

Keyes Barn School

Salwick, Lancashire



Aurora Keyes Barns School is an independent day school in Lancashire providing specialist education for boys with Social, Emotional and Mental Health difficulties (SEMH).



Student Profile

We are a skilled and experienced team who are able to support boys with a variety of difficulties. Their learning may have been impacted by challenging behaviours, low self-esteem or difficulty with relationships which may have caused them to miss large chunks of their education. These difficulties could be a result of one of the following issues:

- Moderate Learning Difficulties (MLD)
- Autistic Spectrum Disorder (ASD)
- Dyspraxia
- Dyslexia
- Dyscalculia & Dysgraphia
- Oppositional Defiance Disorder (ODD)
- Obsessive Compulsive Disorder (OCD)
- Tourette syndrome
- Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD).

Age: 5-12 years

Gender: Boys

High levels of support are provided for all pupils, with enhanced support to cater for individual specific needs throughout the school day. This will enable them to access the curriculum and participate in school activities.

Flexible placements: Education is delivered for 38 weeks of the year. Pupils are admitted throughout the year

Facilities

The main part of the school is based in a converted barn, with two additional classrooms, a multipurpose room and break out areas positioned alongside it. Within our breakout areas we have a music space, with guitars and an electronic drum set which pupils are open to use.

We have a number of outdoor areas. Our soft area has a climbing frame and trampoline which pupils can use during the summer. For the winter months we have a hard court area around the school where some pupils ride their scooters or play ball games. We also have a horticultural area, where pupils get involved in maintaining and growing vegetables and plants. In addition to the facilities on site, the pupils are provided with access to a range of Sports and Outdoor Education centres within the local area.



Our Aims

At Aurora Keyes Barn we focus on:

- Providing personalised specialist education – where students can learn and express themselves in a nurturing and safe environment that understands their needs and supports them to fulfil their full potential.
- Supporting pupils to be part of an enriched school and community life.
- Preparing pupils effectively for life beyond school, by developing their abilities and supporting them to achieve their own unique level of independence as they approach adolescence.

Education

The school day is 9.05am to 2.45pm Monday to Thursday; 2.30pm finish on Fridays.

Children are collected from home by school staff in school vehicles and returned in the afternoon after school. This allows daily contact with home through contact with the driver. Any important messages can be relayed. A parent or responsible adult is expected to be present when the child is collected or returned to home.



All pupils have access to a broad, balanced and differentiated National Curriculum. Class sizes are small, enabling pupils to receive a more focused and personalised education, which also allows for individual targets to be monitored more closely.

Each child's literacy and numeracy skills are assessed on admission to the school and individual educational and behavioural objectives are planned and profiled. Programmes of personalised delivery are then laid out. To encourage the development of pupil's confidence, personal, as well as academic skills are nurtured.



The school assembly offers pupils the opportunity to celebrate achievements, events and special occasions together. It will often have a spiritual or moral focus, whilst on other occasions a class will share their work with the rest of the school. On Monday's assembly we share and celebrate pupils' achievements from the week. Friday's assembly is prize assembly, where we celebrate and reward pupils for their efforts.

Physical Activity

As part of the curriculum Keyes Barn is committed to promoting Physical Education and encouraging pupils to enjoy physical activity. Each class has two P.E. sessions a week which incorporate individual activity, team games, swimming and adventurous activities such as the use of the climbing wall at West View Leisure Centre.

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