

THE LOCAL OFFER – 2020-21

Cockburn John Charles Academy's Inclusion Tracker is a register of all students who receive additional support in the following two categories:

SEN Support – Your child will be placed on SEN support if they receive extra intervention in school to support their progress either academically, socially or receive support from an outside agency. Teachers will adapt their work to meet your child's needs.

Educational Health and Care Plan (previously known as a Statement of Educational Need) – Your child has been identified as having additional needs that require extra support to access the curriculum and be fully inclusive within the whole school. Your child may be entitled to additional adult support for their learning and their teachers will adapt their work to meet their needs. Interventions will also be offered to enable your child to make expected progress. Education, health and care will work together to enable your child to achieve set targets and reach their full potential.

WHAT CAN I EXPECT IF I SEND MY CHILD TO COCKBURN JOHN CHARLES ACADEMY?

A personalised approach to learning with the relevant support and adjustments that will maximise your child's learning and progress.

HOW DOES COCKBURN JOHN CHARLES ACADEMY ORGANISE SUPPORT FOR CHILDREN WITH SEN?

The SENCo ensures that students with SEN are making progress by identifying academic areas of need after each Key Assessment Point. Social, Emotional and Mental Health needs are supported via Head/Director of Year or Key Stage, along with support from SENCo. Interventions and the SEN register are reviewed regularly.

WHAT HAPPENS IF MY CHILD HAS A HIGH LEVEL OF NEED?

The SENCo will be involved with your child from the start to plan the transition and make sure they have the necessary support in place from day one. Your child will be monitored regularly and support adjusted where necessary. Relevant assessments will be carried out and intervention applied if needed. Staff will be informed and given advice of what adjustments need to take place in the classroom so your child can access the curriculum at their level. They may be entitled to additional adult support either in the classroom or via separate intervention.

Your child may well be entitled to special arrangements in exams which could include support with reading, a scribe or receiving extra time to complete exams.

WHO OFFERS SUPPORT FOR MY CHILD AT COCKBURN JOHN CHARLES ACADEMY?

The SENCo, Care Support and Guidance team, Directors of Key Stage, Learning Managers, Subject Leaders, Classroom Teachers and Teaching Assistants.

WHAT CLUBS ARE AVAILABLE TO MY CHILD?

All clubs available are accessible to all students for example – Homework support in the LRC and LSU. Enrichment activities are available from curriculum subject areas for catch up sessions and sporting events.

HOW WILL I BE INFORMED ABOUT MY CHILD'S PROGRESS IN SCHOOL?

Every term you will receive a Key Assessment Point report informing you about your child's progress in each subject area, comparing their current attainment against their target grade. You will also be informed about their effort grade in each subject along with attendance information each half term. There is also subject surgery appointments available for all students, once per year for Key Stage 3 and twice per week for Key Stage 4.

Any other information will be communicated with you on an individual basis via your child's teaching staff, SENCo or Director of Key Stage or Learning Manager. There are two Subject Surgery evenings per year where you can meet with the teaching staff to discuss their progress.

WHAT IF MY CHILD NEEDS TRANSPORT TO AND FROM SCHOOL?

If your child has an Education Health and care plan they may be entitled to a taxi or bus pass funded via the local authority. Home to school transport is the responsibility of the local authority. If your child is vulnerable and is not an independent traveller, we can offer travel training to teach your child how to access public transport safely in their local area and support their transition to further education.

WHAT CONTACT CAN MY CHILD EXPECT TO RECEIVE IF THEY TRANSFER FROM A LOCAL PRIMARY SCHOOL?

All children have at least one visit from the Year 7 Learning Manager, SENCo or Assistant Headteacher to find out all about them. If your child has additional needs, the SENCo will also meet with your child in the primary school to plan their transition.

We also offer a Transition programme to students in Year 6 who are transferring from local primary schools for SEN students. This enables the students to have a chance to meet key members of staff, take part in team building exercises and get to know their way around the school. This is in addition to the one day transition event that all students take part in during July.

WHAT WOULD MY CHILD EXPECT TO RECEIVE IF THEY ARE IN RECEIPT OF FREE SCHOOL MEALS, IN A SERVICE FAMILY OR ARE IN LOCAL AUTHORITY CARE?

All schools receive additional funding for students who are in the above three categories. This funding is issued to every school to try to overcome barriers to their learning. Please see the comprehensive list of interventions in the SEN policy, which is available on the school website.

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