



Airedale Infant and Junior Academies
SEND Information Report

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Age Range of the school: 4-11 years

Welcome to our special educational needs and disability (SEND) information pages. The aim of these pages is to explain how staff at Airedale Junior Academy and Airedale Infant Academy are able to support children with special educational needs and disabilities.

We are an inclusive school and believe that all children should be valued and treated with respect. The schools use best endeavours to ensure that the provision for **all** pupils is of the highest possible standard, whilst acknowledging that we are continually striving to improve our practice. We are committed to narrowing the attainment gap between children with SEND and their non-SEND peers. We are working to achieve this in a variety of different ways.

What is “Special Educational Needs”?

'A child or young person has SEN if they have a learning difficulty or disability which calls for special educational provision to be made for them. A child of compulsory school age or a young person has a learning difficulty or disability if they:

(a) have a significantly greater difficulty in learning than the majority of others of the same age;

or

(b) have a disability which prevents or hinders them from making use of educational facilities of a kind generally provided for others of the same age in mainstream schools or mainstream post -16 institutions.

A child under compulsory school age has special educational needs if they fall within the definition at (a) or (b) above or would do so if special educational provision was not made for them (Section 20 Children and Families Act 2014)' (SEN Code of Practice 2015 xvi (see also 1.8))



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What is a Disability?

The Equality Act 2010 states that a person has a disability *if they have a physical or mental impairment and the impairment has a substantial and long-term adverse effect on their ability to carry out normal day-to-day activities.*

A *physical or mental impairment* includes learning difficulties including specific learning difficulties; medical conditions including epilepsy, diabetes, more severe forms of asthma and eczema; autism; speech, language and communication impairments. It also includes those children who have difficulties with social, emotional and mental health.

If the impairment has a substantial and long-term effect on a person's ability to carry out normal day-to-day activities it may amount to a disability.

Who are the best people to talk to in school about my child's difficulties with Learning and Special Educational Needs?

Mrs Archer, Mr Mcloughlin or Mrs Golsworthy (SEND Coordinators) will be able to talk with you about your child, and you can also raise concerns with your child's teacher or a member of the pastoral team.

SEND leads are responsible for:

- Coordinating the support for children with special educational needs or disabilities (SEND) and developing the school's SEND Policy to make sure all children get a consistent, high-quality response to meeting their needs in school.
- Ensuring that you are:
 - involved in supporting your child's learning
 - kept informed about the support your child is getting
 - involved in reviewing how they are doing
- Liaising with all the other people who may be coming into school to help support your child's learning *e.g. Speech and Language Therapy, Educational Psychology, WISENDSS (Wakefield Inclusion Special Educational Needs and Disability Support Service), Occupational Therapists, Specialist support teacher for visual/hearing impairments etc.*
- Updating the school's SEND register (a system for ensuring all the SEND needs of pupils in this school are known) and making sure that there are excellent records of your child's progress and needs.
- Providing specialist support for teachers and support staff in the school so they can help children with SEND in the school achieve the best progress possible.

Class/Subject Teacher

Responsible for:



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- The progress of your child and identifying, planning and delivering any additional help your child may need (this could be things like targeted work, additional support) and letting the SENDCo/Head Teacher know as necessary.
- Writing Pupil Passports and Support Plans and sharing and reviewing these with parents at least once each term and planning for the next term.
- Ensuring that all staff working with your child in school are helped to deliver the planned work/programme for your child, so they can achieve the best possible progress. This may involve the use of additional adults, outside specialist help and specially planned work and resources.
- Ensuring that the school's SEND Policy is followed in their classroom and for all the pupils they teach with any SEND.

Head Teacher

Responsible for:

- The day-to-day management of all aspects of the school, this includes the support for children with SEND.
- Will give responsibility to the SENDCo and class teachers but is still responsible for ensuring that your child's needs are met.
- Must make sure that the Governing Body is kept up to date about any issues in the school relating to SEND.

SEND Governor is John McNichols

Responsible for:

- Making sure that the necessary support is made for any child who attends the school who has SEND

What are the different types of support available for children with SEND at Airedale Junior Academy and Airedale Infant Academy?

Quality First Teaching- excellent targeted classroom teaching.

For your child this would mean:

- That the teacher has the highest possible expectations for your child and all pupils in their class.
- That all teaching is based on building on what your child already knows, can do and can understand.
- Different ways of teaching are in place so that your child is fully involved in learning in class. This may involve things like using more practical learning.
- Specific strategies (which may be suggested by the SENDCO or outside agencies) are in place to support your child to learn.
- Your child's teacher will have carefully checked on your child's progress and will have decided that your child has gap/s in their understanding/learning and needs some extra support to help them make the best possible progress.



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Wave Two teaching: Specific group work, within a smaller group of children.

This group, often called 'intervention groups', may be

- Run in the classroom or outside.
- Run by a teacher, a Teaching Assistant or Higher-Level Teaching Assistant who has had training to run these groups.
- Your child may be involved in Pupil Passport/Support Plan work to specifically address barriers he/she has in learning.

Stages of SEND (Code of Practice)

Following the SEND Code of Practice, our school uses a graduated approach when meeting the needs of children with SEND. For many children, simple changes to the way that the curriculum is delivered can make a significant impact on removing the barriers to their learning. Your child's class teacher will be making these changes on a daily basis in order to ensure that all the children in the class can make the most of the learning experiences presented.

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For some children this may not be enough to help them make adequate progress and they may need something which is 'additional to and different from' that which is normally provided for all children. This could mean that the class teacher may be using different strategies to help your child to learn, or perhaps your child will be receiving some additional support in a small group alongside other children with similar needs.

SEND Support with Additional External Support

For some children this may not be enough and the school, with your agreement, will make the decision to increase the level of support provided. This simply means that the school have decided to involve some external professionals or agencies to provide them with more specialist advice and guidance in order to support them to remove the barriers to your child's learning.

Education, Health and Care Plan

A very small percentage of children require support of an additional nature beyond this. If your child has very particular barriers to learning (this includes Physical/Sensory Needs, Cognition and Learning Needs, Communication and Interaction Needs, and Emotional, Social and Behavioural needs), the pupil may require an Education, Health and Care Plan (EHCP). This means your child will have been identified by the class teacher/SENDCo and other professionals as needing a particularly high level of individual or small group teaching, which cannot be provided from the budget available to the school.

For your child this would mean:



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- The school (or you) can request that the Local Authority carry out a statutory assessment of your child's needs. This is a legal process which sets out the amount of support that will be provided for your child.
- After the school have sent in the request to the Local Authority (with a lot of information about your child, including some from you), they will decide whether they think your child's needs (as described in the paperwork provided), seem complex enough to need a statutory assessment. If this is the case they will ask you and all professionals involved with your child to write a report outlining your child's needs. If they do not think your child needs this, they will ask the school to continue with the support at SEND support.
- After the reports have all been sent in, the Local Authority will decide if your child's needs are severe, complex and lifelong, and if they need extra funding in school. Extra funding (top up funding) will enable school to provide extra support to support your child to make good progress. If this is the case they will write an EHCP. If this is not the case, they will ask the school to continue with the support at SEND Support and also set up a meeting in school to ensure a plan is in place to ensure your child makes as much progress as possible.
- The EHCP will outline the amount of funding the school will receive from the LA to support your child and how the support should be used and what strategies must be put in place. It will also have long and short-term goals for your child.
- Additional adults may be used to support your child with whole class learning, run individual programmes or run small groups including your child.
- This type of support is available for children whose learning needs may be severe, complex and lifelong.

Funding: The funding for SEND is contained within the school's budget. Additional funding can be applied for by the school for children whose needs are more severe and complex.

Who are the people providing services to children with SEND at Airedale Junior School and Airedale Infant School?

- Teachers
- Teaching Assistants
- SENDCos
- Learning Mentors

Special Education Needs, and Health/Medical services, including:

- Specialist Sensory Service for children with visual/hearing needs
- Speech and Language Therapy
- WISENDSS (Wakefield Inclusion and Special Education Needs and disabilities Support Service)
- Educational Psychology Service
- TAS (Team Around the School)
- CAMHS (Child and Adolescent Mental Health Service)
- School Nurse



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- Occupational Therapy
- Physiotherapy
- Dental Care
- Community Paediatricians
- Wakefield SEND Local Offer

Other agencies that support school and families, including:

- Social Services
- The local community police
- Children First Hub
- WESAIL SENDIASS

What happens if my child requires extra support, or if I am concerned about progress?

- If you have concerns about your child's progress you should speak to your child's class teacher initially.
- If you are not happy that the concerns are being managed and that your child is still not making progress, you should speak to the SENDCo/Deputy/Assistant Head Teacher, or Head Teacher
- If you are still not happy you can speak to the school SEND Governor (John McNichols)

What extra-curricular activities can my SEND child take part in?

All our extracurricular activities, when available, are open to all pupils. As a school we make all the necessary adjustments to ensure any child wishing to take part in extracurricular activities can. School will ensure that after-school clubs are appropriate for each child, and that reasonable adjustments can be made and will discuss suitability with parents/carers. Children need to be able to access the clubs without additional adult support from school as this may not be available.

How will my child's needs be assessed, and their progress monitored?

- Your child's progress is continually monitored by his/her class teacher.
- Their progress is reviewed formally every term.
- If your child is aged 7 years and above, but is not yet working at National Curriculum levels, a more sensitive assessment tool is used which shows their level in more detail and will also show smaller but significant steps of progress. This tool is called Wakefield Progression Steps.
- Wakefield Progressions Steps are used to track progress and attainment.
- At the end of the key stage (i.e Year 6) all children are required to be formally assessed using Standard Assessment Tests (SATs). This is something the government requires all schools to do



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and are the results that are published nationally, however if your child is not able to access this, the Year 6 teacher will discuss this with you in the spring term.

- All children at Airedale Junior Academy and Airedale Infant Academy identified as having a Special Educational Need or Disability will have a Support Plan and Pupil Passport. This will be reviewed with your involvement every term and a plan for the next term made.
- The progress of children with an EHC Plan is formally reviewed at an Annual Review with all adults involved with the child's education.
- The SENDCo will also check that your child is making good progress within any individual work and in any group that they take part in.

There are various other assessment tools used in school, examples are below:

- If your child has Speech and Language Needs, they may be referred to our in-house speech and language therapy service (LINGO) and their progress will be assessed on a termly basis.
- If your child has a diagnosis of Autism, it may be pertinent to assess using the Autism Education Trust Progression Framework. This will highlight targets to support progress in their specific area of need. These targets will form part of their Support Plan and will be reviewed on a termly basis.
- If your child has Social and Emotional Needs, it may be pertinent to assess using the Boxhall Profile. This will highlight targets to support progress in their specific area of need. These targets will form part of their Support Plan and will be reviewed on a termly basis.

How are the teachers in school helped to work with children with SEND and what training do they have?

- The SENDCo's job is to support (or signpost to further support) the class teacher in planning for children with SEND.
- The school has a training plan for all staff to improve the teaching and learning of children including those with SEND.
- Individual teachers and support staff attend training courses run by outside agencies that are relevant to the needs of specific children in their class e.g. from School nursing, Educational Psychology Services, Speech and Language Team.
- The SENDCos have a national qualification and accreditation or undertakes it within three years of being in post.

How is Airedale Junior Academy and Airedale Infant Academy Accessible to Children with SEND?

- Although an old building, Airedale Junior Academy /Airedale Infant Academy is a recently refurbished school, which can be accessed all on one level. Only minor adjustments are required



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based upon the specific needs of pupils. That said, there are times in which the footprint of the building may not favour all pupils. We will consult with inclusion specialists, to ensure that the environment is suitable for all learners and respond appropriately. In some extreme circumstances, this may include referral to alternative provision if this is in the best interest of the child.

- If parents have difficulties with transportation to and from school/to meetings and for appointments, with regard to SEND, the Learning Mentor team will make arrangements to support this.
- Access arrangements for Statutory Assessments are applied for in line with the DFE requirements. Parents, carers and children are involved fully in this process. This might include provision for enlarged text, additional time, comfort breaks, a scribe or a reader.
- Please also refer to the Accessibility Plan on the school website

How do we evaluate the effectiveness of the provision for pupils with SEND?

By assessing and reviewing the services provided for pupils we can ensure that pupils make progress towards planned targets and outcomes. This is important to make sure that pupils are making progress; diminishing the difference between themselves and their peers and achieving targets set within the Support Plans and EHCP. Ongoing assessment of data with regard to pupil progress; with teachers, SEND coordinator and senior leaders ensures progress is being made. Regular reviews of Support Plans takes place with all families, professionals and learners to ensure that targets are shared with all.

Learning walks are planned to ensure quality first teaching is taking place in all classes and feedback is given to staff to ensure that best provision is being provided.

Review meetings are held termly for Support Plans and annually for EHCP. This ensures that the best provision is being provided and that targets meet the needs of the whole child and their needs. We acknowledge through these meetings and reviews that this is constantly changing, and the purpose of these meetings includes updating files and information that may affect positively or negatively the progress a child may make.

How do I know if my child has special educational needs or disability?

There are four broad areas of need, which are outlined below. Your child may have needs in one area or more than one area. The guidance is used to help identify the most suitable provision for each individual child's needs.

Communication and Interaction



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Children and young people with speech, language and communication needs (SLCN) have difficulty in communicating with others. This may be because they have difficulty saying what they want to, understanding what is being said to them or they do not understand or use social rules of communication. The profile for every child with SLCN is different and their needs may change over time. They may have difficulty with one, some or all of the different aspects of speech, language or social communication at different times of their lives.

Children and young people with Autistic Spectrum Condition/Disorder, are likely to have particular difficulties with social interaction. They may also experience difficulties with language, communication and imagination, which can impact on how they relate to others.

Cognition and Learning

Support for learning difficulties may be required when children and young people learn at a slower pace than their peers, even with appropriate differentiation. Learning difficulties cover a wide range of needs, including moderate learning difficulties (MLD), severe learning difficulties (SLD), where children are likely to need support in all areas of the curriculum and associated difficulties with mobility and communication, through to profound and multiple learning difficulties (PMLD), where children are likely to have severe and complex learning difficulties as well as a physical disability or sensory impairment. Specific learning difficulties (SpLD), affect one or more specific aspects of learning. This encompasses a range of conditions such as dyslexia, dyscalculia and dyspraxia.

Social, Emotional and Mental Health Difficulties

Children and young people may experience a wide range of social and emotional difficulties which manifest themselves in many ways. These may include becoming withdrawn or isolated, as well as displaying challenging, disruptive or disturbing behaviour. These behaviours may reflect underlying mental health difficulties such as anxiety or depression, self-harming, substance misuse, eating disorders or physical symptoms that are medically unexplained. Other children and young people may have disorders such as Attention Deficit Disorder, Attention Deficit Hyperactive Disorder or Attachment Disorder. The school has clear processes to support children and young people, including how they will manage the effect of any disruptive behaviour so it does not adversely affect other pupils. (Please also refer to Behaviour Policy).

Sensory and/or Physical Needs

Some children and young people require special educational provision because they have a disability, which prevents or hinders them from making use of the educational facilities generally provided. These difficulties can be age related and may fluctuate over time. Many children and



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young people with vision impairment (VI), hearing impairment (HI) or a multi-sensory impairment (MSI) will require specialist support and/or equipment to access their learning, or rehabilitation support. Children and young people with an MSI have a combination of vision and hearing difficulties. Some children and young people with a physical disability (PD) require additional ongoing support and equipment to access all the opportunities available to their peers, such as specialised seating or work area/desk.

What support is there for my child's overall well-being?

We are an inclusive and nurturing school, and we welcome and celebrate diversity. All staff believe that high self-esteem is crucial to a child's well-being. We have a caring, understanding team looking after our children. Children at Airedale Junior Academy and Airedale Infant Academy are active partners in all aspects of school life. Their views are sought in a variety of ways and taken into consideration in all matters.

- The class teacher or Learning Mentor is the person to talk to regarding the pastoral, medical and social care of your child.
- Where additional support is needed, the class teacher/Learning Mentor will involve the SENDCo, Head Teacher or other agencies.

Airedale Junior School and Airedale Infant School acknowledge that incidents regarding bullying may cause a child to have a barrier to their learning. We have a zero tolerance to bullying, related to all pupils including those with SEND. We keep records about incidents and actions taken to resolve this should it occur.

How do we support and develop children's behaviour at Airedale Junior Academy and Airedale Infant Academy?

Airedale Junior Academy and Airedale Infant Academy expects the very best from pupils and all staff are committed to developing the potential of all pupils in their care. We feel that good behaviour is an essential life skill which helps us all to deal with life's challenges and to build strong relationships with others.

As a school we use a positive approach to behaviour management with a clear reward system that is followed by all staff and pupils. Children are helped to understand the consequences when their behaviour does not match expectations.

If a child has behavioural difficulties a Behaviour Support Plan may be written in collaboration with the child and parents. The plan identifies specific issues, puts relevant support in place and set targets.



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At Airedale Junior Academy and Airedale Infant Academy we expect children to begin to take responsibility for their own behaviour throughout the school day. We encourage them to talk to each other and try to work out their own solution to a problem. Adult support is provided where this is needed. Parents will always be informed of any serious incidents and will be fully included in finding a solution.

The attendance of every child is monitored on a daily basis. Lateness and absence are recorded and reported to the Head Teacher. Good attendance is celebrated throughout school.

How will you prepare and support my child when they enter or leave the school?

- We encourage all new children to visit the school prior to starting when they will be shown around the school and meet their class teacher. For children with special educational needs and/or disability we will arrange further visits and our SENDCo will visit them in their current school.
- When children are preparing to leave us for a new school, we will arrange for your child to visit their new school and for staff from their new school to visit your child.
- We liaise closely with staff when receiving and transferring children to different schools ensuring all relevant paperwork is passed on and all needs are discussed and understood.
- If your child has an Education, Health and Care Plan, staff from the receiving school will be invited to the review meeting prior to their transfer.

What arrangements are there for children who are Looked After by the Local Authority (Children in Care) and have a Special Educational Need or Disability?

We believe that we have a special duty of care for all children in our school. This includes those children who are looked after by the local authority. We acknowledge that these children may require additional support to access the curriculum and make adjustments to ensure they can thrive both socially, emotionally and physically in addition to their needs as learners.

- We provide a safe and secure environment which values the potential and aspiration of all children.
- We aim to diminish the attainment/progress difference between Looked After children (CIC) and their peers.
- We ensure that Looked After children with SEND have high aspirations for themselves and work with them so that they understand what this means and how this will lead them into adulthood.
- Where children are Looked After and have SEND, the appropriate staff members attend meetings to update PEPs and Plans in line with local authority guidelines.

Who can I contact outside of school about SEND?

Local offer: <http://wakefield.myllocaloffer.org/Home>

WESAIL is provided by Barnardo's and includes the Special Educational Needs and Disability Information Advice and Support Service (SENDIASS). The role of a SENDIASS service is to provide



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access to free, accurate and impartial information, advice and support about matters relating to special educational needs and or disability. This includes issues related to health, education and social care.

Banardo's WeSail Telephone: 01924 304 152, available Monday to Friday 9am to 5pm

Email: wesail@barnardos.org.uk

Post: Barnardo's Wakefield, Castleford Civic Centre, Ferrybridge Road, Castleford, WF10 4JH

Autistic Spectrum Condition:

- Young Minds: 0808 802 5544
- The National Autistic Society 0808 800 4106
- www.autism.org.uk
- www.nhs.uk

Attention Deficit Disorder:

- Young Minds: 0808 802 5544
- www.nhs.uk

Dyslexia/Dyscalculia

- www.bdadyslexia.org.uk
- www.dyscalculia.org

Social emotional and Mental Health

- Child Line: 0800 1111
- Hopeline UK 0800 068 4141
- Beat: (eating disorders) 0845 634 7650
- Child and Mental Health Services (CAMHS)

Disability information: 0808 800 3333

Links to other School Policies

Please see our school website for downloadable copies of these policies:

- SEND policy
- Equality policy
- Child Protection
- Safeguarding
- Health and Safety
- Intimate Care policy
- Medical Needs policy
- Behaviour policy
- Accessibility plan
- Reasonable Force policy

Trust Wide Policies are also available at <http://www.castlefordtrust.com>

Who do I talk to if I have a complaint about SEND provision?



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All complaints should follow Airedale Junior Academy/Airedale Infant Academy Complaints Procedure which is available to download from the school website.

If you feel you need to talk to a member of staff, please contact School and you will be directed to the best person to handle your query.

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Email: AIA-AJA-SEND@aja.castlefordtrust.co.uk