced Skills Teacher.

Newick House has Investors in People status and aims to provide a wide programme of continuing professional development for all staff.

Our school has developed several School Clubs before and after school and in the holidays to offer leisure and learning opportunities for pupils with special needs in Burgess Hill. Staff can choose to work in these school clubs if they wish.

The school receives active support from its Governors and parents. Each year, the Friends of Newick House organise a variety of successful and enjoyable fund raising activities.

**Newick House School is a happy, challenging and inspiring place to learn or work. Team work, co-operation, commitment to the pupils and a sense of humour all characterise the working atmosphere, in which we hope everyone can play their part.**