

Lowedges Junior Academy SEND Information Report

2023-2024

The Academy's SEN Information Report is part of the Sheffield Local Offer for learners with Special Educational Needs (SEN). The Local Offer can be found using the following link

<http://www.sheffielddirectory.org.uk/kb5/sheffield/directory/localoffer.page?localofferchannelnew=0>

The Academy's Local Governing Body has a legal duty to publish the SEND Information Report on their website about the implementation of Lowedges Junior Academy's policy for pupils with SEND.

Our academy currently has 70 pupils identified with SEND covering a range of needs, including:

- Communication and interaction, for example, autism, speech and language difficulties
- Cognition and learning, for example, dyslexia
- Social, emotional and mental health difficulties, for example, attention deficit hyperactivity disorder (ADHD),
- Sensory and/or physical needs, for example, hearing impairments, processing difficulties



1. How does the academy approach teaching children with SEND?

At Lowedges, we are committed to providing high quality teaching and learning, enabling everyone to reach their full potential, whatever their age, ability, gender or ethnicity. We believe that every person is unique and we work together in an "inclusive" environment of mutual respect and consideration, valuing everyone's contribution. Through our partnership with the local and wider community, we aim to support our young people in successfully taking their place in society.

2. Contacts

We welcome your feedback and future involvement in the review of our offer, please contact any of the following;

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3. How does the Academy identify SEND?

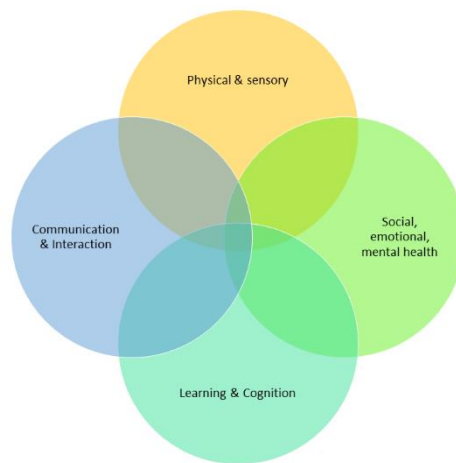
The SEND Code of Practice defines SEND as: -

A child or young person has SEND if they have a learning difficulty or disability which calls for special educational provision to be made for him or her.

A child of compulsory school age or a young person has a learning difficulty or disability if he or she:

- *has a significantly greater difficulty in learning than the majority of others of the same age, or*
- *has a disability which prevents or hinders him or her from making use of facilities of a kind generally provided for others of the same age in mainstream schools or mainstream post-16 institutions.*

If a pupil is identified as having SEND, the academy will make provision that is 'additional to or different from' a differentiated curriculum intended to overcome the barrier to their learning. There are four broad areas of need which are;



If you are concerned that your child may have special educational needs you should contact Kirsty Parkes -SENDCo .

4. How does the Academy assess children and young people with SEND?

Pupils are identified as being in need of extra provision in a variety of ways:

- Screening

End of year assessment data is shared with class teachers and analysed by the Leadership Team and Inclusion Team as some pupils may require further assessment to support progress. Support for developing reading, writing and Maths is then determined.

- Class Teacher Request

Staff, who have concerns regarding a student, may pass their concerns on to the SENDCo.

- Parent/Carer Request

Parent/Carer requests can be made at any time by phone, e mail or letter to the SENDCo.

5. What support is available for a child with SEND?

- The teacher has the highest possible expectations for your child and all pupils in their class.
- All teaching is built 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) 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 a gap or gaps in their understanding/learning and needs some extra support to help them make the best possible progress.

It may also include Intervention which may be:

- Run in the classroom or a group room e.g programme for literacy and numeracy.
- Run by a teacher or a teaching assistant (TA).

6. How are the other people providing services to young people with SEND?

The Academy maintains strong links with other bodies including;

- Educational Psychology Service
- Fusion Learning Service
- Autism Communication Team
- Hearing Impaired Service
- Visually Impaired Service
- Speech, Language and Communication
- Health and Social care
- LA Support Services
- SENDIASS (Officers can be contacted on Sheffield **0114 2736009**. The role of this service is to give impartial advice to parents.)

7. How are the teachers in the Academy helped to work with children with SEND and what training can they have?



- All teachers have high expectations of pupils with SEND, including a commitment to ensuring they can achieve their full educational potential.
- All teachers deliver high quality provision to meet the needs of pupils and young people with SEND.
- Teachers are responsible and accountable for the progress and development of the pupils in their class, including where pupils access support from teaching assistants or specialist staff.
- All staff develop their awareness of special educational needs and focus on inclusive practice to remove barriers to learning with access to a broad, balanced yet relevant mainstream curriculum which is differentiated to ensure continuing progress.
- The academy provides training and support to enable all staff to improve the teaching and learning of children, including those with SEND. This includes whole school training on SEND issues, such as Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) and literacy difficulties.

8. What arrangements are in place for consulting parents/carers of children with SEND?

Positive involvement with parents/carers is seen as an important part of our work with pupils. At its most effective, the education of young people is a collaborative enterprise involving teachers, parents/carers and the pupils themselves.

The Inclusion Team review SEND provision at least three times a year by communicating directly or indirectly with parents/carers by means of: -

- Attendance at parents/carers evenings
- Review meetings - including statutory, non-statutory and multi-agency reviews
- Telephone calls
- Parents/carers consultation evenings
- Parental request for a meeting
- Pupil planners
- E-mail

All expressions of concern will trigger a further investigation of the pupils' needs. Parents/carers will be informed of the outcome and invited to contribute and make comment. When changes are agreed to SEND status parents/carers will be informed in writing. The Academy will inform parents/carers and children about the LA's information, advice and support service.

9. What arrangements are in place for consulting children with SEND?

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10. What arrangements are in place for supporting children moving to another school?

The SENDCo informs the new school of any pupils with SEND, who are transferring, so that complete records can be sent to the SENDCo of the new school. The Academy will inform the designated person for any child looked after by a local authority if a change of school takes place.



11. How are adaptations made to the curriculum and the learning environment of children with SEND including access?

All pupils at Lowedges Junior Academy have a right to participate in a broad, balanced and relevant mainstream curriculum appropriate to their needs. Strategies include, setting within the curriculum, enhanced staffing, specialist provision and equipment within the Academy including the commissioned services of Educational Psychologist, Education Welfare Officer and other specialist bodies as required. SATs access arrangements are reviewed and implemented as required.

The Local Governing Body remains committed to improving provision for pupils and adults who find access to and movement around the site difficult. The SENDCo works closely with appropriate agencies to service the best interests of the pupils, for example, the Hearing-Impaired Service and the Visually-Impaired Service which assist by providing specialist equipment and training for our pupils as and when required. They monitor the progress of pupils with impairments throughout the academy.

12. How is the effectiveness of provision made for children with SEND evaluated?

Monitoring progress is an integral part of teaching and learning within Lowedges Junior Academy. Parents/carers, pupils and staff are involved in reviewing the impact of support for students with SEND. Following the 'assess, plan, do, review' model we ensure that parents/carers and pupils are involved in each step. In order to determine the effectiveness of provision expectations of how the support, which is additional to or different from that available to other pupils, will impact on progress to agreed outcomes and a baseline is recorded which can then be used to compare the impact of support.

Half-termly rigorous analysis of monitoring data allows for timely review and amendment of SEND support. Parents/carers, pupils, Teaching Staff, Middle Leaders and the Academy's Leadership, along with the SENDCo and the Inclusion team, regularly contribute to the evaluation of this support and its effectiveness

13. What support is available for improving emotional and social development?

School staff work with specialists to improve the emotional and social development of pupils. Provision includes a breakfast club, restorative justice, safe areas for vulnerable pupils before, after and during the school day. The Academy Ambassadors work to ensure that pupils are listened to and any concerns regarding bullying are effectively dealt with.

14. What are the arrangements for handling complaints for children with SEND?

The local governing body will make efforts to ensure that anyone who wishes to make a complaint including a complaint in relation to children with SEND, whether they have Education and Health and Care (EHC) plans or not, is treated fairly, given the chance to state their case, provided with a written response, and informed of their appeal rights.

Any parent/carer who wishes to discuss or make observations about the Special Needs provision for their child at Lowedges Junior Academy should: -

- a. Telephone or make an informal appointment to see the SENDCo who will review the situation and arrange for it to be discussed within 5 working days of the complaint being made.
- b. If the parent remains dissatisfied the complaint should be submitted formally in writing to the Principal, who will investigate the complaint and arrange a discussion within 5 working days.
- c. Parents/carers have the right to complain: -
 - To the Chair of the Local Governing Body via the school (Tel. 0114 2872171) or the Principal.
 - To the LA (SEN Assessment & Placement Team) on 0114 2736394

If a parent/carer is still not satisfied they can complain to the Education Funding Agency acting on behalf of the Secretary of State.

Ofsted can consider complaints about the educational provision of the Academy (not individual cases) when a complainant has tried to resolve the complaint through the Academy's own complaints procedure.

If the complainant remains concerned following the local complaints procedure, he or she could ask the Department for Education's School Complaints Unit to take up the matter.