



SKEGNESS ACADEMY

Special Education Needs & Disabilities (SEND)

Introduction

At Skegness Academy we offer a wide variety of support for our children who have special educational needs. The department is led by our SENDCO, Mrs Coates-Metheringham, who is supported by the Deputy SENDCO, Miss Robbens, the SEND Manager, Mrs Cussons, and a very specialised team of 28 teaching assistants and learning mentors.

We continuously strive to meet the aim of the local offer and empower our pupils to take every opportunity offered from the Academy and to receive a full and enriched curriculum that meets all their needs.

Support in the Academy

Our SEND children are supported in the classroom both by TA support and quality first teaching. All pupils on the SEND register have a pupil passport that staff can access so that each child can be supported in their needs and can achieve their very best. We also offer access to our SEND hub, where students can go if they need time to regulate their emotions or are feeling overwhelmed by the classroom. We pride ourselves on our work with parents, and we believe that it is only by working together as a team, that the children will thrive and meet their full potential.



Wider Support

Not only does the team support those who already have identified special needs, but we also help with supporting parents if they feel their child has a special need that has not been diagnosed. We work collaboratively with outside agencies to make sure all SEND childrens' needs are met. We can refer for many things including dyslexia, ADHD, ASD and speech difficulties.



The Local Offer

This is the Council's offer to parents and young children. It includes provisions that are both in and out of the Academy and will include support and services that are provided by private and voluntary sectors, as well as the council and the NHS.

Lincolnshire County Council's local offer is aimed at providing better support and services for young people with SEND, and also for their families.

The Local Offer has been developed in close partnership with a wide range of service providers.

The aim of the Local Offer is;

- To improve outcomes for children and young people by making more information easily available to help make better choices.
- To enable children, young people and families to be informed and empowered to make choices.
- For you to be clearer about what is available and why and what alternatives are available.
- To provide more effective signposting and get it right first time.

SEND Successes

The Skegness Academy is proud to have introduced SEND Ambassadors. These are Academy pupils, who have a SEND diagnosis themselves, and they offer support to our new pupils and help them settle into the Academy comfortably.

At Skegness Academy we have created a SEND hub safe space that we are very proud of. The hub features a sensory room, which pupils can access to regulate their emotions.

We are very proud of all the intervention we offer within the Academy. We offer intervention with literacy, numeracy, handwriting and dyslexia, as well as incorporating Lego Therapy and SEMH support.



To find out more about the SEND offer at the Skegness Academy, scan the code below.

