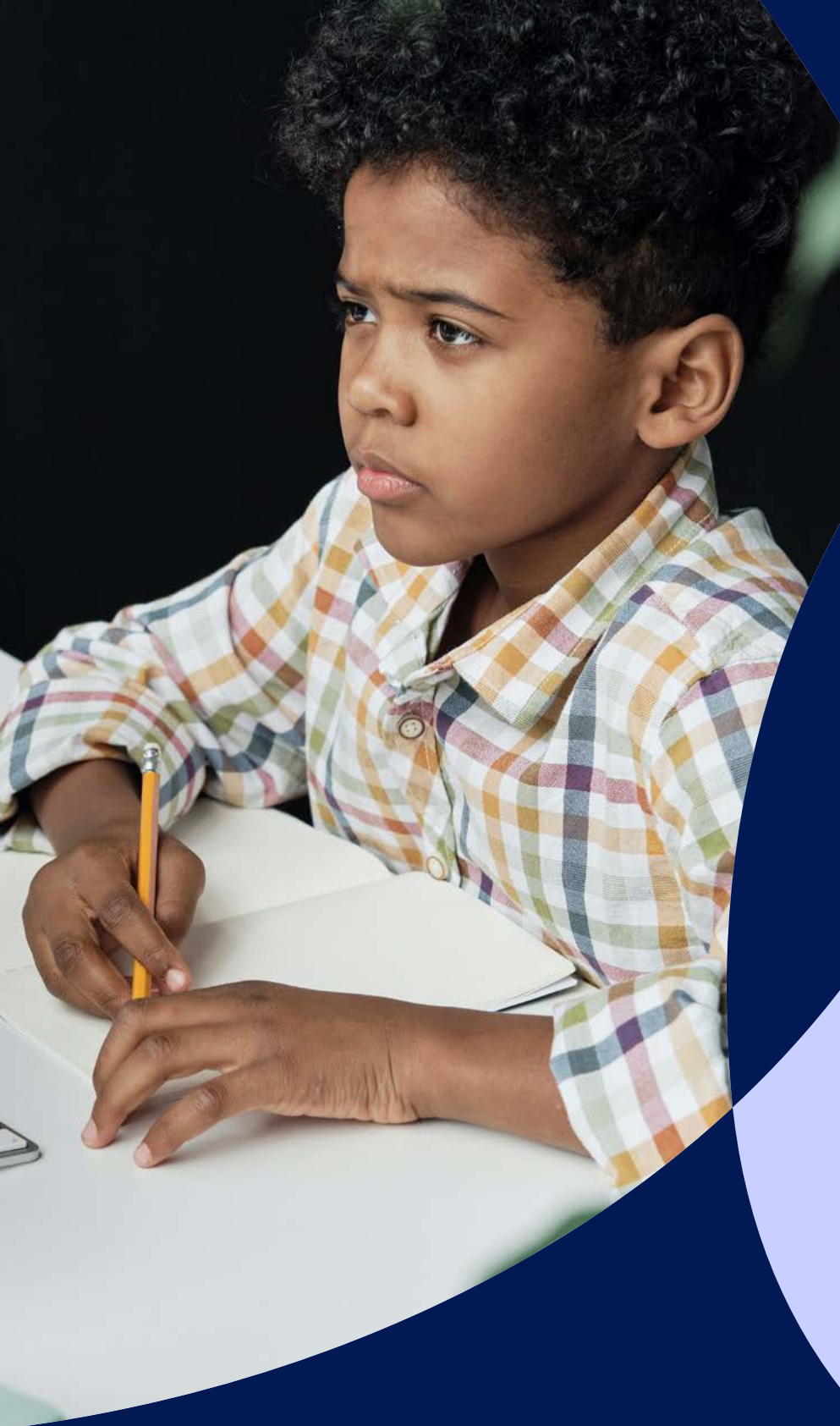




River Valley School

About us

Location



Rotherham

Capacity



45

Gender



Mixed

Age Range



6-18

Ofsted



Pending

Five Rivers Child Care



Education

Five Rivers Child Care schools provide a therapeutic educational framework that promotes emotional growth alongside academic success and so encourages holistic child development. Our education provision is fully integrated with our other services.



Clinical Services

We formulate our individually tailored education plans with input from our team of clinicians. They support the children experiencing therapeutic intervention and prepare them for any transitions in their care.



Residential

Children in residential care have access to onsite registered schools or receive tailored one to one support through our outreach service 1 ACE.



Fostering

Children in our care have access to our tailored one to one educational support through our outreach service 1 ACE..

Our School



River Valley School is a small, independent SEMH school for pupils aged 6-18, located in Rotherham, close to Gulliver's Valley Theme Park.

The school is registered to offer education to 45 pupils with a range of needs, including ADHD, autism, developmental trauma, anxiety, sensory processing difficulties, dyslexia, and attachment difficulties. At River Valley School, pupils benefit from tailored support within small class groups, enabling them to develop socially, emotionally and academically.

We are committed to providing a positive, safe and stimulating environment for children to learn, where all are valued

Mission Statement

River Valley School is a welcoming, happy, safe, and supportive learning environment in which everyone is equal, and all achievements are celebrated.

We believe that a happy child is a successful one. We are committed to providing a positive, safe and stimulating environment for children to learn, where all are valued. All children should enjoy their learning, achieve their potential and become independent lifelong learners.

Our Vision is to create and deliver an exceptional, safe and nurturing educational experience for every pupil, by:

- Valuing every pupil as an individual, ensuring they realise their potential by providing an aspirational, engaging and bespoke curriculum.
- Ensuring that no matter what the starting point, they can achieve.
- Delivering the highest standards of teaching and learning to ensure excellent progress and achievement that inspires all our pupils.
- Providing a learning environment that is both stimulating and supportive, fostering excellence and independence.



The school day

Core principles

At River Valley School, our school day starts at 9.30am and finishes at 3.00pm and we believe every pupil can make positive progress with the guidance and support of our team.

Our curriculum is trauma-informed and tailored to meet each pupil's needs and interests, comprising academic subjects, physical activity, social skills, and activities that promote well-being and independence.

Our approach to learning involves connecting the seven curriculum areas of Literacy, Numeracy, Science and Technology, The World Around Us, Creativity, and Skills for Life, alongside Physical Education and Well-being. Within these curriculum areas, pupils can focus on their own personal development through enrichment and SEMH needs.

In addition to its academic provision, our school provides a variety of extra-curricular activities and specialist facilities,

including outdoor activities, a kitchen where pupils can develop cooking and independent living skills, a sensory room, a therapy room, and several nurturing classrooms that promote wellbeing and personal growth. We also make use of the local area and provide a robust off-site curriculum too.

Trauma-informed

River Valley School staff are trained to work therapeutically, using trauma-informed strategies with pupils, to recognise potential triggers for the individual children they work with. We have an art therapist who attends our site weekly, providing direct therapy to pupils who require it. In addition, our therapist offers consultations and reflective practice to our staff team and facilitates some of our team training.

Our curriculum

At River Valley we believe that 'One size does not fit all'. We offer a bespoke curriculum to meet the needs of every pupil, and push for our pupils to achieve their full potential.



A typical day

Example of the lower school timetable

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
9:50 – 10:15 25 minutes	Form Time-Breakfast, Registration and Assemblies				
10:15 – 11:00 45 minutes	Maths	English	Maths	English	Creativity
BREAK 11:00 – 11:15 (supervised by staff)					
11:15 – 12:00 45 minutes	English	Maths	English	English	Life Skills
LUNCH 12:00 – 13:00 (supervised by staff)					
13:00 – 13:30 30 minutes	Form time and bespoke intervention				Enrichment
13:30 – 14:15 45 minutes	The World Around Us	DT	PE (Offsite)	Science	
14:15 – 15:00 45 minutes	Creativity	Wellbeing / PHSE		The World Around Us	

Example of the upper school timetable

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
9:50 – 10:15 25 minutes	Form Time-Breakfast, Registration and Assemblies				Enrichment
10:15 – 11:00 45 minutes	The World Around Us	English	Maths	Science	
BREAK (supervised by staff)					
11:15 – 12:00 45 minutes	English	Maths	DT	Maths	
LUNCH 12:00 – 13:00 (supervised by staff)					
13:00 – 13:30 30 minutes	Form time, bespoke intervention				
13:30 – 14:15 45 minutes	Maths	PE (Offsite)	English	English	Life Skills
14:15 – 15:00 45 minutes	Creativity		The World Around Us	Wellbeing/ PHSE	Creativity

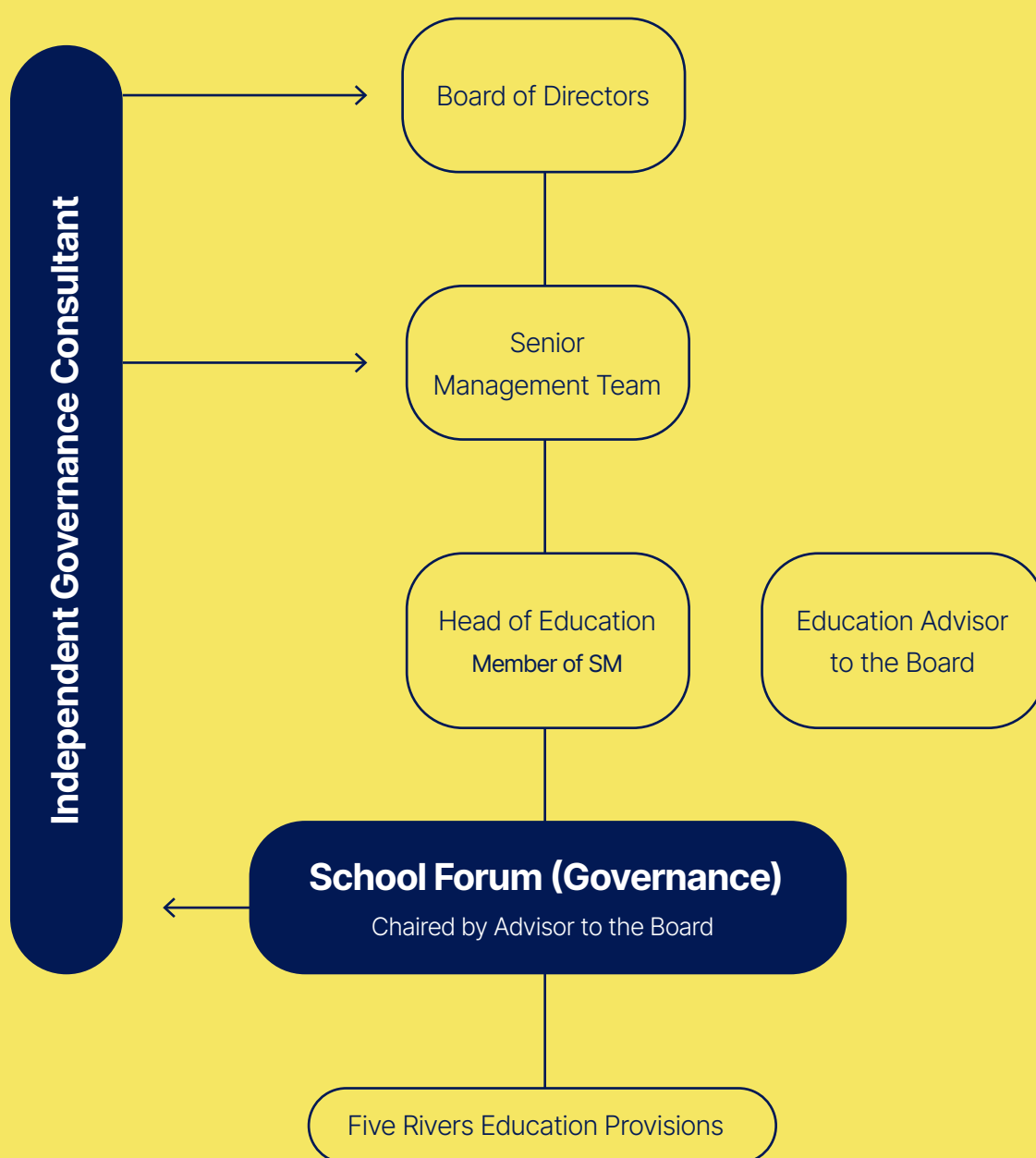
The school forum

On a termly basis, a school forum convenes at Five Rivers Child Care's Head Office in Salisbury. This meeting forms part of our governance arrangements and has a set agenda.

The school forum is made up of a number of people from within Five Rivers Child Care and independents, with some members being regular attendees, and others attending as and when necessary.

Members include:

- Education Senior Leaders
- Heads of education provisions
- Key members from other Five Rivers Child Care departments are also invited



Policies

Behaviour

We have clearly defined expectations for behaviour at River Valley School which include areas such as:

- Treating others and yourself with respect
- Being in school on time
- Trying your best to improve
- Respecting property - no vandalism, no littering.

Full policies are available on request and can be found on the website. The behaviour policy at River Valley School is implemented by all adults who work at River Valley School and is done in a consistent and fair manner. Expectations of pupil behaviour and formal uniform are explained clearly and thoroughly when a pupil enrolls.

Exclusions

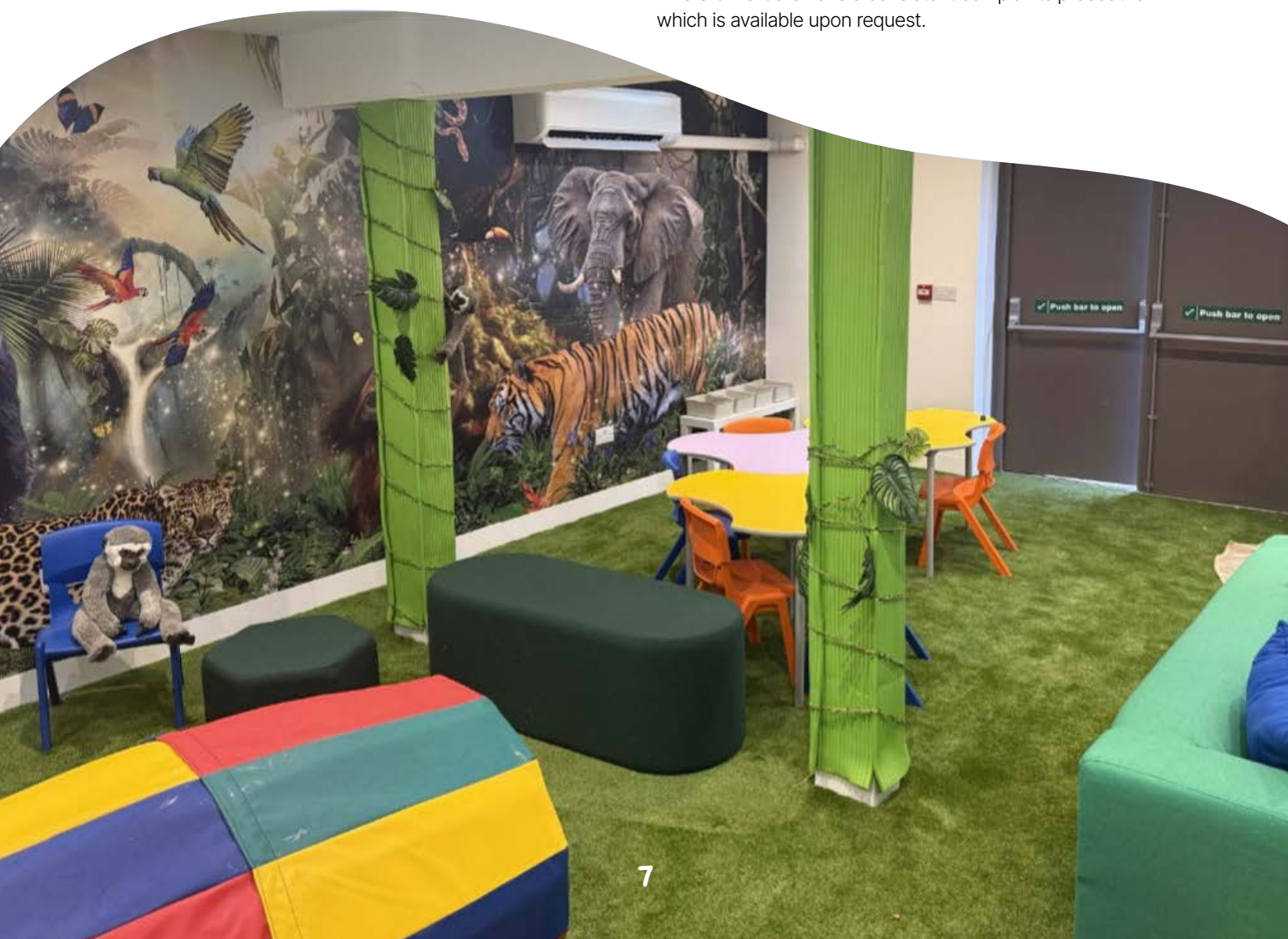
River Valley School acts to champion the rights of all children to receive a high-quality education. We work therapeutically with children at risk of exclusion to overcome any barriers to learning through skilled problem solving with a range of partners. A timetable intervention of teaching base, teaching team, timetabled hours and timetable content are recognised strategies to support them to better build resilience and manage behaviours. All are used appropriately and with whole of school discussion and support.

English as an additional language

Where required, EAL additional needs will be suitably met with support from LA translation services.

Complaints procedure

River Valley School has a robust complaints procedure where any complaints made are taken with the utmost seriousness and investigated accordingly. River Valley School and Five Rivers Child Care have a consistent complaints procedure which is available upon request.



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Further details are available on request

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Proprietor: Five Rivers Child Care

Chair: Rachel Lambert

If you would like to discuss a placement within our Education service,
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