



'Nurturing Minds, Shaping Futures'

Phonics Provision at Sketchley School

At Sketchley School, we recognise that phonics is a vital foundation for developing confident readers and writers. Our approach is inclusive, structured, and tailored to meet the needs of learners across all three sites: Sketchley Hall, Forest House, and Progression House.

Our Approach

We use the **Twinkl Phonics** programme, a systematic synthetic phonics (SSP) scheme that provides a clear progression and engaging resources. Phonics is taught through daily sessions that follow a consistent five-part structure, ensuring coverage of the four cornerstones of phonics: grapheme-phoneme correspondence (GPC), blending, segmenting, and tricky/common exception words.

Who Receives Phonics Teaching?

Although we do not have EYFS or Key Stage 1 pupils, phonics is delivered to students in **Key Stages 2, 3, and 4** who require additional support. These learners receive:

- Daily 15+ minute phonics intervention sessions
- 1:1 or small group teaching
- Access to decodable books (Rhino Readers, Oxford Reading Tree)
- Support through Lexia and Twinkl Decoders intervention programmes

Phonics Levels

Our phonics curriculum spans **Levels 1 to 6**, covering:

- Sound discrimination and oral segmenting (Level 1)
- Grapheme recognition and blending (Levels 2–3)
- Adjacent consonants and polysyllabic words (Level 4)
- Alternative graphemes and split digraphs (Level 5)
- Spelling rules, homophones, and grammar (Level 6)

Assessment and Monitoring

Phonics needs are identified through:

- Lexia assessments
- Teacher observations
- KS1 phonics screening or Twinkl assessment sheets
- EHCP reviews and prior school data



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Progress is tracked weekly by the phonics team using a structured spreadsheet. Assessment includes:

- Letter names and sounds
- Reading and spelling using phonics
- High-frequency word recognition

Our Aim

We aim to ensure every child has the phonetic knowledge and confidence to decode words, engage with texts, and enjoy reading across a range of genres. Our phonics provision supports learners in developing lifelong literacy skills and a love of reading.