

Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) at Alec Reed Academy

At Alec Reed Academy, we believe every child is unique and deserves the opportunity to thrive in a supportive and inclusive environment. We are committed to identifying and supporting the individual needs of all our pupils, including those with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND).

Our Vision

We aim to create an environment where all students feel valued, respected, and empowered to reach their full potential. We believe in early identification, collaborative working with families, and tailored support strategies to enable positive outcomes for all learners.

Our SEND Provision

Our SEND team works closely with teachers, support staff, and parents to ensure that children with additional needs receive the support they require. We follow the graduated approach of **Assess, Plan, Do, Review**, and align with the **SEND Code of Practice**.

We provide:

- In-class support and targeted small group learning opportunities
- Individualised learning plans and pastoral support
- Access to a wide range of specialist resources and strategies
- Regular reviews and communication with parents and carers

We also offer the Wellcomm Project, an evidence-based speech and language toolkit that helps us identify and support children with speech, language and communication needs from an early stage.

Working with External Professionals

There may be times when we need to refer to external professionals to gain extra support for your child. These services offer specialist knowledge and strategies that can further enhance the support we provide in school.

We may work with the following professionals:

- **Educational Psychology (EP)** – supporting learning, behaviour, and emotional needs
(<https://www.ealingfamiliesdirectory.org.uk/kb5/ealing/directory/service.page?id=taV36bzyQrA&localofferchannel=0>)
- **Speech & Language Therapy (SALT)** – for communication and language development
(https://www.ealingfamiliesdirectory.org.uk/kb5/ealing/directory/service.page?id=jEvPsTV_LRU&localofferchannel=0)

- **Occupational Therapy (OT)** – developing skills needed for everyday tasks (<https://www.ealingfamiliesdirectory.org.uk/kb5/ealing/directory/service.page?id=TnNwGxtCtJY&localofferchannel=0>)
- **Child Development Team (CDT)** – assessing developmental needs (<https://www.ealingfamiliesdirectory.org.uk/kb5/ealing/directory/service.page?id=sVVlyjdi1fM&localofferchannel=0>)
- **Child and Adolescent Mental Health Service (CAMHS)** – mental health and wellbeing (<https://www.westlondon.nhs.uk/our-services/child-and-adolescent/camhs>)
- **Sensory Impairment Service (SENS)** – for hearing and vision support (https://www.ealingfamiliesdirectory.org.uk/kb5/ealing/directory/service.page?id=kcSCtsLdc_o)

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Click here to visit the **Ealing Children's Services YouTube channel**, where you can find helpful videos from Speech and Language Therapy, Occupational Therapy, and Physiotherapy teams. (<https://www.youtube.com/user/EalingChildren>)

Supporting Our Families

We work in partnership with parents and carers every step of the way. We provide guidance, regular updates, and invite you to meetings and workshops to keep you informed and involved.

Transitions

We understand that moving from one stage of education to another can be a significant and sometimes challenging time for children with SEND and their families. At Alec Reed Academy, we place a strong emphasis on ensuring smooth and well-supported transitions for all our pupils.

We support transitions by:

- Holding transition meetings with parents, previous or next settings, and other professionals
- Providing additional visits to new classrooms or schools where appropriate
- Sharing detailed transition plans with new teachers and support staff
- Ensuring all relevant information, including support strategies and assessments, is transferred securely and in a timely manner
- Whether your child is starting school, moving up a key stage, or transitioning to secondary school or further education, we are here to support every step of the way.

Further Support

In addition to the services we offer, the following resources may be helpful for families:

- West London NHS Trust – Self Help Apps and Websites
- Bed Wetting – In Children and Young People (<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/bedwetting/>)

- 12 Top Tips for Teeth (<https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/healthy-teeth-and-gums/how-to-keep-your-teeth-clean/>)
- Sleep Hygiene Advice – NHS (<https://www.nhs.uk/every-mind-matters/mental-wellbeing-tips/how-to-fall-asleep-faster-and-sleep-better/>)
- Fussy Eating – Support Guide (<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/baby/weaning-and-feeding/fussy-eaters/>)

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Please reach out to the school for physical copies or access to these resources if needed.

SEN and Inclusion Videos

These helpful videos support all parents, especially those who may be concerned about their child's needs:

General Support

What to do if your child needs extra support? (4:07 min) – Parents offer advice and reassurance for those new to the SEND process.

(<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=g5K3Bj-ntuc>)

How to help your child get ready for school (4:33 min) – Tips and routines to prepare for starting school. (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tp3mlgepvv4>)

Working in partnership to support your child (2:53 min) – Advice on sharing information with professionals. (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Uz11JuxJ4Cc&feature=youtu.be>)

Understanding Specific Conditions

What is autism? (3:58 min) – A young person explains autism to parents.

(<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Z2QHE0nitE0>)

How can I support my autistic child? (2:46 min) – Tips and resources for families.

(<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Z2QHE0nitE0&feature=youtu.be>)

SEND Services in Ealing

What is speech and language therapy? (2:03 min) – An introduction from the local SALT team. (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5sC6saWIC6Y&feature=youtu.be>)

Where to go for help with communication concerns (2:45 min)

How will Speech & Language help my child? (2:42 min)

(<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=P0mEUeUQzuY>)

SEND Support Project by ESDEG (2:13 min) – Explains the additional support services available in Ealing. (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cuTXNH6Ys-E>)

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For more, visit the Ealing Speech and Language Team YouTube channel.

<https://www.youtube.com/@ealinggridforlearning>

Contact Us

If you have any questions or concerns about your child's needs, please contact our SEND team:

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We're here to support your child's journey every step of the way.