



THE AUTISM RESOURCES CENTRE

Welcome

We are an additionally resourced provision for Autistic students in a mainstream secondary academy.

The ARC Provision has been a vital part of Wodensborough for many years. We have a highly trained team of specialist staff, with a vast array of experience that work only within our ASD provision. We provide a well-equipped, multi-purpose base to encourage learning, sensory and social development for our students.

We believe in

- ▶ Passionate and knowledgeable staff
- ▶ Personalisation
- ▶ A supportive and caring environment
- ▶ Providing a variety of learning opportunities
- ▶ Ensuring a safe place to be and learn

"I feel that my son is valued; I can't believe how well he settled here and how much I panicked when he was leaving primary school."

Parent

Our Offer

- ▶ Targeted in-class support
- ▶ 1:1 and small group interventions
- ▶ Social use of Language Programme
- ▶ Talkabout
- ▶ Life skills
- ▶ Sensory development
- ▶ Colour coded timetables linked to curriculum areas
- ▶ Parent support group
- ▶ Opportunity and support for extra-curricular activities
- ▶ Student centred timetable and approach to learning
- ▶ Independent Travel Training
- ▶ Differentiated resources
- ▶ Home support
- ▶ Extended transition arrangements

External Agency Involvement

- ▶ Sandwell SEND and CCAT Team
- ▶ Inclusion Support Services
- ▶ Educational Psychologists
- ▶ CAMHS
- ▶ Speech and Language
- ▶ Autism West Midlands



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Transition

We aim to ensure that the move from Key Stage 2 to Key Stage 3 is a smooth one. The academy offers all children the opportunity to attend a number of full day transition and taster events, in the final half term, where they can meet other new students and some of the teachers they will have in September. Additionally, in order to meet the individual requirements of each child with a place in the ARC, we are able to provide bespoke and extended transition programmes even when a student takes up a mid-year place in the ARC.

"I came here and people understand me."

Student

ARC students who are leaving Wodensborough Ormiston Academy are fully supported in the transitions to their next step in life. ARC Staff support students and their families in Connexions and college or supported apprenticeship interviews. Many students choose to continue their education and move on to FE providers. Transition is facilitated through attending open days, information sessions, taster days and interviews. We also offer independent travel training to ensure our leavers are confident and ready to make the journey to their chosen destination.

Useful Websites

www.autismwestmidlands.org.uk
www.autism.org.uk
www.gov.uk/benefit-enquiry-line
www.sandwellparentpartnership.clicksetgo.co.uk

"The team is always there to help me when I have questions that I need an answer to."

Parent
