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Having the Hive classroom room at our school has had a huge impact on everybody.

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It's an incredibly positive experience.

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We see challenges overcome on a daily basis from children within the hive

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and also from the staff within the hive in dealing with some very different

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challenges that they were used to in mainstream school.

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And of course, training helps to a certain

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extent, but actually experience counts for everything, really.

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And so the staff in there within a few weeks had already had a huge impact

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on the learning of the children and the socialisation of the children

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and that kind of feeling of belonging that they have.

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So we've upskilled all of our staff teams so that they are able to deal with kind

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of all of our learners in school aswell as those children in the hive.

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We've also developed lots of strategies

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and things that we've put in place,particularly because we were opening

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the hive, but that have had a massivebenefit on the rest of the schools

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and things like the zones of regulation,so the children can understand their

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feelings and emotions better and canunderstand when we're describing maybe

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a child in the hive is havingan emotional breakdown.

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We can describe that in coloursand the children in our mainstream school

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understand that, but also they can thenkind of explain their feelings

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and emotions using the sameterminology that then has come.

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Out from that classroom has grown our

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school and we've grown alongside that classroom.

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And the integration is complete.

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Our year five and six children

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at lunchtimes will come out and we have a buddy system where they work

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with the children from the five and they're playing with them.

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They just have these five and six guardian

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angels that are with them the whole time and a lot of the time not even talking.

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It's a lot of sign language and that kind of just body language interaction.

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And that's why our children have grown so

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much from having to develop these systems of communication with children that have

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such some of our children have a lot of need.

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And so it's difficult for me to put into words

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just how it's impacted and how it's grown our school.

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Having that classroom on our site.

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It's just really lovely to see them involved in our everyday life in school.