

Dukes Wood School Nottinghamshire



Ages 8 to 17 years



Autism and associated conditions, ADHD, SEMH, Attachment and Trauma



Kirklington, NG22 8NB



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Introducing Our school

We are an independent special school located in the picturesque village of Kirklington, local to Newark and the Nottinghamshire and Lincolnshire borders.

Our school supports children aged 9 to 17 years who will usually have a primary diagnosis of autism and have struggled to cope in a mainstream setting. They may show anxiety or distress relating to school or have displayed behaviours that have presented as a challenge and led to a less than positive education experience to date, impacting their ability to engage with learning.

Therapeutic support

Pupils benefit from a holistic therapeutic approach at our school. Our onsite therapists (Speech and Language Therapy and Occupational Therapy), supported by a Clinical Psychologist, cultivate a whole-school approach to developing relationships, embedding a range of approaches across teaching and learning to provide a positive and inclusive environment. The therapy team creates personalised interventions, delivered through the classroom, via groups and on an individual basis as needed.

Learning with us

A flexible and dynamic curriculum, based on the National Curriculum, is adapted to suit individual pupils' needs. The curriculum is built on a mix of academic and practical learning - including life and employability skills and emotional literacy important for the way they engage with the world.

Key Stage 2 and Lower Key Stage 3 follow the primary model, with most subjects led by the same class teacher in a nurturing learning environment. Upper Key Stage 3 and 4 follow a secondary model approach, pupils move between subject-specific classrooms and lessons are taught by

subject specialist teachers to encourage their independence. All pupils have the opportunity to study a range of qualifications based on their interests and abilities, including GCSEs, BTEC and ASDAN Unit Awards, alongside the Duke of Edinburgh and Sports Leader Awards, and a range of sporting National Governing Body qualifications.



The great outdoors

We are fortunate to be set within an extensive 13 acre site of beautiful grounds which we use to full effect to deliver a range of outdoor learning opportunities, including forest school, horticulture, play-based learning, active education and animal care on our small farm. The outdoors provides an excellent teaching space where learning can come to life and enable opportunities for pupils to engage outside of a classroom.



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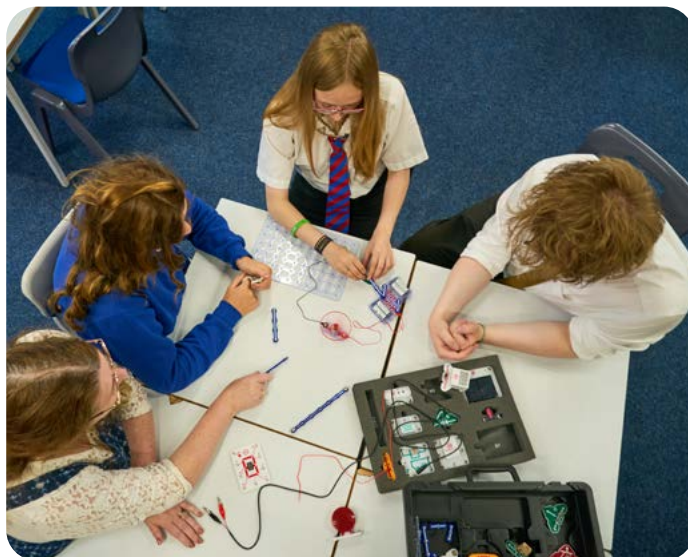
Active bodies and healthy minds

We want every pupil to leave school with the motivation, confidence and skills to lead a healthy and active life. To achieve this, our Physical Education curriculum is designed to teach the fundamentals of movement and health and well-being, which includes developing balance and fine motor skills as well as mental health and social well-being. Pupils



have opportunities to excel in competitive sport, and the school regularly participates in sporting fixtures with other local schools. For those that are less into competitive sport, the inclusive approach recognised by Youth Sports Trust ensures that every pupil is offered the approach that suits them.

Our Physical and Outdoor Education programmes enable pupils to develop leadership and transferable skills and gain recognised qualifications through awards from sports-affiliated bodies, including the Duke of Edinburgh Award, Sports Leadership Award, First Aid, and Swim England awards.



Building tomorrow's workforce

We focus on preparing our pupils for life after school and equipping them with the skills they need to thrive in further education, training, work and adult life. During their education with us, our pupils have a range of opportunities to try new and exciting things, and with each comes knowledge and confidence.

Dukes Wood School has a small, registered children's home on site, carefully designed to offer a warm, family-like environment. Here, young people are supported to build trusting relationships, develop essential life skills, and grow in confidence.

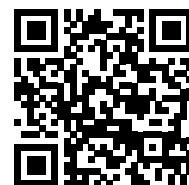
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We are committed to safeguarding vulnerable children and safeguarding is the responsibility of us all.