SEND Information Report 2024-2025

This Special Educational Needs and/or Disability (SEND) Information Report has been compiled using the information required as set out in the Special Educational Needs and/or Disability Code of Practice and Regulations 2014. **SEND Broad Areas of Need** (**Appendix A** of this information report provides more information).

The SEND Code of Practice: 0-25 years, details these as:

1. Communication and Interaction

- 2. Cognition and Learning
- 3. Social, Emotional and Mental Health difficulties
- 4. Sensory and/or Physical Needs

General Sc	hool Details:
School	The Grange Academy
Name:	, and country
School	https://www.thegrangeacademy.co.uk/
website	14,7,7
Type of	Academy
school:	
Descripti	All –Through Mainstream (Nursery to Secondary)
on of	
school:	
Does our	Yes
school	KS1/2 Autistic Spectrum Condition (ASC) Resource Bases with 22 places
have	KS3/4 ASC Resource Base with 16 places across the Key Stages
resource	
base?	
Yes	
If Yes	
please	
provide a	
brief	
descripti	
on.	
Number	Whole School: 1185
on roll:	Primary 372
	Secondary 813
% of	Total – 311 26.2%
children	Primary – 84 – 22.5%
at the	Secondary - 227 – 28%
school	
with	
SEND:	
Date of	May 2022
last	
Ofsted:	
Awards	
that the	

school holds:	
Accessibil	The school meets all relevant accessibility requirements as required under DDA. See
ity	Accessibility Policy.
informati	
on about	
the	
school:	
Please	https://www.thegrangeacademy.co.uk/downloads/policy/2024-
provide a	2025/accessibility_policy_2024-2025.pdf
web link	
to your	
school's	
Accessibil	
ity	
Strategy	
Expertise	Louise McPartland: BSc Psychology 2002, GTP, Post Graduate Certificate in Educational
and	Leadership 2010, Post Graduate Dipolma, Post Graduate Certificate, NPQH 2018,
training of	National Award for SEN Coordination 2021, Specialist assessor in assessing for access
school-	arrangements
based	Rachel Salisbury: BSc Psychology 2006, PGCE Primary Education 2008,
staff about	Certificate in understanding autism in school 2012, Picture Exchange
SEND.	Communication System (PECS) March 2012, National Award for SEN Coordination 2015, NPQSL 2018
(CPD	Kate Stockton: BA EYFS 2002, QTS, National Award for SEN Coordination, NPQSL 2022,
details)	Picture Exchange Communication System (PECS) 2009
Please	Ali Gaywood: (Supply) BSc Social Policy & Administration 2003, GTP 2008, National
comment	Award for SEN Coordination 2022, Inclusive Education Masters 2022
specificall	Gill Bazley: ELKLAN- verbal student with Autism, PECS Nov 2016, Diploma in Medical
y in	Hypnotherapy April 2021
relation to	Vicky Nelson: ELKLAN- verbal student with Autism 2013
autism	SEND Diploma levels 2,3 and 4 2018
and	Val Robertson: TQUK Level 2 Understanding Autism, Cache Level 2 Understanding
include	Children & Young People's Mental Health.
dates.	<u>Vicki Law</u> : ELKLAN- verbal student with Autism ELKLAN in July 2016, ELSA, Mental Health First Aid
	Maxine Follon: ELKLAN, PECS – March 2012, Lego Therapy June 2017
	Louise Downey: ELKLAN, BA Hons Degree (1st class) - Education & Special Educational
	Needs - July 2014 MA Disability Studies - Post Grad Diploma (1st class) - Aug 2016.
	<u>Claire Lofts</u> : ELKLAN, Advanced Certificate in Understanding Autism In Your School -
	Level 5 Canterbury Christ Church University - June 2014
	Nicola Taylor: ELKLAN speech and language - 2016
	Lisa Winn – ELKLAN, PECS training - June 2018 Tipa Kayll NCEE Lovel 2 cortificate in principles of working with individuals with learning
	<u>Tina Kayll-NCFE</u> Level 2 certificate in principles of working with individuals with learning disabilities – September 2014. Qualified in Art Therapy.
	Joanne Asbury-Elkan Speech and Language Level 3 - June 2006.
	Joanne Gayter- ELKLAN level 2 – 2010, Mental Health First Aid
	Shelley O'Connor - BA (Hons) with QTS - NPQSL
	Elizabeth Rose - BA (Hons) Primary Education with QTS ELKLAN - 2023
	Joleigh Berry - CACHE Level 3 diploma in supporting teaching and learning - foundation
	degree in education - bachelor degree with honours in education

	Emily Guy - T-Level education and childcare		
	Taylor Reynolds BA Hons Health & Social Wellbeing, PGCE - Liverpool John Moore's, NQT		
	- Mersey Boroughs ITT Partnership		
	Jason Ho	orsler – Hig	gher diploma in Education
	Emily Da	<u>avies</u> - Prin	nary PGCE with QTS.
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Range of Provision and inclusion information:

How we identify special educational learning needs as a school and how we seek the views, opinions and voice of pupils and their parents in planning to meet them.

- When students have identified SEND before they start at The Grange Academy, school liaise with the people who already know them and use the information they have available to identify and support SEND needs.
- All teachers are teachers of SEND and provide Quality First Teaching in the first instance, as detailed in the SEND code of practice 2015. School follows the graduated approach using the Assess Plan Do Review cycle.
- If a student does not appear to be making the same level of progress as other students of their age despite Quality First Teaching a concern will be raised and appropriate assessment will be undertaken if necessary. We will consult other professionals to identify possible barriers to their learning. Parents and carers will be involved at all stages.
- We are student and family centred and at all times we seek the views, opinions and voice of

students and their parents and involve them in all decision making and planning to meet student's needs.

- When we assess SEND we discuss if needs and difficulties are the same at school as at home; we take this into account in our work to help students.
- We will write plans with students and parents/carers. Interventions and strategies are agreed, reviewed and amended on a regular basis.
- We use homework to embed and practice activities that are new and present an achievable challenge.
- Baseline assessment starts as soon as the student arrives.
- Secondary specific School hosts weekly internal Investigation and Assessment meetings attended by key representatives of SEND, safeguarding & attendance.
- Year 7 cohort baselined within Autumn Term1.

What extra support we bring in to help us meet SEND: specialist services, external expertise and how we work together. For example health, social care, local authority support services and voluntary sector organisations.

- We have Autism specialist teachers and teaching assistants within the resource base department.
- We also have a team of Teaching Assistants who support students across the school.
- We have an internal team to support and direct work with external agencies covering all four areas of need.
- We have support from specialist teachers for accessing the curriculum and additional input for specific needs e.g. speech, language and communication, visual and hearing impairment, autism spectrum conditions, moderate / severe learning difficulties and specific learning difficulties.
- We get support from local authority services (including educational psychologists) and liaise with other trust schools in order to share good practice and expertise.
- We have support from health services including CAMHS and a school nurse.
- We have systems for contact with social care where appropriate. All school staff are fully up to date with safeguarding training and use CPOMS as a method of recording and logging any concerns.
- We are supported by occupational therapy and physiotherapy for students who require this input and specific resources.

We will hold multi-professional meetings. At these meetings the following types of discussions will take place; what will be put into place in school, agree targets for student's achievement. Contact details for specialist services can be found on the local authorities website-Local Offer. Local Offer | Halton's Local Offer (haltonchildrenstrust.co.uk) How we provide access to a supportive Specialist equipment to support the environment; ICT facilities/equipment/ curriculum. resources/facilities etc. Individual work spaces and breakout areas. Access to ICT resources such as i-Pad, laptop, visualiser. Students' profiles are adapted by our ICT technician to be personalised to student's visual needs Prompt and reminder cards for organisation. Symbols and visual prompts. Sensory rooms. Systems for hearing impaired students e.g. radio aids. Differentiated resources for visually impaired students, including coloured books and overlays. Inclusion centre for student drop-in available at break and lunch times (secondary). We are a DDA (Disability Discrimination Act) compliant school We liaise with specialist services to identify and support specific and identified needs. Fully staffed pastoral team to support both through referral and also emergency, this includes ELSA and hypnotherapy expertise. What strategies/programmes/resources are KS1/2 and KS3/4 ASC Resource Bases. used to support pupils with autism and social ASC specialist teachers and teaching communication difficulties? assistants across all phases in the resource bases. Autism specific assessments. National Autistic Society resources used for students with autism. All staff fully trained by AET. Sensory rooms available for EYFS/KS1/KS2/KS2 and KS4 children who need them. In-class support from Teaching Assistants to support strategies and interventions in class including visual supports. Range of language resources and programme materials to form small group/one to one social skill intervention including Bucket therapy, Lego

Therapy, Talk About and ELSA.

Specific assessment programme used throughout school (Primary and Secondary) in order to target support and next steps (Bsquared) Support from TA for small group or individual work including comic strip conversations, social stories, organisational and emotion work. Intervention from speech & language therapist. Elklan strategies to support students with Autism. Access to quieter areas at unstructured times. Support parents where appropriate to enable consistency of strategies. Regular communication with parents to share strategies. Parent information sessions with guest speakers What strategies/programmes/resources are Wellcomm is used within the primary phase available to speech and language difficulties? as a precursor to referral to speech and language as well as a tool to support school based interventions. A speech and language therapist from Communicate completes initial assessments, blocks of teaching and reviews for student on their caseloads alongside other therapists. In-class support from Teaching Assistants. Small group/one to one speech and language interventions/programmes. Range of language resources and programme materials including ELKLAN resources. Access to quieter areas at unstructured times. Symbols used to support children alongside their expressive and receptive language Strategies to support the development of Quality First Teaching and focus groups literacy (reading /writing). initially. Literacy tree programme used throughout **Primary** Small group support in class for guided reading/writing. Accelerated Reader programme Form time literacy activities in Secondary Withdrawal into target groups or 1:1 sessions for intervention programmes aimed at developing reading/writing skills. Continued Professional Development training for all staff across the school. Assessment of reading ages.

	 Lexonic/Lexonic Leap Essential letters and sounds (ELS) phonics scheme Teaching and learning team from EYFS-KS4 to support and drive the improvement of reading/writing and to ensure it is woven throughout the curriculum. Primary literacy SEN flowchart. Includes referrals where relevant to outside agencies and follow up interventions Precision Teaching intervention Morph Mastery intervention
	Whole school reading strategy which includes 100 timetabled minutes of reading over 2 weeks.
Strategies to support the development of numeracy.	 Quality First Teaching and focus groups initially. Small group support in class by teaching assistants. Withdrawal in a small group for 'catch up' maths activities, using specific programmes for identified students. Withdrawal by teaching assistant for 1:1 support and intervention. Use of specialist maths resources online for reinforcement. Practical maths resources available for use Specific maths assessment to identify gaps e.g. Basic Number Screening or Sandwell to support planning and next steps Teaching and learning team from EYFS-KS4 to support and drive the improvement of numeracy and to ensure it is woven throughout the curriculum.
How we adapt the curriculum and modify teaching approaches to meet SEND and facilitate access.	 Personalised and differentiated curriculum via Quality First Teaching Focus on collaborative working and high expectations for all using the I do, We do, You do model Teaching Assistants providing support inclass and withdrawal when appropriate Targeted intervention sessions. Specialist equipment and differentiation of resources to suit individual needs. SEND plans for identified students. School / year group provision mapping Strategies put into place as provided by professionals / specialist services / outreach. Small group transition support. SEND monitoring of progress completed by leaders

How we track and assess pupil progress	Student progress is tracked using the Plan-Do
towards the outcomes that we have targeted	Review cycle outlined in the SEND Code of
for pupils (including how we involve pupils	Practice 2015 including annual reviews.
and their parents/carers).	Observation.
What we do when provision or interventions	 Tracking and Target setting
need to be extended or increased and how	 Student Support Plans
we evaluate their overall effectiveness.	 Individual pastoral/behaviour support plans where appropriate.
	 Impact of interventions is regularly reviewed
	 SMART targets, reading/spelling/maths ages
	 Multi Agency Plan (MAP)
	 External professionals undertaking assessment.
	Regular communication and meetings with
	parents.
	SEND data reviews.
	B Squared
	Book Looks
	 Pupil and parent voice
	Wellcomm
	 LUCID screening
Strategies/support to develop independent	Use of individual timetables and checklists.
learning.	Task lists/now and next board
rearring.	'Chunking' of activities.
	Individual success criteria.
	Visual prompts.
	SMSC curriculum.
	Modified TA support to enhance
	independent learning.
	 Access to a broad and balanced curriculum
	for all.
	 Regular reviews of progress.
	 Provision of regular and purposeful feedback
	to students.
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	Constant modelling by staff
	Working walls
	Focus on collaborative working and high avanctations for all using the Lde. We do. You do.
	expectations for all using the I do, We do, You do model
	model
Support /supervision at unstructured times	Mid-day supervisors provide support at all
of the day including personal care	lunchtimes.
arrangements.	Named teaching staff are also allocated to
	supervise at break.
	Designated staff responsible for personal sare for named students.
	care for named students.
	 Drop in access to SEND resource base / play area/inclusion centre at break and/or lunchtimes
	for identified students.
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Extended school provision available; before and after school, holidays etc.	 Resource base children eat within a familiar environment. Teachers and TAs complete lunch time duties on a rota There is a Link Club attached to the school but this runs independently from the school which is open before and after school, and during the holidays. Please also refer to the full list of whole school extracurricular activities. Summer school Pastoral drop off session for specific invited children who require a soft landing to the school day
How will we support pupils to be included in activities outside the classroom (including school trips) working alongside their peers who do not have SEND?	 During school trips appropriate support and risk assessments are made for identified student needs. Keyworkers can work with students to prepare them for any such activities and if appropriate, TA support may be provided. SEND students are included in all enrichment and after school activities according to their preference and suitability.
Strategies used to reduce anxiety, prevent	Whole school teaching of SMSC including
bullying, promote emotional well-being and develop self-esteem including mentoring.	 ESafety where appropriate. Whole school implementation of THASP (The Happy at School Project) to support emotional well-being and self-esteem. Planned support from teaching assistants. Meet and greet at start of day. Emotion check ins. Regular parent contact (planned for based on individual need). Parental contact session as appropriate. Use of sensory rooms. Social and emotional skill support– including relaxation and calming techniques etc. Reduced and bespoke personalised timetable. Quiet, secure base at unstructured times. Modified curriculum as appropriate. Referral to CAMHS. Celebrate differences: Autism Awareness Week. ELSA Hypnotherapy Mental Health First Aid Pastoral team across school

What strategies can be put in place to support behaviour management?

- Consistent use of the school's behaviour policy including whole-school reward systems.
- Pastoral team liaises with key individuals
- Waved reporting system is adapted to meet the needs of SEND learners
- Positive behaviour support plans
- Pastoral Support plans
- Provision of small group/one-to-one sessions supporting positive behaviour strategies and anger management.
- Key worker identified.
- Time-out support.
- Referral to Support and intervention from PBSS (Positive Behaviour Support Team).
- Follow School Behaviour Toolkit Checklist
- De-escalation techniques- positive handling/grounding plans where necessary.

How we support pupils in their transition into our school and when they leave us *and* in preparing for adulthood.

- Identified staff to support transition.
- Early discussions with feeder schools.
- Transition visits are completed with Nursery/Primary Schools/colleges including follow-up meetings.
- A two-day transition programme is undertaken for all Year 6 students who have been given a place.
- Regular meetings with parents when necessary.
- Transition plans for individual student if appropriate, including opportunities for student to meet with new staff.
- Social stories and visual prompts for students.
- Work through SMSC curriculum on managing and preparing for change and preparing for adulthood where appropriate.
- In secondary phase keyworkers are identified at the earliest opportunity to establish consistency.
- Meetings with Halton Careers education service take place from year 9.
- Mock interviews for college courses are conducted for identified vulnerable students.
- Supported college visits are conducted where necessary to ease the transition into a post-16 environment.
- Work experience placements are tailored to individual students.
- Travel Training.
- Careers Fayre.
- Parent stay and play sessions in EYFS

	 Parent meetings during settling period in EYFS Mid year starter tour of the school with parents
Access to strategies, resources, programmes, therapists to support occupational therapy/ physiotherapy needs and medical needs.	 Intervention from physiotherapy / occupational therapy team Assessment and individual programmes. Specialist resources. Delivery of planned intervention programme by member of school staff. Close liaison with medical staff where required. Staff training for managing particular medical needs. Lift passes (and Evac-chairs) for identified students to aid movement throughout the school building. Long term reduced timetable for individuals with specific medical needs where needed.
Extra support for parents and carers and pupils offered by the school/how parents are involved in their child's education.	 Student views are very important and we have a Student leadership team Key workers are available who they know to go to if they require support / advice. Regular meetings with parents/carers. Online platforms to facilitate school-home communication. Provision of progress tutors and progress leaders to all students in the secondary phase. We hold review meetings with parents of SEN pupils. The school will signpost appropriate groups and organisations that are relevant for your family's needs. The school works closely with the Local Authority including the locality team and will support families through a MAP. Also includes referrals for short breaks or family support workers Coffee sessions for targeted parents linked to need MHST referrals that include parents in therapy Resource Base information sessions with external agencies such as the Local Authority.
How additional funding for SEND is used within the school with individual pupils.	Schools receive funding for all students including those with special educational needs and disabilities and they meet students' needs through this (including additional support and equipment, alternative provision where necessary). The local authority may contribute if

the cost of meeting an individual's needs are significant.

- Variety of interventions and in class support to deliver strategies as detailed in Education, Health and Care Plans.
- Discretionary top up funding is also used for bespoke interventions and in class support.
- Employment of Teaching Assistants to run intervention sessions.
- The provision of in-class support.
- Development and delivery of personalised timetables to meet students' individual needs.
- Provision of dedicated rooms to support students on temporary and/or reduced timetables due to issues of challenging behaviour and/or vulnerability.
 - Specialist equipment-overlays, coloured books, sensory items
 - Provision of Keyworkers.
 - B Squared to track and monitor progress and identify next steps in learning.
 - The provision for looked after students is delivered by a member of the SEND team and; therefore, individual SEND needs are fully catered for.
 - Catch up premium is used for specific interventions and resources.
 - Staff training and development.
 - Pupil premium funding is applied for to meet individual need via the PEP process for LAC students with SEND.
 - Needs are identified and PP bids are made on an individual basis

Arrangements for supporting pupils who are looked after by the local authority and have SEND. Including examples of how pupil premium is used within the school.

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- Needs are identified and PP bids are made on an individual basis
- Member of the school's leadership team is specifically responsible for the pupil premium plan and its successful implementation

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SEND Broad Areas of Need

	Communication and Interaction
6.28	Children and young people with speech, language and communication needs (SLCN) have
	difficulty in communicating with others. This may be because they have difficulty saying what
	they want to, understanding what is being said to them or they do not understand or use
	social rules of communication. The profile for every child with SLCN is different and their
	needs may change over time. They may have difficulty with one, some or all of the different
	aspects of speech, language or social communication at different times of their lives.
6.29	Children and young people with ASD, including Asperger's Syndrome and Autism, are likely
	to have particular difficulties with social interaction. They may also experience difficulties
	with language, communication and imagination, which can impact on how they relate to
	others.

	Cognition and Learning
6.30	Support for learning difficulties may be required when children and young people learn at a
	slower pace than their peers, even with appropriate differentiation. Learning difficulties
	cover a wide range of needs, including moderate learning difficulties (MLD), severe learning
	difficulties (SLD), where children are likely to need support in all areas of the curriculum and
	associated difficulties with mobility and communication, through to profound and multiple
	learning difficulties (PMLD), where children are likely to have severe and complex learning
	difficulties as well as a physical disability or sensory impairment.
6.31	Specific learning difficulties (SpLD), affect one or more specific aspects of learning. This
	encompasses a range of conditions such as dyslexia, dyscalculia and dyspraxia.

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Social, Emotional and Mental Health difficulties Children and young people may experience a wide range of social and emotional difficulties which manifest themselves in many ways. These may include becoming withdrawn or isolated, as well as displaying challenging, disruptive or disturbing behaviour. These behaviours may reflect underlying mental health difficulties such as anxiety or depression, self-harming, substance misuse, eating disorders or physical symptoms that are medically unexplained. Other children and young people may have disorders such as attention deficit

	Sensory and/or Physical Needs
6.34	Some children and young people require special educational provision because they have a disability which prevents or hinders them from making use of the educational facilities generally provided. These difficulties can be age related and may fluctuate over time. Many children and young people with vision impairment (VI), hearing impairment (HI) or a multisensory impairment (MSI) will require specialist support and/or equipment to access their learning, or habilitation support. Children and young people with an MSI have a combination of vision and hearing difficulties. Information on how to provide services for deafblind children and young people is available through the Social Care for Deafblind Children and Adults guidance published by the Department of Health (see the References section under Chapter 6 for a link).
6.35	Some children and young people with a physical disability (PD) require additional ongoing support and equipment to access all the opportunities available to their peers.

disorder, attention deficit hyperactive disorder or attachment disorder.