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Statement on Special Education Needs and Disability Provision

The Special Educational Needs Department provides support to pupils who have a range of learning, social, emotional, behaviour and personal needs, as well as pupils with physical difficulties. A wide range of interventions and programmes are offered, designed to facilitate success.

King Edward VI Aston School has a dedicated team of experienced staff, with specialist qualifications in Special Educational Needs and pastoral care.

This team consists of:

- A SENDCO who coordinates and monitors Special Educational Needs provision across the school
- A Deputy SENDCO who is also Head of Year 7 and DSL
- Teaching Assistants who support pupils with identified needs on an individual basis, and in the classroom.
- Intervention Support Teachers with specialisms in Learning Difficulties
- Wellbeing Counsellors- for pupils and staff
- A Speech Therapist
- A Medical Needs Officer
- Learning Mentors
- Local Authority Educational Psychologist who performs both an advisory and specialist intervention role.

Our SEND Team enables King Edward VI Aston School to offer a supportive and nurturing environment where small group intervention can also take place. These intervention groups encompass learning skills, social skill workshops, self-esteem sessions, peer mentoring, handwriting programmes, lunchtime and homework clubs. We have a varied supply of resources to facilitate pupil learning, including access

to specialist materials, resources and Information Technology equipment and software.

The Special Educational Needs Department works closely with the Head of Pastoral Care, to ensure that the needs of all pupils are met. This also involves coordinating the work of outside agencies to meet specific pupil need. Outside agencies actively involved with school include the Pupil and School Support Service, the Communication and Autism Team, the Sensory Support Service and Career Advice.

The Special Educational Needs Department exists to provide a service to enable all pupils to achieve their full academic potential. We believe that parental liaison is central to this, and encourage home-school contact.

Should you require further information on any aspect of SEND within school, please contact the school SENDCO, Mrs V.Davies, at ***enquiry@keaston.bham.sch.uk***

Please also follow this link to understand more about our commitment to SEND in school, and to view the King Edward VI Aston School Local offer:

<https://www.keaston.bham.sch.uk/page/?title=SEND&pid=1017>

For help, advice and information about the services available in Birmingham for your child or young person from birth to 25 years with SEND, please also visit the [Birmingham Local Offer website](#) It includes information about the wide range of services that are available in Birmingham to support all areas of a child's life (0-25 years) especially those with a Special Educational Need or Disability (SEND).

The information you will be able to find on the Birmingham Local Offer Website includes:

- Sources of support, advice and information for children, young people and families including support groups and forums.
- Special educational, health and social care provision for children and young people with SEN or disabilities
- Arrangements to identify and assess children and young people with SEN, including how an assessment can be requested.
- Other educational provision, for example leisure activities, sports or arts provision,

- Information about provision to assist in preparing children and young people for adulthood including post-16 education and training provision
- Arrangements for travel to and from schools, post-16 institutions and early years providers
- Childcare, including suitable provision for disabled children and those with SEND
- Support available to young people in higher education, particularly the Disabled Students Allowance (DSA) and the process and timescales for making an application for DSA
- Arrangements for resolving disagreements and for mediation, and details about making complaints

Mrs. V. Davies
SENDCO