

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 SENCO who coordinates and monitors Special Educational Needs provision across the school
- Three Teaching Assistants who support pupils with identified needs on an individual basis, and in the classroom.
- A Dyslexia Specialist Teacher who supports pupils with dyslexia, dyslexic tendencies and dyspraxia.
- A counsellor who works with individually with pupils, providing specialist, confidential support.
- An English as an Additional Language Teacher who ensures pupils with English as an additional language can access all areas of the school curriculum.
- Local Authority Educational Psychologist who performs both an advisory and specialist intervention role.

Our SEN Team enables King Edward VI Aston School to offer a supportive and comfortable 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 Connexions.

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 SEN within school, please contact the school SENCO. The following useful contacts may also be of help:

Autism West Midlands, Regent Court, Edgbaston, B15 1NU www.autismwestmidlands.org.uk

British Association for Counselling, 1 Regent Place, Rugby CV21 2PJ
www.bacp.co.uk

Dyslexia Action, Provincial House, Sutton Coldfield, B72 1QU
www.dyslexiaaction.org.uk

Dyspraxia Foundation, Hitchin, Herts SG5 1EG
www.dyspraxiafoundation.org.uk

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

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