

**School: Houldsworth Valley Primary Academy**

**Specialist Unit: Key Stage 2 Communication and Interaction Unit**

**Number of places: 18**



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**Description of Unit**

Throughout their time at Houldsworth Valley, children will engage with a broad, balanced and exciting curriculum suited to each individual's needs and interests. Children will be based within the specialist unit at the heart of our school site led by dedicated staff who have expertise in meeting the needs of all children in inclusive settings.

Throughout the school day, pupils will engage with a specialist timetable designed to optimise their academic and social learning within a flexible curriculum which meets their needs. Teaching and learning will be multi-sensory in order to support all learners and promote success.

Within the learning environment, pupils will have access to specialist resources and a bespoke outdoor learning space as well as opportunities to utilise on-site facilities including the Library, Dance Studio and Cooking area. Additional enrichment opportunities will be offered and will be reflective of the needs of pupils with an emphasis on building communication skills at each individual's level.

Pupils will integrate within the wider school community as appropriate to their individual needs and skills and will be supported by trained staff to transition successfully.

Our specialist unit will cater for children who require additional support with communication and interaction and will provide a bespoke curriculum of academic and life learning to ensure that each pupil grows, flourishes and is prepared for life.

**Overview**

The personal development of pupils at Houldsworth Valley is exceptional. School values and aims are instilled within pupils to believe, bounce and grow throughout their education. Staff are committed to supporting the learning and wider development of every pupil and focus on raising aspirations for all. Children within our specialist unit will wear the Houldsworth Valley uniform and will be a valued part of our community. We aim for children within our specialist provision to develop a sense of belonging alongside the skills to integrate successfully in their future lives.

Our school's safe and happy environment enables children to learn effectively and reach their potential. We recognise that each individual has their own unique skills and interests which we value and promote. Children throughout the school, including the specialist provision, have high expectations for behaviour and learning. Children will be supported and challenged to become confident successful learners.