



## Luddendenfoot Academy

Part of Brighter Futures Academy Trust



The following details Luddendenfoot Academy's Individual Local offer (SEN information Report as required in Schedule 1 of Regulation 51) and should be read in conjunction with the Core Offer set out in Calderdale's Local offer [www.calderdale.gov.uk/localoffer](http://www.calderdale.gov.uk/localoffer) which details the provision available in all Calderdale Schools and academies.

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We have tried to answer all the questions parents have asked us about the provision we have for children with special educational needs. We hope this is clear and easy for you to understand. If you would prefer to talk to one of our friendly staff, please just phone school and we'd be happy to talk to you.

**See also:  
SEN policy**

<p>How will Luddendenfoot Academy support my child and help them to reach their potential?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Access to a broad, balanced and highly-differentiated curriculum which takes account of individual needs, different learning styles and children's interests</li> <li>• Well-staffed classrooms- at least one teacher and one support assistant in each class</li> <li>• Quality First Wave 1 teaching and high expectations for all pupils</li> <li>• Quality of teaching and learning well monitored by highly experienced leaders.</li> <li>• Rigorous pupil tracking which ensures progress and attainment of all children are monitored, making comparisons with national expectations</li> <li>• Individualised targets for all children</li> <li>• Dedicated SENCo time. Our SENCo is also the Deputy Head of School</li> <li>• SENCo holds the National Award for Special Educational Needs Co-ordination</li> <li>• Detailed programme of reviews with parents and professionals: 3 parents' consultations evenings a year; termly reviews for all pupils on the SEN register and comprehensive annual reviews. Parents and pupils views are very important to us.</li> <li>• Early identification of additional needs</li> <li>• Appropriate screening e.g. Dyslexia, dyspraxia and movement, speech and language</li> <li>• Regular liaison with a range of external agencies who provide support and advice for children.</li> <li>• Referral to Early Intervention Panel</li> <li>• Referral for EHC plan or Single Assessment Framework.</li> <li>• Opportunities to review progress at least termly with parents and professionals and in consultation with pupils</li> <li>• Currently, a team of 7 teachers, 2 HLTAs and 7 support assistants to meet individual needs.</li> <li>• Clear Code of Conduct created by pupils</li> <li>• Rewards and sanctions present in all classrooms and around school</li> <li>• Dyslexia friendly classroom</li> <li>• Teaching and support staff are kept up to date on SEN issues regarding pupils they have regular contact with for example; attachment disorder, multi-sensory teaching, positive behaviour management</li> <li>• School values are promoted throughout</li> </ul>
<p>How do we involve parents, children and young people?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• We ensure that parent/carers and pupils are involved in discussions around their learning/progress and achievements.</li> <li>• Individual Education Plan (IEP) targets are set through discussion and everyone has their role to play in helping the young person achieve them.</li> <li>• Parent/carers and pupils are asked to give their views at each review and these are evidenced on IEP's.</li> <li>• Pen portraits of pupils are updated and give a snap shot of each pupil on the SEN register.</li> </ul>
<p>How do we help a child with <b>physical needs</b>?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• School building is fully compliant with the Disability Discrimination Act and Equality Act 2010.</li> <li>• Lift to upper floor.</li> <li>• Toilet for the disabled, with specialist adaptations to facilitate independent toileting.</li> <li>• Showering facilities.</li> <li>• Access to equipment which assists fine-motor development and writing skills: sloping boards; a variety of pencil grips; a variety of pens, a range of ICT equipment and multi-sensory writing apparatus; theraputty.</li> <li>• Movement group.</li> </ul>
<p>How do we help a child with <b>speech and language needs</b>?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Training for support staff from Speech and Language therapists.</li> <li>• Staff experienced in the use of 'Black Sheep Narrative' and 'Word Wizard' materials</li> <li>• Social Use of Language small group sessions.</li> </ul>

<p>How do we help a child with <b>sensory impairment</b>?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Use of visual timetables in all classrooms</li> <li>• Music is used to indicate timescales for activities, lesson, tidy up times</li> <li>• Individualised visual timetables</li> <li>• Organisational timetables for pupils</li> <li>• Classroom seating position</li> <li>• Individual plans for each pupil</li> <li>• Carpeted throughout</li> <li>• Staff awareness of supportive strategies for individual pupils</li> <li>• Specific tools to aid pupils e.g. alarm clock</li> <li>• Close liaison with sensory impairment Team</li> </ul>
<p>How do we help a child who has <b>social and emotional difficulties</b>?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Learning mentor, including access to a Social Worker.</li> <li>• 1 Learning Mentor</li> <li>• Small group nurture sessions</li> <li>• Access to specialist counselling-e.g. Noah's Ark</li> <li>• Social Use of Language small group sessions</li> <li>• Circle of Friends approach</li> <li>• Support for the development of social skills throughout the school day</li> <li>• Access to specialist support for children with ASD and their families</li> </ul>
<p>How do we help a child with <b>behavioural difficulties</b>?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All staff promote positive behaviour management strategies</li> <li>• Structured school and classroom routines, including visual timetables</li> <li>• Individual support as necessary</li> <li>• Close liaison with Behaviour and Attendance Service to create individual behaviour plans</li> <li>• Whole school behaviour policy, rules, expectations and rewards</li> <li>• Variety of groups to promote self-esteem and anger management</li> </ul>
<p>How do we help a child who needs support with <b>literacy</b>?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Quality first teaching</li> <li>• Better Reading programme</li> <li>• Accelerated Reader programme</li> <li>• Toe by toe</li> <li>• Programme of 1:1 reading provided by volunteers.</li> <li>• Individual and small intervention groups e.g. Precision teaching, phonics tutoring</li> <li>• RWI from EYFS to Year 3 if required, this includes the Fresh Start programme</li> <li>• Dyslexia aware staff throughout school who use Dyslexia friendly teaching strategies</li> <li>• Multi-sensory teaching strategies</li> <li>• Basic skills embedded throughout teaching and learning</li> </ul>
<p>How do we help a child who needs support with <b>numeracy</b>?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Quality first teaching</li> <li>• Targeted intervention programmes e.g. Springboard</li> <li>• Individual and small intervention groups e.g. Plus 1, Power of 2, Precision Teaching, First class in number, Max's Marvellous Maths</li> <li>• Basic skills embedded throughout teaching and learning</li> </ul>
<p>How do we support a child who has <b>medical needs</b>?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Individualised medical needs plans created by a team around the child including the school nurse, parents and first aiders in school.</li> <li>• All adults basic first aid trained.</li> <li>• 2 Paediatric first aiders.</li> </ul>
<p>How do we help a child who has <b>English as an Additional Language (EAL)</b>?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pre teaching new language using word wizard before it is used in the classroom</li> <li>• Induction programme when children arrive at school</li> <li>• Buddy system</li> <li>• Visual timetables</li> </ul>
<p>How do we support a child with complex and multiple needs?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Liaison with local primary special schools, including split placements/inclusion visits</li> </ul>
<p>How will we meet a child's personal care needs?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Code of conduct adhered by all staff</li> <li>• Disabled toilets</li> <li>• Children are given as much responsibility for personal care as is possible with staff</li> </ul>

	<p>interventions only coming into force when necessary and following strict procedures. Staff will only call parent/cares in absolute emergency</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Health Care Plans are written to cater for individuals</li> </ul>
Which <b>specialist services</b> do we access beyond the school?	<p>We currently have regular contact with the following services:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Speech and Language therapy</li> <li>• Occupational Therapy</li> <li>• Physiotherapy</li> <li>• CAMHS</li> <li>• Educational Psychology</li> <li>• School Nursing team</li> <li>• Behaviour and Attendance Service</li> <li>• Sensory Impairment Service</li> <li>• ASD outreach</li> <li>• Early Years Support team</li> <li>• Family Support</li> <li>• Parent Partnership Services</li> <li>• Up Beat</li> <li>• Young Carers</li> <li>• EWO</li> <li>• Virtual School for vulnerable pupils</li> <li>• Noah's Ark</li> <li>• We are also part of the Calder Valley Cluster where expertise is shared between schools</li> </ul>
How will we include children in <b>activities outside the classroom</b> including school trips?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Playground support allocated as necessary</li> <li>• Vulnerable pupils and those with special needs are invited to out of school clubs</li> <li>• Extra staff deployed for trips to meet the stringent requirements of our risk assessments</li> <li>• Parents/carers consulted prior to trips for advice and guidance</li> <li>• Additional transporting arrangements as necessary</li> <li>• Special arrangements to enable pupils to participate in all trips</li> </ul>
How do we prepare and support a child <b>for joining school and transferring to secondary school?</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Home or pre-school visits by Reception staff</li> <li>• Visits to pre-school placements by SENCo and other school staff</li> <li>• Extended visits to Reception class planned in Summer term before starting</li> <li>• Transition plans – extended visits to secondary school with primary school staff</li> <li>• Close liaison with all other settings involved in transition – good exchange of information</li> <li>• Extra session at the High School for pupils with specific needs</li> </ul>
How will we develop social skills throughout the school day, especially break times?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Playtimes/lunchtimes seen as an important part of the day and included in time for 1:1 support for pupils on a EHC plan</li> <li>• Play leaders lead activities at playtime</li> <li>• Positive Play Promoted by lunchtime and playtime staff</li> </ul>
How do we allocate <b>resources?</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provision mapping and intervention timetabling is thorough and monitored closely</li> <li>• One to one support given as specified in a child's EHC plan</li> <li>• Adult support allocated in response to needs</li> <li>• Attainment, progress and wellbeing of all children reviewed at least termly to ensure provision is matched to needs.</li> <li>• Regular evaluation of the effectiveness of provision</li> </ul>
How do we ensure all staff are well trained?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Regular training sessions and updates for all staff on SEN issues</li> <li>• Whole school training part of School Development Plan (e.g. 2013-2014 Dyslexia Friendly School training)</li> <li>• Commitment to maintain levels of training if staff leave</li> <li>• Well planned programme of CPD, accessing both external agencies and in-school support</li> </ul>

How do we raise awareness of special educational needs for parents and the wider community?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Achievements of all pupils are shared in newsletters and reward assemblies</li> <li>• We hold drop-in/coffee mornings for parent/carers of all pupils</li> <li>• All pupils work is celebrated through the attractive displays throughout school</li> <li>• Pupils are given opportunities to take part in out of school events/competitions</li> </ul>
How do we evaluate and review the support provided?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All staff are monitored and their performance is reviewed on a regular basis</li> <li>• Interventions are reviewed on an ongoing basis and the most experienced staff cater for particular areas of need throughout school</li> </ul>
How do we deal with complaints regarding our provision for children and young people with SEN?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Any complaint regarding the provision for pupils with SEN should initially be addressed with the SLT</li> <li>• Further complaints should be directed to the School Governing Body</li> </ul>

Below is a link to Calderdale's Local offer where further information can be found:

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