



Fairmead School

Local Offer



Fairmead School is a specialist provision for pupils with Moderate Learning Difficulties (MLD) and Autistic Spectrum Disorder (ASD) between the ages of 4-19 years old. The broad range of additional SEN needs include-Cognition and Learning, associated Social, Mental and Emotional Health and Sensory. All pupils have an Education and Health Care plans and reside within South Somerset or neighbouring Local Authorities. Each placement is managed through the Local Authority's SEND case work team.



Prospective pupils and their families are very welcome to look around the school. Our Inclusion Co-ordinator will be the first point of contact, welcoming new parents, and managing the admission process. Working in partnership with parents/carers, this initial meeting will seek to discuss all aspects of their Child's SEN to determine if the school can best meet the SEND.

A great team of Teachers, HLTA's and Learning Support Assistants are the key contact for parents and carers on a daily basis. Working together in a child-focussed approach, they support and guide each child to make the best progress in their learning journey during their time at Fairmead school.

The teaching team is responsible for target setting, planning and evaluating your child's progress throughout the year; subject specialist teachers deliver a broad based curriculum up to GCSE.

Transition to Further Education and Adult Services is an essential process to ensure a successful move to their new provision.

Through our Outreach Service and Parent/Carer SEN group, pupils in mainstream settings can also access advice and guidance on many aspects of SEND to support their child. This includes ASD, Communication-STC, Behaviour, Social, and Emotional issues.

Our PFSA works alongside the teachers of the school in support of parents and families, having close links with the Social Care Disability's team, extended school activities and offering training for parents.



On joining the school, all pupils undergo baseline assessments and are assigned to a learning group. Teaching in each learning group is highly differentiated to meet the needs of each learner. Progress over time is assessed against individual learning targets. Fairmead is a Somerset Total Communication-friendly school. All staff deploy STC strategies in their work with the children and young people across the school. This is further supported by the Integrated Therapy Services. Your child may receive additional individual support for literacy and numeracy, delivered by a specialist teacher and support LSA. Some children are on individual learning programmes that are tailored to support their individual learning, and /or social and emotional needs. These may also include: Music, Drama and Social Interaction therapy along with Thrive and Forest School sessions. Whole school assemblies raise pupil awareness on a diverse range of global, national and local issues; Special Mention assembly provides the opportunity for everyone to join together to celebrate the pupils' achievement offer opportunities to foster a sense of whole school community. Pupils know each other well and develop a sense of mutual respect, and enjoy each other's successes.

We offer a creative, stimulating and pupil-centred curriculum that follows the range of National Curriculum subjects up to the level GCSE. This is enhanced and extended through a wide range of off site activities within the locality.

