



Ash Villa School - Local Offer

What does Ash Villa School offer young people with Special Educational Needs and/or a learning disability?

Ash Villa School works closely with all the educational providers our students are accessing upon admission. If your child is admitted to Ash Villa and has SEN and/or a learning disability our SENCO will liaise with your child's mainstream SENCO to ensure that the required level of support is put in place at Ash Villa School to meet your child's needs.

What specialist expertise and facilities does Ash Villa School have?

Ash Villa School will work closely with external agencies such as the educational psychology service, Tier 4 CAHMS provision and mainstream schools to ensure that any identified needs, or concerns that emerge during admission, are addressed.

In addition the school has a close working relationship with the Ash Villa Inpatient Unit to ensure continuity of care and provision.

How will Ash Villa School allocate the specialist expertise and personalised support for your child?

Ash Villa School will ensure that, through liaising with your child's educational provider, there is a continuation of care and support while your child is at Ash Villa School. This may take the form of existing support coming to Ash Villa School to continue to work with your child, staff at Ash Villa School taking on the current support or a third party being identified by Ash Villa School and providing support until discharge.

Who provides the provision and support for your child at Ash Villa School?

The staff at Ash Villa School will support your child on a day-to-day basis. They will liaise closely with your child's existing educational provider and the exact form the support at Ash Villa School will take will be dependent upon your child's specific needs.

What training and experience do Ash Villa School staff have to meet your child's needs?

All teaching staff at Ash Villa School hold Child Protection qualifications. Several members of the teaching staff have counselling qualifications. There are several qualified first-aiders on the teaching staff. All our staff have experience of working with young people experiencing mental health difficulties. The school has a designated safeguarding officer and all staff have completed team teach training on positive intervention strategies.

What support will there be to ensure your child's emotional health and well-being?

The teaching staff fulfil personal tutor roles. The school has a code of conduct relating to behaviour alongside an anti-bullying policy. The school's PSHE curriculum promotes the positive behaviours initiative. The school staff are aware of the difficulties that our students are experiencing and work closely with the medical team at Ash Villa to ensure we are up-to-date with every student's current presentation. The school has a secure, tranquil garden area for our students to use and an on-site fitness suite. Every young person is treated individually by the Ash Villa School staff and the ethos of respectful interactions in a calm, safe environment is modelled constantly by the school staff.

Who will be involved in delivering, monitoring and reviewing your child's educational, health and care plan?

The SENCO at Ash Villa School will work closely with the SENCO of your child's educational provider to ensure that the needs of the plan are met.

How will your child be involved in the process and able to contribute their views?

The school attends all review meetings and reports on our students educational progress in these. Prior to the review meetings your child's tutor and/or the Headteacher will meet with your child to discuss their education. While at Ash Villa School your child will be supported by a small team that provide continuity so they can develop an effective relationship with your child.

How will the curriculum be matched to your child's needs?

Ash Villa School will work closely with your child's current educational provider to ensure continuity of work while they are at Ash Villa. In addition, teaching staff at Ash Villa will construct an individual timetable with your child that provides them with the option of accessing the Ash Villa School curriculum during their admission. All student's work is continually monitored to ensure that tasks are set at an appropriate level.

What opportunities will there be for you to discuss your child's attainment and achievement? How will you know how well your child is progressing?

Ash Villa School operates an 'open-door' policy where you can arrange a meeting with the Headteacher in school, or telephone them at your convenience, to discuss your child's education. Ash Villa School also hosts parents meetings and provides written reports twice a year. A member of the teaching team will attend the review meetings that take place on the Ash Villa hospital unit throughout your child's admission.

How will your child be included in activities outside the classroom including school trips?

Upon admission you will be asked to sign a consent form to enable your child to access educational visits at Ash Villa School. Once this is signed, subject to medical clearance, your child will be able to join the school on any of our educational visits. Ash Villa School operates a fully inclusive policy regarding educational visits and no visit would be planned that prevents one of our students from attending due to physical limitations.

How accessible is the school environment? How accessible is the school's curriculum?

The school has an equality and diversity strategy and action plan which incorporates an accessibility plan. The school environment is accessible to all our students including wheelchair users. The school curriculum is matched to the individual needs of our students.

How will Ash Villa School prepare and support your child to join the school?

Whenever possible, during a pre-admission visit to Ash Villa, the Headteacher will provide you and your child with a tour of the school and discuss any concerns you may have. However, if this is not possible, upon admission your child will have a meeting with the Headteacher to discuss their education and their needs. Following this meeting the Headteacher will contact your child's current educational provider and ensure that Ash Villa School staff are fully aware of any needs your child has. Integration into Ash Villa School will take place at a pace identified as appropriate by the Headteacher, following consultation with your child, their current educational provider and the Ash Villa medical team.

How will Ash Villa School prepare and support your child to transfer to a new setting/school/college?

Ash Villa School staff are very experienced in supporting our students to return to their educational providers or new settings through reintegration packages that are put together in consultation with your child, yourselves, the education provider and Ash Villa education and medical team.

How can you be involved in supporting your child?

If you have any concerns or questions regarding your child's education please contact the Headteacher who will be happy to address these or, if unable to do so, make contact with colleagues who can.

How can you access support for yourself and your family?

The Lincolnshire County Council website has information regarding various agencies that provide specific support for a variety of needs, including the Local Authority Local Offer. If this does not address the needs of you and your family please contact the Headteacher at Ash Villa School.

Who can you contact at Ash Villa School for further information?

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