



CENTRAL
HUB
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**A school where
we aim to
provide a
'Different Kind
of Learning'**

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Central Hub Brighton (CHB) is the local authority's specialist Tier 2 and Tier 3 alternative provision, offering a range of programmes for pupils from Year 2 to Year 11.

CHB operates across four sites throughout the city, enabling it to provide a variety of specialist services. These range from 12-week assessment and intervention programmes for pupils who are struggling to access learning in mainstream primary or secondary schools, to longer-term placements for pupils with Education, Health and Care Plans (EHCPs).

The service also includes a bespoke Year 11 provision for students at risk of becoming Not in Education, Employment or Training (NEET). This programme supports students who are unable to complete their education within a mainstream setting, providing both accredited qualifications and careers guidance to help them successfully transition into post-16 education, training or employment.

The co-location of CHB's sites allows each provision to develop specific areas of expertise, whether focused on particular key stages, EHCP-related needs, or Day 6 provision for students at risk of permanent exclusion.

Within the Tier 2 offer, pupils attend CHB for four days each week and remain connected to their mainstream school for one day. This model ensures that pupils remain supported and visible within both settings while assessment and intervention programmes are delivered. Most students attend a 12-week placement, although this can be extended by up to six weeks where additional support is required, particularly for pupils undergoing a Trial Transfer or following a Permanent Exclusion. Referrals to Tier 2 programmes are made through local authority Behaviour and Attendance Partnership meetings, which are attended by representatives from mainstream schools and local authority officers.

Placements within Tier 3 provision are arranged in consultation with the Brighton & Hove SEND Team. The length of placement varies according to individual need, with all placements reviewed at least annually

Our Values and Ethos

At Central Hub Brighton, we are committed to providing a bespoke alternative education for every pupil. Positive relationships are at the heart of our approach, creating a safe and supportive environment where children and young people can thrive.

Using a trauma-informed approach, we focus on improving wellbeing, confidence and engagement, supported by high-quality teaching and excellent pastoral care. Our aim is to help every pupil achieve positive personal and academic outcomes while developing the skills and values they need for the future.

Bespoke Education

We provide a personalised curriculum and individual timetables tailored to each pupil's needs, strengths and aspirations. Through a broad range of learning opportunities, we support pupils to make progress academically, socially and emotionally, preparing them for successful transitions into mainstream education, specialist settings, further education, training or employment.

Positive Relationships

Strong relationships underpin everything we do. Our staff work in a relational, trauma-informed way, supporting pupils with empathy, consistency and understanding. We promote inclusion, equality and respect, helping pupils build confidence, resilience and positive choices for the future.

Preparation for the Future

We believe every pupil deserves a fresh start. By helping children and young people recognise their strengths, overcome challenges and develop confidence in themselves, we prepare them for the next stage of their education and beyond. Our goal is for every pupil to leave Central Hub Brighton ready to succeed in their future pathways.

Primary School

Central Hub Brighton Primary School is a specialist 24-place provision for pupils with Social, Emotional and Mental Health (SEMH) needs, Autism, and associated learning or medical difficulties. The school supports children who are unable to access mainstream education and offers longer-term placements within a welcoming, caring and compassionate environment.

At Central Hub Primary, we celebrate every child as an individual and strive to ensure that all pupils feel wanted, valued, heard and respected. We work closely with children to help them understand their behaviour, develop emotional awareness and learn positive, pro-social ways of expressing their feelings and managing their emotions. Approaches such as the 'Chimp Brain' model are used to support this emotional development and self-regulation.

We are a small school comprising four classrooms: three mixed-ability classes and one dedicated nurture classroom. Each class is named after a different bird, reflecting our values of peace, growth, aspiration and new beginnings. Our curriculum places a strong emphasis on developing literacy and numeracy skills, balanced with a carefully planned programme of emotional learning and personal development. Wider curriculum subjects are delivered through engaging, topic-based learning.

Our dedicated and highly skilled team of practitioners work hard to create a school where pupils feel a genuine sense of belonging and where families feel supported and valued. We are proud that Central Hub Primary is regarded as a safe haven for many children who have struggled in other educational settings. Through strong partnerships with families and a commitment to listening and working together, we help pupils achieve positive outcomes and reach their full potential.

Middle School

Our Purpose at Middle School

At Middle School, we help young people rediscover success, rebuild confidence and develop a positive sense of who they are and who they can become.

We create opportunities for every pupil to experience achievement—whether through learning, sport, leadership, creativity or the wider community. From running a café and taking part in careers experiences, to climbing, golf, cycling, football and visits beyond the classroom, we provide real-life experiences that build confidence, resilience and aspiration.

Our curriculum is carefully adapted to meet individual needs, recognising previous disruptions while maintaining high expectations and gentle challenge. Success is celebrated every day, with pupils encouraged to recognise their strengths, take pride in their achievements, and believe in their potential.

The Central Hub Middle School Difference

Our approach is built on relationships. We take the time to know every child well—their story, strengths, successes and challenges. Using a trauma-informed approach, we work alongside young people to develop self-awareness, curiosity and emotional understanding.

We recognise that every learner is different. Our staff adapt and respond flexibly to individual needs, ensuring the right support is available at the right time. Strong communication, teamwork and regular reflection enable us to provide consistent, nurturing support throughout the school day.

At Central Hub Brighton, we believe that when young people feel understood, valued and connected, they can achieve extraordinary things.

PRU Secondary

We work with students in year 7-10, their families and mainstream schools, to provide a short term, assessment programme that offers the opportunity to take time to reflect on past education experiences and to work together to find new ways to facilitate positive re-engagement with learning in the future.

Our aim is to help young people to develop their self-esteem and resilience to achieve a fresh start in their mainstream school by better understanding themselves as learners. Students are actively involved in shaping their programme from induction to exit.

Our curriculum offer is broad and balanced with a focus on personal growth and the development of key skills needed to succeed in learning and life. Alongside core National Curriculum subjects, we offer academic and creative options and learner led project-based learning, as well as enrichment opportunities. We also have strong links with the local community, youth groups and service providers.

We offer the opportunity for students to explore and reflect in a safe and nurturing space, where everyone is valued equally and all have a voice.

Mutual respect is a core value here at the PRU and diversity is both celebrated and discussed through weekly themes and assemblies as well as across the curriculum offer.

We have high expectations for our students and are immensely proud of their achievements and the progress they make in the short time that they are with us.

The Connected Hub

We are a Year 11 only Pupil Referral Unit where students are given the opportunity to re-engage with education in a small, nurturing setting. Every day is a fresh start here and we believe in unconditional positive regard.

We provide a personalised curriculum for students, with small group sizes, whereby they can gain GCSEs alongside vocational opportunities. We see education as a holistic experience, and students have key worker sessions, mentoring, PSHE lessons and enrichment activities. We work closely with our multi-agency partners and providers to ensure the best possible outcomes for students.

We have high expectations of students, and our code of conduct is based around relationship building, respect and interventions. We aim to create a safe and caring environment in which everyone is valued equally and there is mutual respect, co-operation and support.

Our students are made aware of local, national and global issues through our theme of the week, and we promote respect and equalities through this and our day to day practice.

We help our students build their confidence and self-esteem so that they are able to engage in education, employment and leisure activities and reach their full potential. We want our young people to enjoy lifelong learning and be happy and fulfilled; to be self-confident, responsible, valued, and to be proud of their own and others' achievements.

We are proud of what we have built here and of our positive reputation, and we hope that all students and parents/carers will enjoy their time here and make the most of it.

Tree house

Tree house is our Primary PRU Provision We work with children in Years 1 to 6, their families and schools to provide a short-term support programme that gives children the opportunity to reflect on their school experiences and build confidence in learning. We work closely together to help each child find positive ways to re-engage with school and achieve success.

Our aim is to help children develop their self-esteem, resilience and independence so they can make a successful return to their mainstream school. We encourage children to take an active role in their learning journey and celebrate their strengths and achievements.

We offer a safe, nurturing and inclusive environment where every child feels valued, respected and listened to. We believe that all children deserve the opportunity to learn, grow and thrive.

Mutual respect is at the heart of everything we do. We celebrate diversity and help children develop an understanding of different cultures, beliefs and experiences through assemblies, themed learning and everyday classroom activities.

We are proud of the progress they make during their time with us. We recognise and celebrate every achievement, helping children to build confidence, develop positive relationships and look forward to a successful future in education from a young age.