

Grip Education – Secondary

Who We Are

Grip Education (GRIP) is an Alternative Education service based in Trafford, supporting the most vulnerable young people in Greater Manchester and beyond – those young people who, for a variety of reasons, are currently unable to learn and achieve in a mainstream or specialist school setting.



We are proud to be part of Manchester's Inclusive Alternative Provision Strategy and, additionally, be approved to work with LAC and SEND students from all North West authorities. We have supported students from, and are recommended by, numerous Trafford and Manchester Schools including Altrincham College, Loreto Grammar School, Manor High, Wellacre Academy and Blessed Thomas Holford. We have supported over 80 students in the past year. We have aided a number of schools during Ofsted inspections leading to positive results for all.

We are committed to providing a nurturing and supportive educational environment that will enable these students to develop their talents, experience success and return to mainstream or specialist provision in due course. Our purpose is to provide a physically, emotionally and psychologically safe learning environment, along with high quality learning resources and adventures, to enable disengaged students to re-engage with their education. We aim to help young people to develop their personal and interpersonal skills, gain self-confidence and self-esteem whilst continuing to advance their numeracy and literacy skills at an appropriate level, aiming to achieve nationally accredited qualifications.



What We Offer



Our core programme is aimed at KS3/4 students. The morning starts with more formal education (focused on Maths & English along with current affairs, passion projects and PHSE) based at Raglan Road, Sale. Students attend from 10am to 2:30pm with the morning being divided into 3 sessions of approximately 35 minutes with short breaks in between each session. Our

provision will include strong post 16 preparation and CAIEG. Lunch is from 12pm to 12:30pm on site. Students are expected to bring their own lunch but food is always available and no child will go hungry. Bobby, our therapy dog, is on hand to provide much needed support too!

Each student has an individual learning plan which is devised in partnership with their base school.



Outdoor learning is the foundation for our afternoon delivery. All the activities (which may include water sports, target sports, bushcraft, nutrition & cooking, team challenges, leadership development, first aid, social enterprise, environmental education as well as art and craft) are focused on social and emotional development using these as a vehicle for change.

In addition to the above we can also offer support aimed at students with emotionally based school non attendance as well as post 16 students. A full day of outdoor learning is also an option. We are happy to discuss bespoke programmes.

Programme Goals

- Improved self esteem, self confidence, personal and interpersonal skills.
- Improved literacy and numeracy skills.
- Reintegration into full time education.

Testimonials

Parent/Carer

“For the first time in a long time, my child wants to get up and go to school. That says everything.” “Grip has given our daughter the confidence she lost in mainstream school. We couldn’t ask for a more caring team.” “It’s been such a relief finding a place where our son feels accepted for who he is.”

School

“The team at Grip really take the time to understand each child. We wouldn’t hesitate to recommend them.” “Grip has been a fantastic support for one of our pupils. The progress in confidence and engagement has been clear to see.” “The communication with our school has been excellent throughout. We always feel involved and well informed.”

Contact Details

The educational arm of provision is led by a highly experienced, former Headteacher (Fiona Wright) with the adventuring being led by a fully qualified, highly experienced professional coach and instructor (Glenn Rees). For further information, please contact:

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NB – we do not offer full-time placements and cannot be the main education provider for a young person.