

Inclusively Down

Meeting individual learning needs



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ENABLING CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE TO ACCESS AN INCLUSIVE EDUCATION

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What we can offer you

We started Inclusively Down in January 2016 because we believe passionately in what we do and we wanted families of or those working with children and young people with Down syndrome, wherever they may live or go to school, to be able to access specialist knowledge. As experienced teachers and specialists in our field, we have developed our knowledge of how to best support pupils with Down syndrome over many years of actually walking the walk; as well as listening to schools, families and other experts about their thoughts and experiences. We take the time to keep up to date with current research and best practice in the field of Down syndrome and believe a good teacher is always learning.

We want to work with you as schools, families and professionals to develop your knowledge; which will enable each child or young person with Down syndrome to access the best education, achieve and fulfil their full potential across all areas. We can offer bespoke training in your school or setting, as well as externally where you can network with other colleagues doing the same job. Currently we are providing schools in a number of Counties with pupil support and consultation packages in areas including

differentiation, transition, inclusion and behaviour. We have also been delivering peer assemblies to raise awareness of what Down syndrome is. We are working in a wide variety of different schools alongside teachers and support staff, modelling successful strategies to support their children and young people with Down syndrome to access the curriculum. We would love to hear from you to discuss your individual needs for support

Individual case studies will follow in our next newsletter. Do get in touch to let us know how we may be able to support you and don't forget to sign up any staff new to Down syndrome to our essential course this term, coming soon in your area. Please see details below or visit our website at: www.inclusivelydown.co.uk



Welcome Back

We hope you have all had a wonderful summer and you are fit and well ready for the new academic year.



Training News

See what Inclusively Down have been doing over the last two terms and what's coming up. Read on to find out how to book your place.

Training News

Inclusively Down have been busy delivering training since our launch in January 2016. With three core events being held over the Spring and Summer terms we have trained parents and professionals on 'Meeting the Needs of Children and Young People with Down Syndrome', 'Managing Challenging Behaviour' and 'Literacy and Numeracy Skills'.

These events have been popular and comments from delegates have included:

"excellent mix of theory, examples, videos and discussion-providing a great balance of ideas and techniques to work with in the future",

"I have come away with lots of information and new ideas"

"A great course"

We have also delivered bespoke training in Counties including Milton Keynes, Oxfordshire, Buckinghamshire and Warwickshire, working for schools and parent groups.



Training can be provided as part of a purchased package of support and Inclusively Down have carried out training for schools in Leamington Spa and Chipping Camden on this basis. These sessions have been part of a wider package supporting children through transition from KS2 – KS3. One of the key aspects of successful transition is training staff and we believe this is a whole school responsibility. For this reason, we have trained all staff members at two secondary

schools in preparation of receiving a student with Down syndrome into their school communities.



'Meeting the Learning Needs of Pupils Down Syndrome'

Upcoming Training Events Book Now

<http://www.inclusivelydown.co.uk/latest-events>

This whole day course is aimed at all staff/professionals working with children and young people with Down syndrome that have not previously had any training. This session will enable you to teach and support children and young people with Down syndrome more effectively. It will cover the key elements of the specific learning profile, how you can best support progress, dispel some myths and give you strategies and resource ideas, based on research and good practice, to ensure you can meet their individual learning needs.

AIMS/OUTCOMES: By the end of this session you will...

- understand the impact of having Down syndrome.

- be aware of the typical learning profile of pupils with Down syndrome.
- be able to identify how you can best support progress.
- be able to recognise what teaching strategies will work best.
- be able to demonstrate good inclusive practice and differentiate appropriately.

This course is being offered on either;

28th September 2016

Chartridge Lodge, Chartridge Lane,
Chesham, Buckinghamshire HP5 2TU
OR

12th October 2016

The Ridgeway Centre, Featherstone Road,
Milton Keynes. MK12 5TH

Calling All Learning Support Assistants...

In order to support Learning Support Assistants, Inclusively Down are running a series of 'Networking Sessions' over the coming year. These two hour sessions, one per term, are for support staff working with children and young people with Down syndrome.

This is a fantastic opportunity to meet and network with staff performing the same role. Each session will have dedicated time for general networking and an up to date relevant focus delivered by Specialist Teachers. Staff will also be able to access individualised advice and support.

The sessions are being held at;

The Downley School,
Faulkner Way,
Downley,
High Wycombe, Buckinghamshire.
HP13 5AL

For further information and to express your interest please contact us via our website www.inclusivelydown.co.uk

Don't forget to keep checking with our Facebook page where you will see all our latest events and news.

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If you require any support, training or to discuss your individual requirements, please contact us; contact@inclusivelydown.co.uk

NEXT TIME...

- Catch up with some Inclusively Down case studies
- Latest training events
- TES SEN Show report

The TES SEN Show 2016

This year Inclusively Down will be exhibiting at the Times Educational Supplement Special Educational Needs Show which is being held at the Islington Business Design Centre, London, on 7th and 8th October 2016. Pop over and see us at stand number 281.

DON'T FORGET...

To ensure you receive the latest news and events please log onto our website www.inclusivelydown.co.uk and subscribe to our mailing list on the 'Contact Us' page.