For Children with Asperger’s Syndrome and/or Speech, Language and Communication needs
About us.....

We are a school for young people aged 5 to 19 years of age with Asperger's Syndrome and/or speech, language and communication needs. We are situated in picturesque Derbyshire, close to the towns of Matlock, Belper and Wirksworth.

We aim to help young people fulfil their aspirations, develop their independence and equip them with skills and qualifications needed to help them achieve their goals, now and in the future.

Our emphasis is on the provision of a broad, balanced and relevant and curriculum, incorporating the development of daily living skills as our young people progress towards independence. All young people receive daily intervention from a range of specialist staff including one of the largest Speech and Language, Therapy and Occupational Therapy school teams in the United Kingdom.

What Ofsted say.........

Education at Alderwasley Hall is graded ‘Good’

‘Support from a highly skilled and well-trained team of Teaching Assistants makes a good contribution to both teaching and learning, supporting pupils in their work and providing feedback to teachers about what has been learnt in lessons by each student.’

‘Plans for individual students are carefully tailored around their needs and interests in order to re-engage them with education. Opportunities for students to receive a range of therapies to support their language and communication needs and increase their access to the curriculum are well-targeted. Occupational Therapists and Speech and Language Therapists provide appropriate therapies and contribute to the planning and delivery of the curriculum in the classroom as well as other sessions. This cohesive multi-disciplinary approach in which expertise is shared is a strength of the school’s work and has a significant impact in these areas.’

Care at Alderwasley Hall is graded ‘good’ with outstanding features

‘Outcomes for young people are good. Young people make good progress in their overall development as a result of living at home. This is because of the impact of the specialist multi-disciplinary care team who are able to meet the individual needs of each young person. This means young people develop a positive self-view, confidence and increased self esteem.’

‘The quality of the care is outstanding. Young people receive an outstanding quality of care at the home, staff demonstrate enthusiasm and dedication to their work. Young people flourish and develop because of the quality of care they receive. A parent said, ‘you find the right home for the right kid and they blossom. They get their personality and can express themselves’
Overview of the Primary Service

Our Primary Service has been developed to fill a gap in the provision of specialist education and care placements, for younger children aged 5-11 years of age (Key Stage One and Two) where it is identified that the child needs a short to medium term assessment and intervention programme, which, where appropriate, incorporates a transitional plan for the child to return to Local Authority run services. Placements will have a strong emphasis on the assessment of the young person, with involvement from across the range of disciplines including Speech and Language Therapy, Occupational Therapy, Educational Psychology, Social Work Practice and CAMHS.

From the assessment an individualised programme will be developed.

A typical programme will cover:

- The stabilisation of behaviours, the reinforcement of positive attention and a motivation to learn
- The development of social communication and social skills
- Physical health and self awareness
- Emotional wellbeing including increased levels of self confidence and self esteem.

The aim of the programme is to enable the child to reintegrate back into Local Authority maintained provision through an agreed phased transition, if and when appropriate.

Alderwasley Hall School staff will form links with the child's school throughout the placement and will offer outreach training and support to child's direct staff team during the placement and the subsequent transition period.
Key Features of the Service

- Significant input from Occupational Therapy, Speech and Language Therapy, Educational Psychology and Health professionals. CAMHS will also be included where appropriate.

- Individual Education Programme, progression and transition plan, agreed in consultation with the local authority and the family and reviewed regularly.

- Nominated team around the child including teacher, therapist, classroom support and care staff

- Dedicated classroom and play area with informal and formal learning areas and break out rooms

- Small class groups (max 6)

- Communication environment based on visual cues as well as the spoken word

- Family/home support programme

- Possible dual placement between Alderwasley Hall School and LA School

- Option of flexible residential or respite stays
Referrals and Assessments

Alderwasley Hall School and Alderwasley Hall Sixth Form Centre cater for students with speech, language and communication needs (SLCN). The range of difficulties that the school is able to support includes:

- Autistic Spectrum Disorder (ASD) and Aspergers
- A specific language impairment (SLI)
- Selective mutism
- Acquired Brain Injury (ABI)

All of our students’ academic ability lies broadly within the average (or just below the average) range for their age.

We are able to arrange free, no obligation observational assessments.

To make a referral or to find out more about our primary service please contact:

Caroline Eaton, Group Referrals Officer

Tel: 01332 378 840

Email: info@senadgroup.com
How to find us.

From the M1

Leave the M1 at Junction 28 (signed Mansfield, Matlock & A38). Join the A38 following signs for Derby and Matlock. Continue on the A38 for 6 miles. Leave the A38 following signs for A610 Matlock, Ambergate. At the roundabout take the 4th exit. Join the A610 following signs for Matlock & A6. Remain on A610 for 3 miles until the junction with the A6. Turn right onto the A6 and head north towards Matlock. Continue for 2 miles and then turn left onto the B5035. Turn immediately left and continue up the steep hill to Alderwasley Hall School which is on the left.

From Matlock

Leave Matlock via the A6, following signs for Belper and Derby. Remain on the A6 for 5.4 miles until the junction with the B5035. Turn right onto the B5035. Turn immediately left and continue to Alderwasley Hall School.

By Train

The nearest station is Whatstandwell station and is served by trains from Derby, Matlock, Belper and Duffield. Travelling time from London St Pancras to Whatstandwell is three hours with a change at Derby. We are a short taxi ride from the station.

For further information on train times and fares, please call the National Railway Enquiry Line 08457 48 49 50
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Deputy Headteacher: Paul Burrows
Registered Manager: Karen Tatham

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Alderwasley Hall School and Alderwasley Hall Sixth Form Centre, Derbyshire
Age 5-20, day and 38 to 52 wk residential.
Aspergers Syndrome, HFA and communication difficulties.
Tel: (01629) 822586
Email: alderwasley.info@senadgroup.com

Pegasus School, Derbyshire
Age 8-19, day and 38 to 52 wk residential.
Challenging behaviour, severe/complex communication and learning difficulties.
Tel: (01283) 761352
Email: pegasus.info@senadgroup.com

Bladon House School, Derbyshire/Staffs border
Age 5-19, day and 38 to 52 wk residential.
Autism, communication difficulties and moderate to severe learning difficulties.
Tel: (01283) 563787
Email: bladon.info@senadgroup.com

Aran Hall School, Gwynedd
Age 11-19, day and 38 to 52 wk residential.
Learning difficulties, autistic spectrum disorders with severe challenging behaviour including sexually harmful behaviour.
Tel: (01341) 450641
Email: aran.info@senadgroup.com

Rowden House School, Herefordshire
(part of the West Midlands Learning Campus)
Age 11-19, day and 38 to 52 wk residential.
Severe learning difficulties and challenging behaviour.
Tel: (01885) 488096
Email: rowden.info@senadgroup.com

Ecclesbourne Lodge, Derbyshire
A transitional home for young adults requiring specialised care and support.

OneNineFive, Staffordshire
A transitional home for young adults requiring specialised care and support.

To make a referral at either of the homes please contact:
Caroline Eaton
Group Referrals Officer
Tel: 01332 378840

SENAD Community
Our Community Support Service Team is experienced in providing high quality support and personal care to people of all ages. With a person centred approach, they create a team that work with the individual to formulate a plan to enable them to achieve their goals and maximise their potential.

- Learning disabilities
- Physical disability and/or sensory impairment
- Complex health needs
- Rehabilitation needs (post-operative or acquired brain injury)

Support can be provided:
- In the persons home environment
- In the persons school/college environment
- To access community based services and activities
- During a period of transition

For more information about SENAD Community Support Services call:
Tel: (01332) 200 300
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