



ALMOND HILL JUNIOR SCHOOL  
GOVERNING BODY

AUTISM LOCAL OFFER  
POLICY

FULL GOVERNING BODY	3 <sup>rd</sup> December 2019
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Hertfordshire's Autism Quality Offer can be found at the web address below

<https://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/microsites/local-offer/media-library/documents/policies-and-procedures/autism-quality-offer-summary.pdf>

The Quality Offer for Autism has outcomes which are very closely aligned to the Hertfordshire Quality Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) offer (SEND Policy)

Mrs Birchall, our school SENCo, is the registered Autism Lead for our school. This is your initial point of contact if you need information about the services available. Every child with autism at Almond Hill will create a Pupil Passport that highlights their strengths, interests and needs. This will be reviewed regularly.

Our staff have been trained by the Autism Education Trust to ensure that everyone who comes into contact with your child has a greater understanding of their individual needs. We work in close partnership with specialist advisory teachers and area Special Education Needs (SEND) leads to improve our provision. We also liaise closely with other health and social care professionals.

We review our practice regularly.

Adaptions and differentiation will be used in conjunction with Quality Wave 1 teaching to meet their needs and use their strengths to access learning whilst high expectations are maintained.

We ensure that there is a proactive and positive approach to transition that will support changes within the school and when your child moves on to their next school.

We ensure that we have strong parental partnerships so that any changes in your child's circumstances are quickly responded to and needs are met. This relies on open parental communication. We endeavour to listen to your child's views, we take in to consideration that children have different ways of communicating and we will develop appropriate strategies to support them.

We have many safe places in our school where your child can go to be quiet and free from any distractions.

You may find these links helpful – please make an appointment to see us if you have any questions.

<https://www.autismeducationtrust.org.uk/>

<https://www.autismeducationtrust.org.uk/shop/parents-guide/>