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**Welcome! – About our School (when not under Covid 19 rules)**

Reynalds Cross School is a school in Olton, Solihull for pupils with severe and complex needs. The school has grown considerably in recent years and at the moment we have around 90 staff and approximately 128 pupils. We have small classes with high staff ratios, typically one teacher and three learning/personal support staff. At the moment we have 14 classes – 8 lower school and 6 upper school. Our Nursery and Reception class are based at our off-site centre at Green Lane, Shirley. All of our pupils have, or will be in the process of undergoing an assessment for their Education Healthcare plan. This is an individualised document for each pupil which outlines their needs and provision and informs their learning.

We strive to provide a happy and safe environment for our pupils. There is an emphasis as pupil’s progress through school to learn “life-skills” i.e, communication skills, regulating behaviours, food shopping/menu planning and further up the school, cooking and many will undertake “ASDAN” qualifications. Community visits are an important part of our pupil’s school lives (not undertaken during Covid 19), with weekly visits to local parks, shops etc., using our four Minibuses. Community is very important to our school life and we work well alongside parents, and other schools including a partnership with Solihull School. Swimming in our warm heated pool is also a perfect opportunity to practice dressing and undressing skills.

Our vision is *to be the best of the best; to be a place where “Every Individual” really does matter, to maximise independent learning and enjoyment in line with school aims; and to be a, positive, happy and fun learning environment with outstanding features*

Our school building has it challenges at times! The age and design brings with it a lot of maintenance considerations and at times much needed space can be difficult to identify. We have one hall which is also our gym and dining room! Our budget along with all schools is stretched but we are lucky to have an amazing PTA called FORCS that tirelessly helps to raise money for much needed extras i.e. I pads. Recently we have also had classrooms sponsored by local companies i.e. Solicitors and we are encouraging this throughout our local community.

As well as our swimming pool, pupils have the facilities of a soft play area and sensory rooms.

We celebrate and respect differences daily and with events such as our RE Roundabouts where we look at races, religions and cultures.

The school can offer staff a supportive and caring environment with the opportunity for regular CPD sessions.

Mrs J Davenport – Headteacher

Website: <https://www.reynalds-cross.solihull.sch.uk/>