

Health and Social Care

General Statement of Intent

Health and Social care at Pebble Brook School (PBS) provides our students with an introduction to the health and social care work sector. It helps our students to understand and develop the personal, social and health knowledge and skills they will need for their daily lives and career paths they may seek to enter.

Our students have higher needs in terms of social and communication skills, as well as general personal development skills, and so through this course they have opportunities to practice these skills so that they can become responsible, resilience and empathetic members of the community.

It provides an opportunity for our students to explore different aspects of health social care both as service users and workers or service providers. Students will become familiar with the skills and qualities needed to in the health and social care sector e.g., self-care, basic cleaning, health and safety.

Health and Social Care makes a huge contribution towards the PBS ethos of respecting individual differences, abilities, needs and beliefs and to appreciate that they are a member of a diverse community. It fully supports the development of Preparation for Adult (PfA) key skills; social, emotional, receptive and expressive language, citizenship and works4u) as well as our Social, Interaction and resilience (SIR) focus of our form time meetings. There are strong links with aspects of the PHSE curriculum too.

While we always focus on key topics in line with the government guidance, the curriculum is continually reviewed with the students and staff and developed according to the personal and group wants and needs of the students at PBS.

The course is delivered through practical lessons, group discussions, independent research as well guided learning sessions related to each unit. Students are supported with reading, writing and comprehension as needed. Sources of help and support are constantly sign posted and flagged up for the students.

Knowledge

Health and Social Care units include:

- Human Development and Basic Human Needs
- Health and Social Care Needs
- Introduction to Creative and Leisure Activities for Children and/or Adults
- Investigating Rights and Responsibilities at Work
- Managing Your Health at Work

Skills

- Working independently
- Working as part of a group
- Communication
- Concentration
- Informed decision making
- Taking responsibility
- Resilience
- Being able to seek help from appropriate places and people
- Employability skills

Assessment strategies including external examinations

Portfolio of work
Self, peer and teacher assessment
This is done through discussion, directed questioning, teacher observation, practical activities

Any additional notes

Scaffolding support: writing frames, sentence starters, vocabulary lists, learning mats, targeted LOs, modelling, Now, Next guidance.