Specialist Teams and Therapies:

The school has a number of specialist teams that support the pupils.

This team supports individual pupils with devices such as computers, iPads and switches to give pupils with physical or speech and communication difficulties a voice and full access to the curriculum.

Qualified Moving and Handling Advisors support the staff and pupils by providing equipment to allow pupils to be safe and to become as independent as possible. They liaise with the Occupational Therapists to provide a multidisciplinary approach and offer training and advice to staff, parents, carers and other professionals.

The Learning Mentor and Team work across the school with individuals and groups to support the emotional and wellbeing needs of the pupils.

The Nurse and Health Care Assistants are responsible for medical care and administration of medicines during the school day. **Medication and medical supplies** should be labelled with your child’s name, in date and handed to the nursing team with prescription details and written instructions through your child’s passenger assistant or by you. Only your child’s medication or medical supplies can be given to them. If you think there may be a need for pain relief medication, you must supply these to school.

Speech & Language Therapists give advice and support to parents, carers and staff to help them develop pupils’ communication. They also give advice on eating and drinking difficulties.
Occupational Therapists work with pupils who have functional difficulties, through the use of purposeful activity and play. They support parents, carers and staff with advice, treatment programmes and resources. They provide specific group and individual work with children who have the most complex needs.

The Physiotherapists and assistant give advice and support to parents, carers and staff on physical management programmes, exercises, specialist equipment and referrals to appropriate agencies.

As pupils progress through school, therapy intervention becomes focussed on self-management, independence and preparation for adult life.