

RNIB Sunshine House School and Children's Home

Supporting blind and partially
sighted children with significant
learning difficulties and disabilities



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RNIB Sunshine House is a specialist primary school, children's home and service for families in Northwood, Middlesex.

We provide a safe and supportive environment for blind and partially sighted children with significant learning difficulties and disabilities to meet their full potential. Boasting a range of specialist indoor and outdoor facilities, Sunshine House is a fun and inspiring place to learn, play and stay.

Learning at Sunshine House

Our specialist primary school educates children aged two to 11 years. Children under five can attend our early years centre on a full or part time basis.

Everyone at Sunshine House is treated as an individual with their own set of needs and learning goals. Working together with parents and specialists we ensure that achievements go beyond the classroom into everyday life.

Each class has no more than eight children with a minimum support ratio of two adults for every three children. Our skilled staff assess each child, delivering tailored programmes matched to their individual needs, interests and abilities.

Activities throughout the day are varied, inspiring and educational. Lessons can be carried out in whole groups, small groups and one-to-one. Teachers, teaching assistants, therapists and social care professionals work together to ensure that each child's learning is maximised.



Therapeutic approach

Our team of therapists are on hand to provide support both within the classroom and in dedicated sessions with individuals. Therapies and specialist facilities include:

- speech and language therapy
- physiotherapy
- occupational therapy
- mobility and orientation training
- music and creative therapy
- sensory garden and adapted playground with interactive fountain
- hydrotherapy pool
- soft play room
- state of the art sensory theatre
- library
- dark areas in every classroom for visual light training.



We have a paediatric community nurse who visits daily, working with staff to ensure that all medical needs are met, including enteral feeding and epilepsy management.

Staying at Sunshine House

Children aged between two and 14 years can stay with us during the school term and for periods during the school holidays. We welcome children who attend school elsewhere, providing we can meet their needs. We want children to feel at home and encourage them to bring personal items for their room.

Learning and development continue in a relaxed and informal environment, making full use of the school's facilities. Activities also take place away from Sunshine House within the local community and beyond with shopping trips, meals out and theatre visits.

We offer a range of flexible day care, overnight and short stay options including an after school club, play days, theme days, sleepovers and overnight stays where children can stay up to four nights per week (Monday to Thursday) for up to 50 weeks per year during the school term and during the holidays.



Family time with Sunshine House

Our family services, jointly run with Grangewood School, give parents, carers, siblings and other family members the chance to get together, support each other and have fun.

Whether your child is a few months old or in primary school, we have something for everyone. We've got sessions open to all the family and others where children can be left in our care.

Sessions include after school and holiday clubs, activity days, stay and splash family swim, stay and play family drop in, Tinker Bell's music making, parent/carer workshops and sibling support groups.

Contact us

We welcome visits from parents, carers, children, other family members and professionals. To find out more:

- call 01923 82 25 38
- email shsadmin@rnib.org.uk
- go online at rnib.org.uk/sunshinehouse

