

Gosden House is an outstanding school for young people with learning and additional needs, from 4-16 years of age. Set in extensive grounds, the environment offers students the opportunity to explore and challenge the potential of learners in every aspect.

The curriculum has a strong focus on core learning skills and communication. We aim to develop resilience, creativity and social skills in order to support young people to succeed in the workplace and live rewarding, independent lives.

Learning is tailored to suit the needs of the individual and we work in partnership with families and other agencies to support learning and development for the 'whole child. We have high expectations, and learners take pride in their achievements.

We firmly believe that children facing the toughest challenges every day deserve the best chance to improve their life outcomes. Our children are lively and enthusiastic about every opportunity they are offered and this excitement empowers them to try new things and to engage with learning. We were delighted to have received Ofsted Outstanding December 2019.

## **Our Values**

At Gosden, we treat each other with kindness and respect, celebrating the differences that make us all special and unique. Everyone has a voice that is heard and we help each other to reach our dreams and goals. We are proud to be in the place that is right for us. We are not just a school, but a Gosden family.





## **Our Aims & Vision**

- A reflective and supportive community, committed to enquiry into opportunities and strategies to further our knowledge and understanding of our young people, in order that we may challenge expectations and raise outcomes.
- A collaborative team with high expectations of ourselves, our youngsters and all those with whom we engage.
- A community that respects and values the dignity of each individual, celebrating difference and nurturing the development of the whole person.
- An outward-looking organisation, focused on promoting a positive image of our young people as part of, and as active participants in, their own and the wider community.
- A flexible, adaptive and creative community, prioritising personalised learning that is meaningful, relevant, stimulating and fun.



At Gosden House School, we recognise each child and young person's unique experience. We seek to understand the motives, wishes and feelings behind behaviour, because we believe all behaviour is communication. We aim to nurture connection, build healthy relationships and promote resilience to achieve success in the present and hope for the future.



