

KING EDWARD VI ASTON SCHOOL

Statement on Special Education Needs 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
- Three Teaching Assistants who support pupils with identified needs on an individual basis, and in the classroom.
- Two Intervention Support Teachers
- Two 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 provided by Learn to Work.

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. The following useful contacts may also be of help:

Help, advice and information about the services available in Birmingham for your child or young person from birth to 25 years with SEND: www.localofferbirmingham.co.uk

Autism West Midlands: www.autismwestmidlands.org.uk

British Association for Counselling: www.bacp.co.uk

British Dyslexia Association: www.bdadyslexia.org.uk

Dyspraxia Foundation: www.dyspraxiafoundation.org.uk

SENAR (Birmingham Special Educational Needs Assessment and Review Service)
www.birmingham.gov.uk/senar

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