

Links with outside agencies

Every year, we review the progress of our pupils. These reviews include input from a multi-disciplinary team of experts. Together we review all areas.

Our Hearing Impaired Units have links with several outside agencies:

Local Hospitals

Royal Victoria Hospital

Staff and pupils make regular visits to the Royal where routine assessment and prescription of hearing aids and replacing ear moulds are carried out.

Belfast City Hospital

Our cochlear implanted children are regularly assessed by the staff at the Belfast City Hospital Cochlear Implant Centre.

Additional outside agency support includes:

Education Psychology

Consultant Audiologist.

Occupational Therapy

Peripatetic Services

Ewing Foundation



A few comments from parents:

“Holy Trinity is a brilliant school to send our child to. It is a great school for your child to learn.

The school has everything your child needs”

“ We have seen great progress with our son who was really shy but he has really come out of his shell and is much more confident now”

“I would recommend the unit to others because of the small classes. Every pupil gets the support they need. The unit is very well equipped for the pupils”.

“The small classes mean that pupils can get help on a one to one basis”.

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HOLY TRINITY HEARING IMPAIRED UNITS



With over 30 years experience in educating hearing impaired children, Holy Trinity Primary School is well equipped to cater to the specific needs of your child.



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What we offer

Holy Trinity Hearing Impaired Units provide hearing impaired children with the opportunity to be educated alongside their hearing peers.

Our school has a junior and a senior Hearing Impaired Unit which caters for P1-P7 pupils with hearing difficulties.

There are 3 qualified teachers of the deaf and 2 special needs' assistants working within the units.

Located in Holy Trinity Primary School, the units are fully sound-proofed and equipped with up-to-date audiological facilities.

Teaching and Learning

Holy Trinity Hearing Impaired Units provide an educational setting in which pupils with hearing impairment have full access to the Revised Curriculum.

- Integration with their hearing peers.
- Up to date audiological equipment.
- Qualified teachers of the deaf.
- Acoustically treated classrooms.
- Low pupil teacher ratio.
- Differentiated curriculum to accommodate their social, emotional, linguistic, educational and audiological needs.

Our children enjoy full engagement in school life, participating with enthusiasm in music classes, ICT, both in the ICT suite and in class, assemblies, concerts, poetry festivals and sporting events.

We have developed a strong and meaningful partnership with our parents and outside agencies which have a crucial bearing on the educational, spiritual and moral progress of the children and contributes to the effectiveness of their learning.

Integration

In Holy Trinity the full integration of the children in the unit into the life of the school is of paramount importance:

- All children mix socially in the yard at morning/lunchtime, in the dining hall, for assemblies, concerts, educational visits etc.
- Pupils from our units are on the Pupil Council and have the opportunity to take part in the Peer Mediation process.
- As well as informal integration every child in the unit integrates into a mainstream class for part of each day. The individual integration programme is devised to accommodate the social, linguistic, educational and audiological needs that each pupil has.

Following assessment of the above needs children are integrated appropriately in a mainstream class. Integration placement is reviewed regularly and can be adjusted if necessary.

Each year we make as wide a range of subjects as possible available for integration. The pupils mainly integrate for subjects where they are equal with their mainstream peers, e.g. PE, Art, Music, Library, ICT and Structured Play.



Speech Therapist

Twice a week we are visited by a Speech Therapist who works in collaboration with teachers and parents. Together we work on developing our pupils speech and language skills to the best possible level.

Promotion of spoken language and use of residual hearing to full (oral/aural approach) is adhered to in the unit.



Audiological Support

Audiological checks are carried out daily. Equipment is serviced and replaced when needed. Holy Trinity provides the latest FM technology to help hearing impaired children achieve and integrate to their full potential. Our effective FM systems allow pupils to integrate fully continually overcoming background noise.

National Deaf Children's Society.

For the past number of years we have benefited from workshops in art, dance and drama to name but a few. Our pupils recently learned circus skills and performed at King's Hall in Belfast.

