

Class room Support Staff

The role of support staff at Greenvale is detailed on the job description; however the physical aspects of the job are not explained fully. Details are as follows:

Participation in manual handling of severely physically disabled students

This includes using a hoist or other manual handling techniques to move students when they require personal care or as part of a physiotherapy programme. Such procedures occur routinely throughout the day. Staff are instructed not to lift students and are trained in correct moving and handling procedures.

Pushing wheelchairs

We have a high percentage of wheelchair users in the school. All staff are required to push wheelchairs, day chairs, standing frames and other similar pieces of equipment around school

Hydrotherapy

For part of the year all staff are expected to take part in hydrotherapy sessions for physically disabled students. This involves manual handling as described above. Staff change students into swim wear and then physically support them in the pool during the session.

Swimming

For part of the year most staff are expected to take part in swimming sessions which involve both assisting students in the changing room and going in the pool during the session.

PE sessions

Some staff are required to support in PE sessions. Staff are expected to be physically active during these sessions in order to encourage and motivate the students. Staff are expected to work at a low level physically with PMLD students.