

Frequently Asked Questions

Do you have a waiting list?	No. SEND law means that schools cannot have waiting lists. School will give a view as to whether they can meet need and are an appropriate setting, and the Local Authority are responsible for deciding which young people take available spaces.
What might your response be?	Response to consultation will typically be one of three things: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Yes we can meet need and we have a space. 2. Yes we can meet need but admission currently is incompatible with the efficient education of others (as we are over capacity) 3. No we cannot meet need as we are not an appropriate setting.
How does therapy work?	We have an onsite therapy team, please see more here.
How does transition work?	This will be done in conjunction with the family. Once a space has been offered, the school will liaise with parents/carers about the best transition plan, typically this involves a few visits before starting on a full time basis.
Do you do GCSEs?	Not often. Some of our older learners may follow accredited courses, such as Entry Level English and Maths. If a learner has a particular talent, we may identify a suitable way to pursue this.
Do you link with mainstream schools?	We have good relationships with our mainstream colleagues and have, on occasion, completed formal visits and even enjoyed some lessons in their schools.
How does transport work?	When a place has been offered, families are encouraged to apply for transport if they live more than 3 miles from school. Our current transport provider is 24x7.
My child has a 1:1 at school, will they have 1:1 at Edith Borthwick?	We try not to have named 1:1 support staff as it can contribute to a dependence on adult support. We do ensure that there is suitable support in each class.
How does the school communicate with families?	We send daily information home to all parents via email. We also use Evidence for Learning to share progress and evidence. We use ParentMail for other communication, such as the weekly newsletter.
Does the school offer any home support?	Yes, we have a team of Family workers in the school who can offer support as appropriate and directly work with families on specific issues, such as toileting and bed routine. They may also signpost further support if required.
How do you support medical needs?	We liaise with medical professionals, parents and carers and follow the care plan. Staff within classes are signed off to meet the care needs of particular pupils.