



## **LINK Department**

(Learning, Inclusion, Nurture and Knowledge)

Sackville's LINK is one of the largest departments within the school and is well staffed with a number of leading practitioners. It is currently consists of the following staff: an Inclusion Manager, SENDCo, HLTA, LINK secretary, two Learning Mentors and over ten LSAs.

Due to a number of staff moving on this year we have an exciting opportunity to slightly restructure the department and recruit additional staff.

As a department we offer support for students with additional needs across the full spectrum of need. We support students both in and outside of the classroom environment and also on a one to one basis, small group and whole class setting. The students we work with range from those who have an Education and Healthcare Plan (EHCP) and who need less intensive support.

At both KS3 and KS4 we offer a bespoke curriculum to those eligible. This includes but is not limited to: Forest School, Curriculum Support, time with the BASE, additional 1:1 time, Literacy Support lessons, Numeracy Support lessons and other intervention groups as required.

We use data to inform and shape the provision for our students and, as such, complete standardised tests in-house for exam access arrangements and identification of learning needs and monitoring progress and impact.

The LINK department have good working relationships with a number of external agencies and due to our unique geographic location liaise with West Sussex, East Sussex, Surrey and Kent local authorities. Students in our school are able to access these provisions. In additional we actively look to continue our staff's professional development through attendance to relevant courses.

The LINK is embodied by a personalised approach to each student ensuring we meet their needs and a commitment to inclusion and achievement for all.

