

Admissions Statement

Brackenfield Special School is a Local Authority Special School catering for 72 young people from Reception to KS4. We are a generic area special school with specialist school status for cognition and learning. All of our students have learning difficulties and many have associated complex needs such as physical and/or sensory impairments, Autism and/or associated communication and interaction needs, ADHD and social, emotional, mental health needs. Our focus is developing our students into functionally literate young adults taking into account their needs and starting point. We take children from Derbyshire and neighbouring Local Authorities including Derby City, Nottinghamshire and Leicestershire.

We offer:

- Bespoke, individual learning packages with a clear focus on developing functional literacy, numeracy and life skills through all aspects of curriculum and school life
- An expertly developed curriculum offer which is responsive to the needs of all learners from a variety of starting points, through from EYFS (Early Years Foundation Stage) through to preparation to adulthood
- Accredited qualification routes for all levels of learner equipping them for the next stage in their education or future training and employment
- Small classes with a high ratios of specialist staff
- A clear ethos and vision working with young people with SEND
- Support in dealing with the challenges that our young people and parents face particularly with regards to social, emotional and mental health needs and communication through behaviour
- Therapeutic support including Speech and Language Therapy
- A range of interventions to support social, emotional wellbeing and academic progress

We cater for the needs of young people with cognition and learning; specific learning; moderate or severe learning difficulties. It is the statutory responsibility of the local authority to identify appropriate provision in placing young people, taking into account the views of the parents, therefore all admissions go through Derbyshire County Council.