

De La Salle ASD Resource Provision

Overview

The secondary Autistic Spectrum Disorder (ASD) Resourced Provision is located within De La Salle School in Eccleston, St Helens. It provides high-quality education for **students on the autistic spectrum who are of mainstream cognitive ability**. Students enrolled in the ASD Resourced Provision are fully registered with De La Salle School and integrated into their appropriate year group.

As students are admitted from across the Borough, transport is typically arranged through the School Transport Service following the standard application process.

De La Salle's Learning Support Department offers specialist accommodation and support designed to meet the needs of students on the autistic spectrum, as well as those with wider additional needs. The Provision supports up to **25 students (5 per year group)** in addition to the school's usual intake, with staffing arranged to ensure provision is appropriate and effective across the school. The Provision is overseen by the **School SENCO, Kate Thomas**, and all staff working with the students are trained in ASD-specific approaches.

Goal of the Resourced Provision

The overarching aim of the ASD Resourced Provision is to deliver a **broad, balanced, and relevant secondary curriculum** that incorporates mainstream, while providing **specialist, innovative, high-quality, and well-resourced support** for students on the autistic spectrum. The Provision is committed to continuous improvement and to contributing models of effective practice that can be shared and embedded across mainstream teaching.

ASD Provision in Action

The ASD Resourced Provision offers support both within the classroom and around the school. Each student has a Student Support Plan in place and follows a bespoke programme that includes access to mainstream lessons, additional staff support, tailored learning materials, and any personalised interventions they require. Students can also access Enrichment during break and lunch times, providing enhanced opportunities to further develop their social communication skills.

At De La Salle, the ASD Provision provides students with:

- Personalised interventions
- Support in mainstream classes when needed and where appropriate
- Access to the full KS3 curriculum with some learners allocated to our Thrive Provision when there are still some gaps to from their Key Stage 2 experience that need to be addressed before fully accessing the wider Key 3 Curriculum
- Access to a wide range of GCSE and other examination courses
- Opportunities to take part in a variety of extra-curricular activities as per wider school offer

- A dedicated area for break and lunch times where students feel safe and secure, along with additional support from Learning Support staff to further strengthen their social communication development

The pastoral needs of the students are supported through:

- Membership of a mainstream tutor group
- Daily individual support and guidance

The emotional needs of the students are supported through:

- Soft landing to school through Enrichment side gate to provide a calmer start to the day through the Enrichment area
- Supportive relationships with Learning Support and Pastoral Teams
- The use of specialist strategies when appropriate
- Close liaison with parents and guardians
- Collaboration with outside agencies
- Specialist support delivered through targeted interventions
- Daily individual support and guidance

Access to the ASD Resourced Provision

Places within the ASD Resourced Provision at De La Salle are allocated by St Helens Education Authority and are **not** determined by proximity to the school. To be considered for a place, a student must have:

- An Education, Health and Care Plan (EHCP)
- A diagnosis of Autistic Spectrum Condition

Requests for a place can be made through the EHCP review process.

It is recommended that families interested in our ASD Provision attend a visit to De La Salle with a member of our Learning Support Team and that this begins as early as the Annual Y5 EHCP Review.

Students with ASD Who Are Not in the Designated Provision

A student who has a diagnosis of Autism but do not meet the criteria for a Resourced Provision place will still receive support but this will be tailored to the individual student.

De La Salle is committed to providing an **ASD-friendly mainstream environment**, in line with expectations across all mainstream secondary schools.