



Lime Academy Abbotsmeade

Putting Learners First

SEN Information Report

2025/26

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Governance

Where a policy refers to the responsibility of the Trust Board for monitoring, scrutiny or quality assurance, these may be delegated to one of the teams below through their governance processes.

- School Improvement Team Governance , who directly report to the Education Curriculum and Standards Committee
- Operations Team Governance, who directly report to the Finance Risk and Audit Committee
- External and internal audits reported to the Trust Board

The guide to our provision for children with Special Educational Needs at Lime Academy Abbotsmede

What are the kinds of special educational needs for which provision is made at Lime Academy Abbotsmede?

Lime Academy Abbotsmede is a mainstream primary school with a nursery, we cater for learners aged 2 - 11 years. The National Curriculum is followed and appropriately paced and differentiated.

Lime Academy Abbotsmede is a member of the Lime Trust.

The 2024/25 cohort of learners at Lime Academy Abbotsmede has the following categories of need:

- Cognition and learning
- Communication and interaction
- Social, emotional and mental health needs
- Physical and/or sensory

Admissions to the school are managed by the school Lime Academy Abbotsmede.

Identification of SEND at our School

<p>How do we identify that a child has a special educational need?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Information from your child's pre-school or present school• Reports from Professionals• Parental/Carers Concerns• Assessments carried out within the school setting.• Observations of the children within school• At Lime Academy Abbotsmede we have a graduated approach to identifying and supporting children with additional needs
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If my child is having difficulty with an area of learning, how will the Academy staff deal with this issue?

- If you have a concern about your child's development or an area of learning, you can discuss this with your class teacher and/or Mrs. Reed who is the SENCO.
- Where a member of staff has a concern about a child's development or a difficulty, they will discuss the concern with you, the parent, first. The teacher will fill in an initial concern form and give it to Mrs. Reed the SENCO to begin identifying what the specific difficulty is. The SENCO will help support the class teacher to adapt what they do in class to help your child overcome that difficulty. This is the start of the process of supporting your child if they are underachieving and need some extra help to get to where they should be for their age or if they may have a special educational need.
- The class teacher and SENCO will meet with you, the parent, to discuss the issue and tell you what the barrier to learning is and what they are going to try to help your child overcome that barrier.
- The process can be summed up by – Assess, Plan, Do, Review. You will be part of this process so you can see how your child is doing and what the staff who work with your child are doing to help close the gap with where your child is and where they should be for their age.
- If after one or two cycles of Assess, Plan, Do, review we all agree that there is a special educational need, we will discuss this with you and add your child to the SEN register which means we recognise that your child has a global difficulty (across all areas of learning) or a specific

	<p>difficulty with learning and that we are addressing this through targeted provision from the class teacher and/or additional support from the teaching assistant. Where necessary external agencies will be used to ensure that the provision is appropriate for your child's needs and will help them make progress. The class teacher and the SENCO will monitor your child's progress.</p>
How do we encourage you to raise your concerns?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> You can raise concerns at any time about your child by discussing concerns with the class teacher and/or the Special Educational Needs Coordinator (SENCO). Each term a formal Parent evening takes place when your child's progress and attainment is discussed along with any difficulties they may be having and what we are doing to support your child and meet their needs.
Support for your Child	
Who will oversee the education plan for my child and explain it to me and my child?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All children on the SEND register have a plan that is written by the class teacher, and this is monitored by the SENCO. This plan outlines their needs and strategies that are used to meet those needs. This is known as an Assess, Plan Do, Review cycle. These will be shared with you at Parents evening where we will ask for your views. We hope that you will talk to us about any concerns or successes at any time throughout the school year. Children with an Education, Health and Care plan will have a provision plan to ensure that all the outcomes on the EHC plan are being worked towards becoming achieved. The class teacher ensures the plan is being carried out and the SENCO will oversee and monitor that this is effective and is having the desired outcome.
Who will be working with my child?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The class teacher is responsible for ensuring your child's needs are met. Teaching Assistants (directed by the class teacher). The SENCO will be monitoring that your child's needs are being met in class and supporting the teacher and the child to achieve their goals. This will be carried out through meetings with you, the parent, the child and the teacher. If your child has a speech or language difficulty the Speech and Language therapist may visit the school to review the progress with a specific programme and adapt the programme as your child makes progress.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Outside agencies who may be offering support to your child may visit to give advice, feedback to the child and the teacher to ensure your child’s needs are being met. All outside agencies are accessed through a referral process which requires your consent. • The Autism Advisory Teaching Service offer support to individual teachers who have children with Autism in their class. • The Sensory support team also visit each month to support children with visual impairment. • We have support from a private Educational Psychologist who works with the SENCO, teacher and parents to unpick needs to help improve your child’s attainment, progress and well-being.
<p>How does my child know how they are getting on with their learning?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Every day your child will receive written and/or verbal feedback on their learning. Feedback will help to move their learning forward; help demonstrate their understanding further. The marking and feedback are a crucial part for each individual child. Some children may receive oral feedback instead or as well as written feedback depending on what suits the child.
<p>How will the Academy monitor the effectiveness of its SEND arrangements and provision?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Termly, reviewing the progress the children have made and through pupil progress meetings. • Through monthly pupil progress meetings, learning walks, observations by the Senior Leadership Team. • The school carries out quality assurance in the form of a detailed audit of provision, training and staffing. This ensures that our SEND practice develops and strives to do the best for all our children, to ensure all children make progress from their starting points and their needs are known, understood and met.
<p>What are the roles and responsibilities of our Trustees?</p>	<p>The Trustees fulfil their statutory duties by: -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensuring a SEND policy reflects the current Code of Practice • Supporting and challenging the school to ensure the school has an outstanding provision for pupils with SEND needs

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensuring the school reports to parents annually and securing appropriate, targeted resources that have impact on learners which is evidenced. • Oversee the schools funding to ensure the SEN provision meets the requirements including the deployment and organisation of personnel and resources.
<p>Curriculum Concerns</p>	
<p>What is Lime Academy Abbotsmede’s approach to differentiation?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Quality First Teaching will be the focus and from this effective differentiation will enable your child to participate fully in all aspects of learning to make the best possible progress. • Staff plan according to children’s needs and requirements in the classroom. • All staff who work with your child in school are aware of your child’s requirements. • Staff can meet the needs of the children by applying the strategies suggested within the child’s plan.
<p>How is extra support allocated to meet children’s needs and requirements?</p>	<p>These needs may be met through:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Class teacher planning to meet your child’s needs. This may be breaking the learning into smaller chunks or steps, giving your child resources that help explain the task better or make it easier to answer the questions asked. • In class support with short, targeted support from the teacher or teaching assistant • Pupil progress meetings – interventions are identified each half term to ensure progress is carefully monitored and accelerated where possible to help narrow the gap.

Partnership: Planning, Monitoring and Review	
<p>What do we offer at Lime Academy Abbotsmede, to parents and carers, to discuss progress, plan and review support and share specific approaches and programmes, in addition to the normal reporting arrangements?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • You will meet with the class teacher to discuss your child’s progress, review their achievements and targets. Each term the class teacher will write a plan based on their assessments of your child’s needs and review this and share this with you. This is known as an APDR – Assess, Plan, Do, Review. Your views and your child’s views will be part of this process. • If your child has an Education, Care and Health plan we will meet formally each year to review the plan, celebrate success and adapt the plan to continually reflect the needs of your child as they grow and change. • Face to face meetings, telephone conversations and informal discussions will ensure a good partnership between home and school. The class teacher is your first point of contact. The SENCO is available to meet with should you have any concerns about your child
General Support for Wellbeing	
<p>How do we offer pastoral, medical and social support to the children at Lime Academy Abbotsmede?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Children are supported by the class teacher and the teaching assistants within the classroom who oversee the well-being of children on a day-to-day basis. • The SENCO oversees the pastoral, medical and social support of all pupils. • We liaise with health professionals to ensure care plans are in place for children with medical needs. • A team of staff have basic first aid training and EYFS staff have specific Paediatric First aid training. These members of staff are called upon to support children when necessary. • Individual Health Care Plans: Plans are written up with parents/carers for pupils with disabilities or ongoing medical conditions which require medication or reasonable adjustments. <p>Other support and intervention:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lunchtime and after school clubs • Assemblies • PSHE lessons • School Nurse

<p>How do we encourage our children to contribute their views?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Before or during parents evening we review the APDR (assess, plan, do and review) targets with your child so that we understand that our provision is right and working for each child. • Class teacher discussions. • Termly discussion with the SENCO.
<p>Specialist Services/ Expertise Available</p>	
<p>Our school accesses the following services</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Educational Psychologist Service • Sensory support team – visual and hearing impairments • School Nurse • Speech & Language Therapy Service • Occupational Therapy Service • Child & Adolescent Mental Health Service • Physiotherapy • Specialist teachers
<p>Training</p>	
<p>Staff Qualifications</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All teachers have QTS and Honours degrees • Most teaching assistants are first aid trained • The SENCO, Mrs. Reed has the National Award for SEN coordination

<p>What training have staff received recently?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Precision Teaching and working memory training by SENCO • Foundation Key stage 1 staff have had Read Write Inc training which is an approach to teaching Phonics, reading and write which is used in Foundation and Key stage 1 classes- Year 1 and 2 • Safeguarding training September 2024 • Teacher and TA training for specific health needs • Staff CPD cycle incorporates training for meeting the needs of all learners, refining questioning for pupils with SEND and making reasonable adjustments to ensure all children can succeed • As part of Pupil Progress meetings books are scrutinised with leaders to ensure that there is consistency and high expectations for all • 3 members of staff have Team Teach Training. • 10 TAs have had Attention Autism training • All staff have had training on Autism from specialist teaching staff within the Trust • All staff have training from the SENCO to support your child's needs through their teaching, how to help your child make progress from their starting points • Attachment and Trauma informed practice training
<p>We plan to undertake the following training/ disability awareness sessions(s).</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Training is organised linked to the needs within the school. • All staff have access to National College training courses to further develop their knowledge and understanding through online learning • Teachers have weekly staff inset linked to the curriculum and other educational concerns
<p>Accessibility</p>	
<p>We provide the following to ensure that all children/ young people in our school can access all the activities offered.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The school is wheelchair friendly, and we ensure that children are able to move around the school • A stair lift is available for access to all floors

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Within the school building we have two large disabled toilets one of which has a shower room and changing facilities • Teachers and teaching assistants take account of a child's individual needs and may support with specific resources, visual aids
We enable children to access all activities by	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensuring all the building and classrooms are accessible to all the children • Using visuals to support with communication and understanding • Adults are supportive of the needs of the children • Pre-planning for trips and visits to ensure children can access learning beyond the classroom • Where needed, we will devise a risk assessment/safety plan for a child to ensure they are safe and
We involve parents and carers in the planning by	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Transition meetings are held between parents, the current setting, professionals and the school • Annual Reviews ensure that parents/carers are involved the children's education • Meeting in person or communicating by telephone. • Parents evenings
Parents and carers can give their feedback by;	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Each term attending parent/carers evening. • Parent Questionnaires are given out annually. • Annual Reviews parent/carers views are included. • Teachers are available each day to speak to Parents at the beginning and end of the school day
Parents/carers can make a complaint by	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • On the website there is the "Complaints Policy" which informs parents/carers what to do if they have a complaint. They can also request a copy from the school office.
Transitions	
What arrangements help children and their parents to make a successful transfer to Lime Academy Abbotsmede?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parents of the children coming into Foundation are invited to meetings within school. • Transition meetings are held between pre-school staff, professionals who work with the family, the SENCO and staff from school. The children are invited to visits to the school before the term begins. • With transition into secondary school parents/carers are invited to meetings at the secondary school and transition meetings are organised between the staff from the secondary school, other professionals and the SENCO at Lime Academy Abbotsmede.

How do we prepare children to make their next move?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Have “Move-up” days whereby children go to the new classroom with the new teacher. • Using Social Stories to support transition (where appropriate). • Provide children with a transition sheet with their class teacher, other important adults to them and their new classroom to talk about over the holiday period. • With Y6 a visit to the new school happens in July and staff from the secondary schools come and meet the children but also speak to the staff at Lime Academy Abbotsmede. • Discussion between the current and next teacher to ensure good transition – strategies that help your child overcome barriers to learning are discussed.
Resource Allocation	
Our SEND budget is allocated according to	The needs of the children.
Funding is matched to SEND by	The trust oversees budget decisions, these are shared with governors for their information and comments as part of their monitoring.
Our decision-making process when matching support to need is	Decided by the Senior Leadership Team under the guidance of the SENCO.
Parents/ carers are involved through	Annual Reviews, Parent’s evenings
Contact Details	
Who should I contact if I want to discuss my child’s progress or difficulties?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Your child’s class teacher is always your first point of contact. They are always available to speak to each morning in the playground when the children arrive at school, and you can arrange an appointment to see them later after school should you wish to. • Phase Leader for your child’s year group • The SENCO – is available to discuss any issues or concerns about your child’s welfare, their learning needs or medical needs.
Who is the SENCO?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Our Special Educational Needs Co-Ordinator is Gemma Reed Email: gemma.reed@limetrust.org Telephone: 01733 566847
Useful contacts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attendance Officer: Donna Murray

<p>What other external support services for information or advice are there?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• SENDIASS – SENDIASS@peterborough.gov.uk• Educational Psychologist Drop-In Service. The Educational Psychology team offer a support consultation service based at the City Care Centre• Family Voice – www.familyvoice.org• IPSEA – Independent Parental Special Education Advice www.ipsea.org.uk• Peterborough Local Offer - https://fis.peterborough.gov.uk/kb5/peterborough/directory/localoffer.page?familychannel=8
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