

Statement on Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND)

At Kidderminster College we work hard to provide a safe, secure, inclusive and supportive learning environment for all of our students and to offer learning opportunities for all. This includes ensuring that our learners with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities feel welcome, inspired and supported to achieve their potential.

We offer a range of support services and our award-winning support teams can help whether you need assistive technology, support with your wellbeing or academic support in the classroom. We offer pastoral support as well as specialised support for learners with a range of disabilities such as Autism, ADHD, PDA and more.

Find out more about the support available at

<https://www.kidderminster.ac.uk/support/student-support/>

Starting College

We ask learners to disclose a disability or learning need at the time of application, so that we can assess and work with you to ensure that you receive the support you need during your time with us.

Learners who disclose an EHCP or disability at application or enrolment are contacted by the support team prior to starting college to help set up appropriate support and transition.

We work in close partnership with local authorities and schools to ensure that learners can be supported with a smooth transition into college. This includes attending year 11 reviews as appropriate and transition visits.

We have stringent safeguarding procedures in place, alongside inclusion plans to ensure reasonable adjustments are in place in the classroom to ensure that all learners can access learning and be supported to succeed.

Facilities and Access

Kidderminster College is committed to providing reasonable access to all of our services, buildings and facilities.

Our campus and all of our buildings are fully accessible, with a number of accessible toilets across every campus as well as prioritised access to lifts for those who require it. We also have hoist facilities at our main campus to support with personal care needs.

We have additional facilities in place for learners including:

- Life Skills dedicated areas for students who need structured support,
- Wellbeing Hub for students who need a safe space

- Trained First Aiders in every campus
- Mental Health First Aiders for students experiencing mental health distress.
- Assistive equipment for those with mobility needs

We work closely with the Hearing and Visual Impairment Teams to ensure that learners have access to assistive technology, adaptive materials and alternative formats as required.

There are designated accessible bays available at all sites and we are always ready to make reasonable adjustments as required. We support the Local Authority transport with ensuring a safe place to drop off students requiring this.

Colleagues are trained to provide appropriate emergency support, and we also implement emergency reaction plans and personal emergency evacuation plans for learners requiring this.

Contact our support teams by emailing: support@kidderminster.ac.uk