

Theale Green School



ASD Unit

Transition Booklet
2020





In September, I will be starting at Theale Green School.

This booklet will give me information about the ASD unit at Theale Green.

Who works in the unit?



The Head of the unit is Dr Kafka-Markey

Dr Kafka-Markey will work with your teachers and parents to plan what you need in school to be successful.



Second in Charge of ASD Resource – Mrs Banyard



Mrs Pilsbury

Mrs Banyard and Mrs Pilsbury will work with your teachers and parents to help to organise and sort out day to day issues.



Who else works in the unit?



There are other people who also work in the unit

- **Learning mentors**

The learning mentors will help support you in your learning.

They will listen to you if you need to talk to someone and help you to find ways to resolve problems.

- **Specialist therapists**

You may also have sessions with our art therapist, Alison and our yoga therapist, Ellen.

Just like the learning mentors, they will also listen to you if you need to talk to someone and help you to find ways to resolve problems.

What can I do at break and lunch?



There is plenty to do at break and lunch.

Outside Spaces

You can play outside in the designated spaces, which will be shown to you in tutor time. This is a good opportunity to get some air, meet friends and run around if you need to.

The LRC

You can visit the LRC at break and lunch if you want to use the computers or read the books and magazines available.

The Dining Hall

You can go to the restaurant to buy snacks or lunch and you can stay in there with your friends to sit and chat.

Clubs

There are lots of clubs and activities that go on during lunch time. You will be invited to a clubs fair at the beginning of the year so you can choose which ones you want to go to.

Can I stay in the unit at break and lunch?



You can stay in the unit at break and lunch

Activity room

You can stay in the activity room in the unit. There are lots of books, games and puzzles that you can use.

Quiet room

You can sit in the quiet room if you want to be by yourself.

Only unit students are allowed in the unit. This makes sure that the unit remains your safe and quiet space.



Can I use mobile devices in the unit?



Mobile Phones are **not allowed** in school. Once you enter the school site they must be turned off and put in your bag.

The school rules regarding mobile phones apply everywhere.

If you need to speak to your parents, please let us know.

If you need to use your phone to help calm you down, please let us know. We will agree how and when you can use your phone with your parents.



What happens if...

...I'm late to school

If you are late, come to the unit and we will register you and take you to where you need to be.

...My teacher is absent, or changes

If we know the change is likely to upset you, we will always allow the work for the lesson to be collected and brought to the Resource, where you can work with a Learning mentor.

...I'm not feeling well

If you are not well, please tell us and we will help you.

...I can't face going to a lesson

If you can't face going to a lesson, please tell us and we will help to make changes, or to put your mind at rest, so that we can work towards you going to future lessons.

Is there a Homework Club?



If you want to do your homework at school, or need help with your homework, you can come to our homework club.

It is every Tuesday and Thursday after school in the ASD unit, from 3-4pm.

If you can come to school by taxi, the taxi will pick you up at 4pm to take you home.

Who can my parents speak to?



If your parents need to contact the staff in the Resource, you can call the direct line phone number:

01189 308 556 (there is an answering machine service)

Caroline Kafka-Markey (Head of ASD Unit)
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Queries about provision

Julie Banyard (2nd in Charge)
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