

Planning Statement

Redwood School is a special educational needs school dedicated to supporting and nurturing our students.

6th Form Program

Our 6th Form caters to learners aged 16-19, focusing on:

1. Life Skills:

- **Health:** Promoting overall well-being.
- **Independent Living:** Teaching essential daily skills.
- **Community Inclusion:** Encouraging active community participation.

1. Vocational Skills:

- **Employment:** Preparing students for the workforce with practical skills.

Course Options

Students can choose from courses like:

- **Hospitality and Retail Skills:** Training in customer service, catering, and retail.
- **The Arts and Media:** Exploring creative expression through various media.

Daily Operations

- **Location:** Our Heywood site will host around 25 learners daily, operating 190 days a year from 8:45 AM to 3:00 PM.
- **Staffing:** We have a higher-than-average staffing ratio, with about 4 staff members present, depending on the activities.
- **Transportation:** Some learners will arrive via local authority transport, while others will learn to travel independently with our travel facilitators.

Community Integration

The Heywood site would offer great access to local amenities, including small businesses and the attached library. We aim to collaborate with YourTrust, which is developing the adjacent civic centre, to enhance our learners' experiences.

Hospitality Course

As part of the hospitality course, learners will use seminar suites to host training sessions and meetings for Rochdale Borough Council departments. They will provide catering and customer service as part of their training, showcasing their skills and supporting the council and other businesses within the building.

Typical Day

- **Staff Arrival:** Between 7:30 AM and 8:30 AM.
- **Learner Arrival:** 8:45 AM.

- **Learning Activities:** Throughout the day, including potential meetings or training sessions with RBC employees (all of which is requested in advance and this info can be shared with the Reception team of the building)
- **Lunch:** Learners can have lunch on-site or spend an hour in the town centre.
- **Departure:** Learners leave at 3:00 PM daily.
- **Staff Access:** Staff may need access until around 6:00 PM to continue working.

We may also require some access on weekends or during school holidays for staff training etc.