



SEND Information Report: Wize Up School

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Wize Up school makes provision for the following kinds of special educational needs:

- Cognition and Learning;
- Communications and Interaction;
- Behaviour, Emotional and Social Development;
- Sensory and/or Physical.

Admission to a Wize Up is not based on any prior learning or attainment, nor is it limited to any specific requirements other than age. Wize Up expects to admit students from a range of backgrounds, with a range of special educational needs alongside students without any recognised specific needs. However, Wize Up does recognise that there are limitations to the quality of provision it could offer to students with some severe difficulties. For this reason, Wize Up will not usually admit an individual with a Severe Learning Difficulty (SLD), Profound and Multiple Learning Difficulty (PMLD), or a Multi-sensory Impairment (MSI).

The following are questions and answers that parents may find helpful when their child is on a placement at Wize Up School.

Q: Which member of Wize Up staff should I talk to about SEN support for my child?

The Head teacher, or your young persons Head of year.

Q: How can I let staff know I have a question or am concerned about my child's progress?

Phone, text, email or book an appointment. There are also opportunities to raise any questions or concerns at review meetings.

Q: How will Wize Up measure the progress of my child? How will I know about this?

Wize Up tracks progress daily and reports progress made each half term. A report outlining the progress made in all subjects taught is compiled at the end of each term and discussed with parents/carers.

Wize Up holds regular conversations with the referring school and home to assess how the student is getting on.

Parents can contact the school at any time to discuss their child's progress.

Q: How is extra support allocated to students?

Staff discuss the needs of each student and decide together which person is best suited to support which student. Liaising with referring school and sharing information on needs & support methods.

Talking to home about the student's needs and how these can be met.

Liaising with other professionals.

Q: How will teaching, the curriculum and the learning environment be adapted to meet my child's learning needs?

Use of Individual Learning Plans to ensure that appropriate strategies are used and there have been areas for development identified.

Differentiation in all lessons – by task, outcome, level of support given.

Students supported in independent learning – resources provided, and clear guidance given to enable them to direct their own learning

Q: How are children with SEN supported to engage in activities that students without SEN are able to do?

The same opportunities are offered to all students through the support of the staff, adapting activities (e.g. giving them extra resources) and ensuring that group activities are accessible to all students regardless of need.

Q: How are students at Wize Up supported in order to improve their emotional and social development?

Mindfulness and group therapy sessions to allow for reflection self-improvement, positive behaviour management.

Therapeutic interventions through Counselling, Art, Lego or Targeted Mentoring 1:1 sessions with mentors.

Target setting during review meetings.

Opportunities for group work and group games.

Therapeutic interventions with external professionals

Q: How does Wize Up consult young people with SEN (and their parents/carers) about their education?

Discussed in the initial meeting, working with referring school, home and the student to clearly identify and find the best ways of supporting the student to enable them to make progress in all areas (academic, social, emotional etc.).

Regular reviews with the student & parents/carers, target reviews with students, and weekly phone calls home giving an opportunity for discussion as well as an update on the student's progress when required

Q: How does Wize Up support my child as they begin their time at Wize Up and when they are moving back to school/onto college/onto another placement?

Initial meeting with opportunities for questions, to get to know the timetable and what to expect.

Regular feedback is given to the student, their home and their referring school about their progress, needs, areas for development and their successes.

Staggered re-integration back in to school as appropriate, with support from staff in school to aid transition back.

Careers and progression planning built into the Wize Up curriculum.

Q: What support is currently on offer to disabled students at Wize Up?

Wize Up is accessible to students with disabilities.

Support from staff in lessons, appropriate resources provided (e.g. coloured paper, overlays for students with Dyslexia, Reader pens etc).

Staff liaise with other professionals and with home to ensure that the most appropriate support is provided.

Disabled students are supported to achieve as any other students and in as similar ways as possible.

Q: If my child has medical needs, how will they be supported?

Wize Up's Medicines Policy (available on the school website) outlines the support Wize Up staff can provide. Most members of staff are first aid trained within the school.

Q: Which member of staff should I speak to if my child has medical needs?

Your young persons head of year, key worker or any other member of staff.

Q: How does Wize Up evaluate the effectiveness of the provision it offers to students?

Wize Up is continually evaluating all aspects of its provision, through student progress tracking; destinations tracking; regular lesson observations; parent/carer feedback; and feedback from referring schools.

Q: Where is the process for making a complaint about an intervention?

Informal complaints can be made verbally to any member of staff. The Complaints Procedure (available on the school website) outlines the steps you can take and the process for making a formal complaint.

Q: Where can I find information about wider SEN provision in my area?

Your local authority website. Alternatively, speak to the Head teacher, SENCO or head of year.