

Annual SEN information Report to parents –including the Local Offer **Academic Year 2020-21**

Key staff

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Policies

The SEN policy including the auxiliary aids policy, accessibility and waves of provision can all be located on the school website under the policies section. The information is reviewed annually and amended as necessary.

SEN Support

How does the Academy know if my child needs extra support?

The Academy gathers information from your child's previous school via a process of meetings and transfer of files. The SENcos also attend annual EHCP meetings and My support plan meetings at Junior schools when requested. We are also very happy to talk to parents and arrange individual tours of the school for children in Years 5 and 6. If your child is joining us from another secondary school, pre-visits and meetings will also take place so that we can establish how best to support the needs of your child.

My child has been identified as needing extra support- What happens next?

A plan of support will be put in place to help your child. The amount of intervention will depend on information we receive from data reports from teachers, as well as information previously held about your child. We also encourage parents to come and speak to us about any particular need. Staff will be informed about your child's SEN need through a one page profile which gives the teaching staff information about how best to meet your child's needs.

My child has a My Support Plan.

If your child has a My Support Plan, this indicates that they may need more support in secondary school. The My Support Plan helps the school SENcos, outside agencies, parents and the child to work together to set objectives and goals to promote the development of your child's learning and independence skills. The objectives will be reviewed with the SENco.

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My child has an EHCP

If your child has an EHCP, this is a legal document that must be reviewed each year. The EHCP allows the school to work together with parents, outside agencies the child, support and teaching staff to set objectives and goals to promote the development of your child's learning and independence skills. Your child may also qualify for exams access. The objectives will be reviewed with the SENco in an annual review meeting.

How do you keep track of the progress my child is making?

All students are tested regularly in school in every subject and parents receive a copy of the data. The SENcos use this data together with reports from teachers and any intervention that your child is involved in to monitor and adjust the care given to your child.

What type of support does Airedale Academy offer?

*****Due to COVID some of the provisions mentioned below have had to be suspended or delayed.**

- In class support- where required.
- Special revision sessions targeting key students
- Small group teaching by HLTAs
- Literacy intervention
- Numeracy intervention
- Social skills intervention-ELSA
- Dyslexia intervention
- EAL intervention
- Behaviour team advice
- Handwriting intervention
- Art therapy
- Lego Therapy
- Alternative provision
- Careers advice.

The intervention on offer is reviewed in light of assessment data that is gathered from regular classroom assessments, parent or staff opinions/observations and diagnostic testing. Where necessary the academy contact outside agencies to further support the needs of our learners.

What if my child finds attending school difficult?

Attendance is monitored by the attendance team and the EWO on a weekly basis. Support and advice is put in to place to ensure SEN students are in school. The school also has a parent support officer and uses CAFs and people from SENDIASS to help support.

Students with SEND that have difficulties with their emotions and behaviours are given additional support from behaviour mentors, progress leaders and outside agencies such as CAHMs, SEMH or an Educational Psychologist.

How does the school spend its Budget Allocation

The SEN budget provides the school with 2 Higher Teaching and Learning Assistants to deliver small group or one to one interventions. The equivalent (in hours) of 9 ESAs to both support in the classroom and carry out small intervention groups, training of staff and the purchasing of services provided by outside agencies. Students who receive top-up funding will usually have their money spent on extra ESA support in class/extra interventions with an ESA or equipment like a lap-top or an intervention such as Art therapy.

Are there any other staff offering support?

Many staff contribute to the whole care of SEN students within the school. Students may access a progress leader, the EWO, careers advisor, student mentor for LAC students and a parent-school liaison officer all of whom support SEN students and their families as necessary.

Which external agencies may work with my child?

The Academy seeks the support of outside agencies in order to get the best interventions in place for our students. Outside Agencies that currently offer advice and support include:-

- Educational Psychologist
- Learning Support advisory teacher
- Visually Impaired Team
- Hearing Impaired Team
- School Nursing Team
- Communications and Interaction team
- SEHM team
- CIAT team

How does the Academy help my child to transition from one educational setting to another?

When students are joining our Academy or leaving to go on to college, the school liaises with the feeder schools and the post 16 settings in order to ensure a smooth transfer between provisions. Information is transferred from the current setting to the new setting and additional visits for parents and students are built in to the transition phase for students with additional needs or concerns. The school encourages parents to come and visit us and see the site and meet the SENcos.

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How do the school ensure that staff are kept up-to-date?

Staff at school have to complete training on safeguarding children in school. In addition to this a large proportion of the staff have received a training session on Autism and ADHD.

ESAs have had training about best practise in lessons and information on Down syndrome. The HLTAs have had advice and training given through the Learning Support service and CIAT.

What if my child has a medical need or physical disability?

The school site has been adapted to allow access to most areas for students with a physical disability, however the school does not have lifts to classrooms Teaching rooms are always swapped to allow students with a physical disability to access the classroom. The school has care plans in place for all students with a key medical issue and these are reviewed with the school nurse when changes are required.

How much of school life can my child take part in?

Airedale Academy strive to ensure that all students have access to the activities available both in school and when going on trips out of school. Extra staffing and risk assessments are put in place for vulnerable students. Attendance at afterschool clubs is encouraged for all children.

As a parent, how can I have my input into my child's education at Airedale Academy?

Parents and carers are actively encouraged to attend and contribute to Annual Review meetings as wells as Parents' evenings, support plan reviews, CAF and outside agency meetings. Drop in sessions with the Learning support Service, CIAT, SENco and an Educational Psychologist are also offered at least twice a year for parents to raise any concerns they may wish to discuss about their child.

What if I am not happy with the support provided?

Parents are encouraged to contact the Academy in order to resolve any concerns quickly and effectively. Please ask to speak to one of the SENcos. The SENCOs are Rachel Duddridge and Helen Tordoff and can be reached on the school number (01977 664555). In the rare case that we cannot resolve the issue, any complaints must be directed to the Principal, Governing body or the Local Authority. You can also use help from the SENDIASS (Special Educational Needs Disability Information Advice Support Service). SENDIASS can be contacted on 01924 379015.

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