

SEND Information Report: Quick Guide for Parents and Carers 2026-2027

Our Inclusive Approach

At Harrogate Grammar School, we are committed to ensuring that every student can achieve, succeed and thrive. Most students with SEND are taught in mainstream classes alongside their peers, supported by high-quality inclusive teaching and personalised strategies.

Types of SEND We Support

We support students across the four areas of need identified in the SEND Code of Practice:

- Communication and Interaction
- Cognition and Learning (including dyslexia)
- Social, Emotional and Mental Health (SEMH)
- Sensory and/or Physical Needs

We support a wide range of needs including autism, dyslexia, dyspraxia, hearing impairment, visual impairment, SEMH needs and physical disabilities.

How We Identify and Support SEND

We work closely with primary schools, families and specialist services to identify needs as early as possible. Assessment information, screening, progress monitoring and staff observations help us understand and respond to individual needs. Where appropriate, students receive a personalised Student Passport outlining strengths, barriers and effective support strategies.

Working with Students and Families

We believe that successful support is built on strong partnerships between school, students and families. We:

- Involve students in reviewing their support and setting goals.
- Regularly communicate with parents and carers.
- Hold Student Advocate reviews and consultation meetings.
- Conduct annual reviews for students with Education, Health and Care Plans (EHCPs).

The Support Available

Depending on need, support may include:

- Adaptive teaching and reasonable adjustments in lessons.
- Literacy, numeracy and study support.
- Assistive technology, including iPads and accessibility tools.
- Social communication and emotional wellbeing interventions.

- Nurture and quiet spaces at social times.
- Specialist programmes and personalised support plans.

Emotional Wellbeing and Inclusion

Student wellbeing is a key priority. We provide:

- Pastoral and SEND support teams.
- Mentoring and counselling services.
- Support for emotional regulation and resilience.
- Anti-bullying education and awareness.
- Inclusive extracurricular activities, trips and leadership opportunities.

Preparing for the Future

We offer enhanced transition support at key stages, including:

- Year 6 to Year 7 transition programmes.
- Support with Key Stage 4 options.
- Guidance for Post-16 and Post-18 education, training and employment pathways.

Working with Specialists

When additional expertise is needed, we work with a range of professionals including educational psychologists, speech and language therapists, health services, SEND Hub specialists, CAMHS and specialist SEND provisions.

Key Contact

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Further Information

The full SEND Information Report, SEND Policy, Accessibility Plan and links to the North Yorkshire SEND Local Offer can be found on the Harrogate Grammar School website.