



Thrive Federation – Learning without Limits

History:

In 2012 three special schools, Cornfield, Oak Grove and Palatine came together to form a Federation (COP) to work closely together to enhance support and learning opportunities for our staff and young people

In September 2017 the Federation of Special Schools was strengthened and expanded to include four schools when Herons Dale School joined the Federation. Together the four schools form the Thrive Federation of Special Schools and they had one governing body, chaired by Geoff Palmer.

In April 2021, the Federation was adapted into a 'soft' Federation thus allowing members a degree of autonomy but retaining the scope to work together on key projects.

Members:

Cornfield School provides education for 9-16 year olds with SEMH as a primary need and is led by Maria Davis as Headteacher.

Oak Grove College provides education for 11-19 year olds in a generic secondary special school environment and is led by Phillip Potter as Headteacher.

Palatine Primary School provides education for 4-11 year olds in a generic primary special school environment and is led by Catriona Goldsmith as Headteacher.

Herons Dale School provides education for 4-11 year olds in a generic primary special school environment and is led by Isabel Robson as Headteacher.

Aims:

The aim of the Thrive Federation is to ensure all of our young people from 4- 19 years of age can benefit from "Learning without limits". There are a number of policies that apply across all four schools and other policies that operate at a school level.

The Federation was formed out of a desire to work closely with other schools and to maximise the potential of sharing expertise, experience and resources to benefit students and staff in the four schools. Regular opportunities for shared INSET days, the potential to share costs of specialist staff/resources, etc and the opportunity for Headteachers to work closely together are very beneficial