

Communication
Personalisation
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Independence



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School Information

Applefields School is a popular and highly regarded over subscribed special school for secondary age students (11-19 years) with moderate, severe, profound and multiple learning difficulties and a significant number of students with additional needs on the autistic spectrum. We support students from York and the surrounding areas of North Yorkshire and the East Riding of Yorkshire. There are currently 153 pupils on roll, and it is projected that pupil numbers will rise in September.

Applefields School opened in September 2004 following the local authority's reorganisation of its special educational provision and play an important role in the strategic development of the local authority's provision for students with special education al needs.

The school occupies a large, modern building, which has been substantially extended and refurbished. The school is situated approximately 2 miles from York City centre with easy access to local facilities.

Students are at the centre of everything that we do. We believe that by working together, providing a personalised education and promoting students' communication and independence skills we will prepare each young person for adult life.

At Applefields School our dedicated multi-professional staff team believe that we can make a real difference to the lives of our students by providing them with a rich and challenging curriculum, helping them achieve their best and giving our students the confidence to believe in themselves.

We offer a rich and challenging curriculum to develop students' communication, literacy and numeracy skills and their personal and social independence skills. Our Post 16 students have links to specialist provision and work experience programmes.

We have an established Satellite classes based at Manor CE Academy and Millthorpe School for Key Stage 3 and 4 students with moderate and serve learning difficulties.

We have also developed provision for post 19 students in partnership with Askham Bryan College and are currently working in close partnership with our Primary Special School partner, Hob Moor Oaks.



Our students are supported by a dedicated and talented multi-professional staff team who work alongside a staff team of Nurses, Physiotherapists, Speech and Language Therapist and Occupational Therapists employed by the local NHS Health Trust, and who are based at school. The local authority provides Educational Psychology support and peripatetic support for students with sensory impairments and autism as an additional need.

We are supported by an enthusiastic and hardworking governing body. Governors visit school regularly and play an active part in all aspects of our work and take a leading role in the strategic development of our school.