

INDEPENDENCE

Developing the independence of pupils at the Valley School remains a key focus underlying our work. The promotion of independence is embedded in much of our everyday curriculum supporting the practical use of number and literacy (use of money/form filling). However key issues of safety are also reinforced throughout most areas of learning (food hygiene, internet safety etc). With this foundation in place we are able to develop other areas to promote independence amongst our pupils including:

- Independent travel (38% trained to travel to college provision)
- Residential trips to Devon and Wymondley Woods
- Bus travel including acquiring bus passes
- Visiting leisure facilities
- Planning visits to London
- College Link courses
- Vocational College courses
- Visits to different college provision in Hertfordshire
- Visits to West End Theatre shows
- Skiing at Hemel Snowzone
- Independent safe use of tools in horticulture
- The Valley Marketstall
- Shopping trips
- Community theatre visits
- Topics and trips followed in the L4L curriculum.