

Grip Education – Primary

Who We Are

Grip Education (GRIP) is an Alternative Education service based in Trafford, supporting the most vulnerable young people in Greater Manchester & beyond – those young people who, for a variety of reasons, are currently unable to learn and achieve in a mainstream or specialist 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 Urmston Primary, St Joseph's, Sale and St Matthew's, Stretford. We have worked with a number of schools during Ofsted inspections resulting in 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 full time education in due course. Our purpose is to provide a physically, emotionally & psychologically safe learning environment, along with high quality learning resources & adventures, to enable disengaged students to



re-engage with their education with the aim of returning to their base school or moving to a more appropriate setting. 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, providing a positive experience of education.

What We Offer

The diverse education we offer at GRIP allows us to engage young people of all ages and abilities. Our Primary programme, based at Navigation Park, Timperley is aimed at KS2 students. Students attend from 10am to 2pm and engage in enquiry based learning focused around engaging topics such as Light & Dark and Myths & Magic and incorporating outdoor education. Maths and English development is key and permeates throughout activities with students being supported with their personal, social and emotional





needs through creative and outdoor activities. 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. We are happy to discuss bespoke programmes including one to one support if applicable. Our

curriculum is developmental not chronological, based on where a child is in their educational journey, not what year group they are in. Their work is tailored to their current stage of academic learning and social and emotional



development. For many of our students their personal development and social and emotional needs means that work in this area needs to be prioritised. Learning outside of a traditional classroom environment supports this. We do, however, recognise the benefits of having a strong academic core, particularly focusing on literacy (spoken language, reading and writing) as one of the primary tools through which all other learning is accessed.

Programme Goals

- Improved self-esteem, self-confidence, teamwork and communication 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 an experienced, former Headteacher (Fiona Wright) with the adventuring being led by a fully qualified, experienced professional coach and instructor (Glenn Rees). For further information, please contact: Fiona Wright – fiona@gripadventure.co.uk, 07792292531

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