

# SEND Information Report

**Review Date**

July 2026

**Ratified**

July 2026

**Next Review Date**

July 2027

**Responsible Directorate**

Safeguarding

## About ATT



### Our Values

ATT2030 sets a values-driven culture that is explicit about how we work and lead:

**Belonging & Becoming:** we meet each child where they are and refuse to leave them there - giving them both roots and wings.

**Integrity & Excellence:** we act ethically, celebrate excellence, and pursue high standards in all that we do.

**High Trust, High Accountability:** decision-making sits close to pupils and communities; principals are trusted as strategic leaders; the central team acts as expert partner; accountability is professional, dialogic, and focused on learning and improvement.

### Our Three Goals

Everything in ATT2030 is organised around three interlinked goals that describe the kind of people - pupils and adults - that we are forming:

**Capable:** equipped with the knowledge, skills, and emotional readiness to perform to a high standard, adapt to change, and contribute meaningfully.

**Competent:** possessing the knowledge, habits, and judgement to get things done – well, reliably, and independently – handling setbacks and making steady progress.

**Confident:** feeling safe, happy, and known – secure enough to take risks, speak up, and grow with purpose and integrity.

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## Local review

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| Approved by:        | Inclusion Team                                      | Date:                                                                 |
| Last reviewed on:   |                                                     | Date:                                                                 |
| Next review due by: |                                                     | Date:                                                                 |
| SENDCO              | Nicola Wilkinson<br>nicola.wilkinson@attrust.org.uk | Achieved NaSENCO<br>qualification on 30 <sup>th</sup> October<br>2023 |
| SENDCO              | Debra Jones<br>debra.jones@attrust.org.uk           |                                                                       |
| Designated Teacher  | Nicky Payton<br>nicky.payton@attrust.org.uk         |                                                                       |

### 1. The kinds of SEND that are provided for:

Our academy currently provides additional and/or different provision for a range of needs, including:

| Area of need                               | Condition                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
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| Communication and interaction              | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Autism Spectrum Disorder</li><li>• Speech and language difficulties</li></ul>                                                                                        |
| Cognition and learning                     | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Specific learning difficulties, including dyslexia, dyspraxia, dyscalculia</li><li>• Moderate learning difficulties</li><li>• Severe learning difficulties</li></ul> |
| Social, emotional and mental health (SEMH) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Attention Deficit Hyperactive Disorder (ADHD)</li><li>• Attention Deficit Disorder (ADD)</li></ul>                                                                   |
| Sensory and/or physical                    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Hearing impairments</li><li>• Visual impairment</li><li>• Multi-sensory impairment</li><li>• Physical impairment</li></ul>                                           |

All Academy Transformation Trust Academies have adopted the Judith Carter Model. This is a strengths based model and means we will also identify your child's strengths and needs across the 7 Cs:

- Curriculum
- Cognition
- Creativity
- Coordination
- Communication
- Compassion
- Control

## 2. The Academy's SEND support overview and 'Core Offer'.

Our staff closely monitor the progress made by all students and ask advice from the SENDCO, as soon as they have concerns about any of their students. We then follow the graduated approach documented below and the **Assess, Plan, Do, Review** cycle. A concern might relate to a student's attainment, progress, behaviour or social, emotional or mental health needs.

| Register                                                                        | SEN stage                                                                                                                                       | Description of stage and actions required                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | Responsibility                                                  |
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| Not on SEND support register                                                    | Stage T (Teacher)                                                                                                                               | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Teachers use a range of classroom <b>assessments</b> to identify students of concern and relevant targets</li> <li>Teachers then <b>plan</b> to support those students through adaptive teaching e.g. teacher tweaks and adaptations</li> <li>Additional classroom support/interventions may be implemented. (see non-exhaustive list below)</li> <li>The provision being made for these students is regularly <b>reviewed</b> as well as their progress towards targets.</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | Class Teacher<br>Student                                        |
|                                                                                 | Stage 1                                                                                                                                         | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>If concerns persist following a period at stage T, concerns will be shared with the SENDCO and parents</li> <li>Additional support/interventions may be <b>planned</b>.</li> <li>The student's progress and any interventions will be monitored and <b>reviewed</b> carefully for impact by class teacher and SENDCO</li> <li>Referrals may be made to external agencies for <b>assessment</b> and additional support. (list below)</li> <li>Additional in-school <b>assessments</b> may be carried out. (list below)</li> <li>For speech and language concerns – if the issues relate solely to speech, the student will stay at stage 1.</li> </ul>                                                                                    | Class Teacher<br>SENDCO<br>Parents<br>Student                   |
| Added to SEND support register. Parents notified and involved in termly reviews | Stage 2<br>SEND K<br><br>A student has SEND if they have a learning difficulty or a disability which calls for specialist provision to be made. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Following a <b>review</b> of Stage 1 and of the student's learning, SEMH or social needs, if concerns persist and the student is requiring support which is additional to and different from standard quality first teaching, they will be moved to stage 2.</li> <li>Referrals may be made to external agencies for <b>assessment</b> and additional support. (list below)</li> <li>Additional in-school <b>assessments</b> may be carried out. (list below)</li> <li>Teacher, parents, student and SENDCO will set SMART targets and <b>plan</b> relevant provision and interventions.</li> <li>Targets will be captured in a learning support plan which will be <b>reviewed</b> termly with parents.</li> </ul>                      | Class Teacher<br>SENDCO<br>Parents<br>Student                   |
| Request for statutory assessment of SEND                                        | Stage 3<br>SEND E                                                                                                                               | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>For some students, stage 2 support will not be adequate to enable them to make expected progress towards their targets.</li> <li>Following evidenced cycles of SEND support, the academy may apply for an Education, Health and Care Plan. From the agreement to assess, the local authority coordinates an <b>assessment</b> of needs within a 20-week window. The student, parents and academy are fully involved in this process. Needs will be identified, targets set, and <b>plans</b> made for provision to meet these needs.</li> <li>These students will continue to be supported by a learning support plan which is <b>reviewed</b> on a termly basis and will have a statutory annual <b>review</b> of their EHCP</li> </ul> | Local Authority<br>SENDCO<br>Class Teacher<br>Parent<br>Student |

### 3. Our Academy's Core Offer

| Academy assessments                                                                                                                                                   | Academy Interventions                                                                                                                            | External agencies                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
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| <b>Speech and Language</b><br><br>BPVS<br>Speech link                                                                                                                 | <b>Speech and Language</b><br><br>Lego Therapy<br>Wellcomm<br>Speech Link                                                                        | <b>NHS Speech and language therapy (SALT)</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| <b>Literacy assessments</b><br><br>LUCID – dyslexia/phonics screener<br>NGRT – Termly reading assessment<br>YARC – reading comprehension<br>RAPID – dyslexia screener | <b>Literacy</b><br><br>Direct Instruction Literacy<br>Switch-On Reading<br>Fresh Start Phonics<br><b>Numeracy</b><br>Direct Instruction Numeracy | <b>Educational Psychology Service (EPS)</b><br>provides a specialised response to students whose progress in educational settings is presenting concerns to their parents/carers and to staff. They can carry out a vast array of assessment to unpick students' specific needs and support with targets and provision planning.<br><br><b>Inclusion Support</b><br>They are a team of teachers with different specialisms. They can support with: learning assessments, support for learning needs such as spelling, writing and reading, SpLD assessments and issues such as anger, anxiety, resilience or emotional regulation. |
| <b>Other cognitive assessments</b><br><br>LASS – cognitive assessment<br>Recall – executive function, working memory and processing                                   | <b>Other cognitive interventions</b><br><br>Lego therapy (6 weeks)                                                                               |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
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| <b>SEMH assessments</b><br><br>Boxall<br>PASS                                                                                                                         | <b>SEMH</b><br><br>Draw and talk (12 weeks)<br>Zones of Regulation<br>Basecamp                                                                   | <b>SEMH services (CAMHS)</b> services who support students with mental health<br><br><b>Autism support Team</b> – experienced teachers who specialise in supporting students with autism, or who present with social communication difficulties.<br><br><b>The Neuro developmental team</b> who assess for ASD and ADHD.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| <b>Sensory/motor assessments</b><br><br>Sensory Processing Measure                                                                                                    | <b>Physical/sensory interventions</b><br><br>Sensory movement breaks<br>Handwriting intervention<br>Physio support                               | <b>NHS services</b><br><b>NHS – Occupational Therapy (OT)</b> students with fine or gross motor concerns, sensory needs, executive functioning difficulties<br><br><b>NHS Audiology</b> for students with hearing needs<br><br><b>NHS Visual</b> for students with visual impairment<br><br><b>Community paediatrician</b> Support students who present with areas of developmental delay and can coordinate support from other relevant professionals and arrange medical tests.<br><br><b>NHS Physiotherapy</b> Support students with physical needs<br><br><b>Inclusion Support HI/VI</b>                                       |

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|  |  | They are a team of specialist teachers who work with our students with visual and hearing impairments to support with accessing the whole school environment. |
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#### 4. Supporting students moving between phases and preparing for adulthood

We are very aware that moving to a new class or academy can be a time of worry and anxiety for students and their families.

Moving to a new school year: Information about your child's SEND will be shared with their new subject teachers in their learning support plans and pupil passports. Based on individual needs, additional transitional arrangements may also take place and you can discuss these with the SENDCO if appropriate.

Moving up to Secondary: The SENDCO of the primary school meets with our SENDCO to discuss the needs of the incoming students near the end of the summer term. Our SENDCO also meets with students and carries out observations in the classroom at their primary school where appropriate. For high needs students not sitting SATs, visits are arranged from Easter. For high needs students sitting SATs, visits are arranged after SATs. Our SENDCO also attends any annual reviews where possible.

As appropriate, we arrange meetings with the parents/carers of incoming students to discuss how we can best welcome their child into our community. Students have as many visits as they require leading up to transition week in July. During the transition visits students meet key staff; receive a transition booklet; join in lessons and non-structured activities

High needs students are invited to an additional transition morning to meet members of the support team and get to know the school environment.

All parents are invited to attend Transition parents' evening.

Moving to Post 16: Students and families are helped to select the most suitable college that will address their needs. Joint visits are made with Connexions to all possible colleges to check what they offer SEND students where possible. Connexions attend all annual reviews in Year 11 to support this process.

#### 5. Adaptations to the curriculum and learning environment

All our teaching staff have accessed training in making tweaks and adaptations to their teaching, to recognise strengths and meet needs across the 4 broad areas of need, which our Judith Carter Model breaks down into the 7Cs areas such as:

- Adapting our curriculum to ensure all students are able to access it , for example by grouping, 1:1 work, adapting the teaching style or content of the lesson.
- Adapting our resources and staffing and deploying TAs to support.
- Using recommended aids, such as laptops, coloured overlays, visual timetables, larger font, standing desks and attention aids

- Adapting our teaching, for example, giving longer processing times, pre-teaching of key vocabulary, and reading instructions aloud.

## 6. Expertise and training of staff

All staff attend training on various SEND areas throughout the year. We attend staff training to share knowledge, strategies and experiences and to ensure consistency of the academy's approach for students with SEND.

Teachers and support staff attend training run by outside agencies that are relevant to the needs of the students they are working with.

The SENDCO works very closely with specialists, who provide advice and direct support regularly. In the past year, staff have accessed a range of training courses including

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| Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> September 2025   | All Staff                                 | SEND Barriers to Learning                                                          |
| Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> September 2025  | All Staff                                 | Emotion Coaching UK                                                                |
| Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> September 2025 | All Staff                                 | Effective Modelling                                                                |
| Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> November 2025    | All staff (selected)                      | SEND – managing cognitive load & how to deploy LSAs and LSPs effectively Session 1 |
| Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> November 2025    | All learning support staff                | Safeguarding for support staff Session 1                                           |
| Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> November 2025 | ECT/PGCE                                  | SEND Basics (using pupil profiles and scaffolding/adaptive teaching)               |
| Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup> November 2025 | ECT/PGCE                                  | Supporting students with Autism and ADHD                                           |
| Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> January 2026     | All staff (selected)                      | SEND – managing cognitive load & how to deploy LSAs and LSPs effectively Session 2 |
| Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> January 2026     | All learning support staff                | Safeguarding for support staff Session 2                                           |
| Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> January 2026     | All staff                                 | Attainment 5 – Boosting attendance                                                 |
| Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> March 2026   | Teaching staff                            | The importance of visual instruction                                               |
| Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> April 2026     | Staff delivering small group intervention | T&L techniques for delivering small group interventions                            |
| Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> April 2026   | All learning support staff                | De-Escalation strategies                                                           |
| Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> May 2026        | All learning support staff                | Checking for understanding – call and response                                     |
| Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> May 2026      | All learning support staff                | SEMH for TAs                                                                       |

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| Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> June 2026 | All staff (selected)       | SEND – managing cognitive load & how to deploy LSAs and LSPs effectively Session 3 |
| Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> June 2026 | All learning support staff | Safeguarding for support staff Session 3                                           |

## **7. Disabled Access and Provision**

We adhere to the requirements, as per the Equality Act 2010 to make reasonable adjustments for any student who has specific long- or short-term health needs or a disability. This might include exploring the scope for and following recommendations about physical adaptations to the academy or curriculum, providing access for students with disabilities.

Curriculum accessibility is closely monitored and assessed by the class teachers, under the direction of the SENDCO, subject leaders and the Senior Leadership team.

For further information please see our Accessibility Plan.

## **8. Securing equipment and facilities**

It may be that your child's needs mean we need to secure:

- Extra equipment or facilities
- Additional adult support
- Additional training for our staff
- External specialist expertise

We will consult with specialist agencies and services who loan or supply specialist equipment and get recommendations about how best to support your child to access their learning. We will use our notional budget and a threshold sum of £6000 to cover any necessary costs before seeking additional assistance from the Local Authority.

## **9. Involving parents and carers**

If you think your child might have SEND or that they are struggling in a specific subject area, the first person you should tell is your child's class teacher who will investigate or pass on any concerns to our SENDCO as appropriate. Our staff will follow the Assess, Plan, Do, Review procedure detailed above.

If your child has a learning plan, we will provide termly reports on your child's progress. At these review points, we will:

- Set clear outcomes for your child's progress
- Review progress towards those outcomes
- Offer you the opportunity to discuss your views and the support we will put in place to help your child make that progress
- Identify what we will do, what we will ask you to do, and what we will ask your child to do

The SENDCO may also attend these meetings, to provide extra support.

## **10. Exam Access arrangements**

Students who have been diagnosed as having a learning difficulty may be eligible for extra time and / or other "access arrangements" to complete internal examinations and public examinations.

Parents/carers are asked to liaise with the SENDCO in good time, with respect to this.

## **11. Access to extra-curricular and enrichment activities**

All of our extra-curricular activities and Academy visits are available to all our pupils, including our extra-curricular clubs. The academy also offers extra-curricular activities that are specifically designed for students with SEND.

All students are encouraged to go on our academy trips, including our residential trips. If appropriate, our staff will contact you to discuss any reasonable adjustments which need to be made to enable your child to participate.

All students are encouraged to take part in sports day, performances and special workshops. The academy also organise an inclusive sports day specifically designed for students with SEND.

No student is ever excluded from taking part in these activities because of their SEN or disability and we will make whatever reasonable adjustments are needed to make sure that they can be included

## **12. Support for Looked after Children and Previously Looked after Children with SEND**

Our designated teacher will work with our SENDCO to make sure that all teachers understand how a looked-after or previously looked-after student's circumstances and their SEND might interact, and what the implications are for teaching and learning.

Children who are looked-after or previously looked-after will be supported much in the same way as any other child who has SEND. However, looked-after students will also have a personal education plan (PEP). We will make sure that the PEP and any SEND support plans or EHCPs are consistent and complement one another.

## **13. Complaints about SEND provision**

If you have any complaints about this information report or SEND in general, please contact our SENDCO.

A copy of the full complaints procedure is available on the academy website.

## **14. Contact details of support services for parents of students with SEND**

SENDIASS– This is an independent service that is not affiliated to the Local Authority or any academies. This service can share information and will explain parental rights regarding SEN and disabilities. They also hold a range of coffee mornings and information and support sessions.

[Sandwell Sendiass :: Home](#)

Other local support services for parents of students with SEND.

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| Autism West Midlands - <a href="#">Autism West Midlands   Supporting the Autistic Community</a><br>CAMHS - <a href="#">Child and Adolescent Mental Health Service   CAMHS (blackcountryminds.com)</a> |
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## **15. The local Authority Offer**

The Local Authority has a Local Offer website and information about services that may be available to you.

[SEND Local Offer | Sandwell Family Hubs](#)

## **16. Monitoring arrangements**

This information report will be reviewed by the SENDCO every year. It will also be updated if any changes to the information are made during the year. This report will be approved by the governing board.