



WELCOME TO 'THE BRYANT RESIDENCE'

Review of provision, 2022/2023

Millgate School is an amazing place that is “Transforming Lives and Inspiring Futures” every day. As a staff and student body, we work tirelessly to ensure excellent learning experiences for all and our mission to secure exceptional outcomes, in a range of forms, is uncompromising. Millgate School joined Discovery Schools Academy Trust in September 2021, along with our previously federated partner school, Keyham Lodge School. This has been an exciting opportunity to work in partnership within the trust and continue our work with the LA, in improving the outcomes for SEND children and young adults across the city and county.

Millgate has a residential facility known as The Bryant Residence, a setting that offers short residential stay to all pupils with a capacity of 8 pupils per evening. Students access the residence based on need and acts as a crisis intervention for families and children in great need.

Following a review of High Need spending, the local authority have decided to cease funding the two residential school in the city. This was obviously crushing news initially, but we have developed a model that can remain running in its current capacity for at least the next two years. Moreover, Discovery Schools Academy Trust are committed to exploring funding streams to protect our invaluable provision. Shaun Denigan (Phase Leader and Head of Care) and Jie Elverson (RCCO) each have 8 years of experience of running our flat provision on a day to day basis, while our wider leadership and DSL structure support the wider RCCO team in offering a fun, nurturing and inspiring home from home.

At present, we have a nominal roll of 125. In the last four years, we have increased our roll from 53 in order to meet the growing needs of the local authority. The age range is from national curriculum Year 3 to Year 11. The school has undergone a complete curriculum re-model that puts stories and character development at the centre of our work.

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Head of School
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