



## **The Axholme Academy**

### **Specialist Resource Provision Consultation May 2026**

#### **What is a Specialist Resource Provision?**

- They are aimed at supporting children and young people with additional needs to be educated and have their needs met in a mainstream school, with enhanced facilities, by knowledgeable and skilled staff.

#### **Introduction and Objective**

Axholme Academy currently operates a highly successful Specialist Resource Provision (SRP) for students in Years 7 and 8. The provision is designed to support students with Cognition and Learning SEND needs who have the potential to access a mainstream curriculum but require specialist support.

We are now consulting on the formal expansion of this provision to include Year 9, creating a complete and seamless Key Stage 3 specialist pathway.

#### **What will the Specialist Resource Provision be like?**

- The SRP, with the addition of a Year 9 group, will continue to be an integral part of the mainstream school, physically and culturally, with inclusivity and belonging at its core.
- It will be a place for young people with SEND to be educated, with access to all of the benefits of a mainstream environment but with enhanced provision – smaller class sizes, specifically trained staff and a bespoke curriculum.
- The SRP will expand to consist of three teaching groups to meet the needs of the young people placed in the SRP.
- It will belong to the school, be managed by the school and be staffed by the school.
- The local authority will be responsible for providing funding, making placements, and supporting with quality assurance of the provision.

## What are the benefits of the Specialist Resource Provision for the students and the community?

The SRP will strengthen the local community by enabling young people to remain in their local school, fostering inclusive values and relationships.

**Education:** personalised curriculum delivery by trained staff with specialist expertise meeting the needs of pupils with SEND in their local community.

**Accessibility:** pupils with an EHCP can access high-quality education close to home and maintain connections with their local area.

**Inclusion:** integration into mainstream school activities promotes socialisation and a sense of belonging. the reduction in out-of-area placements, fostering a sense of belonging for young people within their local communities.

**Empowerment:** tailored interventions and a bespoke curriculum equip young people with the skills, confidence, and independence needed to thrive and reach their full potential.

## Proposed Structure and Capacity

<b>Current Model from September 2025 (Y7-8. 10 places per year group)</b>	<b>Proposed Model September 2026 (Y7-9. 10 Places per year group)</b>
<b>Capacity:</b> 20 places (Y7 10 places, Y8 10 places).	<b>Capacity:</b> 30 places (Y7 10 places, Y8 10 places, Y9 10 places).

## When will the specialist resource provision be open and accepting students?

- Our ambition is to add the Year 9 group to the current SRP provision in September 2026.
- We are expecting the Department for Education to make their decision about whether we can add the Year 9 group by the end of the academic year 2025/26.
- If formal approval is granted we will commence recruitment for the additional Year 9 group immediately.

## Who is the Specialist Resource Provision for and how is it accessed?

- Access to the Specialist Resource Provision will continue to be for young people who reside in North Lincolnshire through the formal Education, Health and Care Plan process, in accordance with the SEND Code of Practice 2014.

- As part of either the needs assessment or annual review process, children and young people will be assessed as needing either mainstream, mainstream with SEND SRP or specialist setting.
- If identified as requiring a Specialist Resource Provision, consultation with the SRP will take place.
- We recognise that demand for places within the Specialist Resource Provision may be high and that capacity will be limited initially, as we continue to roll out this initiative please be aware that places will not be guaranteed, and all places will be allocated within the existing formalised process.
- Specialist Resource Provisions will be best placed to meet the needs of children and young people who could thrive in a mainstream setting with enhanced support and interventions.
- The SRP is not suitable for children and young people with needs and provision reflective of a Special School or Independent Specialist Provision.
- Children and young people with cognition and learning needs and those with a degree of speech, language and communication needs, may be most suitable to the specialist resource provision - however, as a school we aim to support the growing needs of young people within our locality.
- The SEND SRP will not be suitable for children and young people with significant SEMH needs which presents as behaviour that challenges.

### **How is the Specialist Resource Provision funded and staffed?**

- The Axholme Academy will receive an allocation of funding for each pupil placed in the SRP.
- This funding ensures The Axholme Academy can provide the following
  - three qualified teachers
  - two teaching assistants per group
  - enhanced Sendco time
  - enhanced deputy Sendco time
  - learning resources
  - staff funding at appropriate level for those with experience of teaching or supporting children and young people with send

**We have received reassurance from the local authority that our school will not be detrimentally impacted financially with the implementation of the SEND SRP, nor will this impact the school's ability or financial capacity to meet the needs of children and young people educated in the wider school.**

### **How do I find out more about our proposed Specialist Resource Provision?**

if you have further questions and would like to discuss specialist resource provisions in more detail, please submit your questions via email to the principal by emailing [admin@theaxholmeacademy.com](mailto:admin@theaxholmeacademy.com)

If you wish to submit a response to the proposal, please complete this form [HERE](#) by Tuesday 19th May 2026 these will be forwarded to the department for education who will consider all responses as part of our request to make this addition to the school.

### **Vision for Inclusion**

For the majority of children and young people, mainstream schools offer a high-quality education in an inclusive and encouraging environment, where pupils can achieve the best outcomes possible, with access to a rich and wide curriculum. For most children and young people, being educated in a mainstream setting with enhanced support is the right type of education and therefore we are keen to develop provision that can meet this ambition.

North Lincolnshire County council have asked our school to develop, in partnership, a type of provision called “specialist resource provision”. The SRP provision is aimed at supporting children and young people with additional needs to be educated and have their needs met in a mainstream school, with enhanced facilities, by knowledgeable and skilled staff. The specialist resource provision is part of the mainstream school, providing an enhanced educational offer for pupils with SEND in the mainstream setting.