



E-ACT West Walsall
Academy

SEND Contact and Support

At E-ACT West Walsall Academy, our students with Special Educational Needs (SEN) are supported by a friendly and skilled team of specially trained staff. Their knowledge and experiences span a wide range of needs, and these staff are likely to encounter students on a regular basis both within lessons and interventions and around the academy.



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Initial Parental Concern

If you have a concern about your child, or believe they have an unmet need, please contact our Area of Need Leads. These are staff trained to identify and support students with a wide range of needs. If you are unsure who is best to refer to, please contact SENDCo or Deputy SENDCo who will refer you onwards.

Area of Need Leads Support and Identification of Need

Once you flag an initial concern, our Area of Need Leads will investigate what support may be required. This may include meeting your child, lesson observations, testing (for Social, Emotional and Mental Health, Medical, Cognition or Speech needs) and questionnaires sent to their teachers.

External Agencies Referrals

If your child requires additional support or testing which is not offered within the academy, we may refer to an external agency.

This includes: Occupational health, School Nurses, Walsall Council Vision and Hearing Impairment, Speech and Language Therapy or Children's and Adolescents Mental Health Support.

Identification, SEN Register & Second Wave Support

If a need is identified through observations and testing, you will be contacted by an Area of Need lead and your child will be added to the SEND register.

Your child may be provided with additional interventions to support their need, such as small group work or in class support.

Education Health Care Plans & Educational Psychology

If your child presents with multiple or significant needs, the academy may recommend applying for an Education Health Care Plan (EHCP) to provide funding and support. This can take up to a year and your child may meet with an Educational Psychologist, to support in identifying their needs.

External Assessments & Diagnosis

There are a number of needs we as a department cannot diagnose but may identify traits of. This includes needs such as dyslexia, autism, anxiety or depression and vision or hearing impairments. If you are concerned about needs we cannot diagnose we may recommend you book a GP appointment or contact School Nurses.

School Nurses Contact Number : 01922 423349