

# Aurora

## Wilden View School



“ I really look forward to my school days and my future, there are big things coming and I am really excited. ”

A brand new school supporting young people aged 5 to 19 who have a range of complex learning needs including social, emotional and mental health needs, speech, language and communication difficulties and autism.

## At The **Aurora** Group

We believe in giving people the opportunities they need to create and lead fulfilling, independent lives.

Established in 2015, we are now the UK's sixth largest provider of education, care and support services for children and young people with special educational needs and disabilities. Each of our schools, colleges and residential homes retains its own unique identity while embracing and embodying our group's core values:

- We are caring. We understand that your experience in mainstream care and education may have been a difficult one. We take seriously our responsibility for the children and young people in our care, and are committed to making your time with us as positive and fulfilling as possible.
- We are ambitious. We have high expectations of all our children and young people, regardless of what barriers they may have faced in the past. We encourage them to expect more for themselves, while challenging employers and communities to understand and value their diverse needs and attributes.
- We are collaborative. Everything we do, we do in partnership with you. We actively seek and listen to feedback from students, parents and staff, to find out what's working well, what we can do better, and how we can further develop all our services to benefit the people we work with.
- We are trusted. Our business is funded by ethical investors. They understand that sustainable growth is possible only when we hold ourselves to the highest standards, by delivering consistently top-quality services to every single person we work with.
- We are innovative. We begin planning for each young person's future the minute they walk through our doors. We tailor our approach to their unique needs, and are constantly looking for new opportunities to help them explore, enhance and employ their own skills, talents and abilities.

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# Welcome

As Head Teacher of Aurora Wilden View School, it is my absolute pleasure to welcome you to our school.

As a school community, we are dedicated to providing a nurturing and engaging environment for our young people where we hope every student can thrive academically, socially and emotionally. At Aurora Wilden View, we give every student, who joins us, the best chance of success.

Set at the heart of 20 acres of beautiful grounds, Aurora Wilden View School offers a unique opportunity to our students with a 'home from home' feel and a personalised approach of academic, vocational, and therapeutic curriculum that enables our students to excel. Our school is designed to take all the best parts of mainstream school whilst removing the barriers some students face.

Our team of staff are highly trained, skilled, and committed to building positive relationships with our students to support both the academic and emotional development from the moment they arrive with us. We place a team around each student and family, to welcome you from the moment you arrive. We intend to build a positive relationship; enable a smooth transition into school life and introduce a key worker for each student who will be able to celebrate success and work with you to overcome any challenges. We believe passionately that by providing the right support and building positive relationships, we can support our students to access positive learning opportunities, that they previously may have been denied.

At Aurora Wilden View School we recognise the importance of a holistic approach to education. Our curriculum is designed to provide a balanced blend of academic subjects, vocational and life skills so that by the time our students leave us, they are on their way to achieve their own goals – whether this be developing vital life skills or gaining specific academic or vocational qualifications.

I look forward to welcoming you to our school.

**Robert McConomy**

Headteacher, Aurora Wilden View



# About Our School

Situated approximately four miles from Kidderminster town centre and in the heart of a beautiful, idyllic countryside setting, Aurora Wilden View School provides personalised academic and therapeutic support for students aged 5-19 with social, emotional, and mental health needs, including those who face communication and behavioural challenges associated with Autism Spectrum Conditions.

We provide the best elements of mainstream education with unique specialist and therapeutic input.

Our vision is to create an inclusive, welcoming learning environment where all our students can thrive. We aim to create a 'home from home' school that places the needs of our students first, with many joining us having experienced significant periods of absence from negative school experiences.

Our small class sizes and beautiful surroundings give us the unique opportunity to build purposeful and successful relationships with our students, allowing us to develop a bespoke school experience and curriculum path for each student while working closely with families to enable success.

## Our facilities

Surrounded by beautiful farmland and countryside, Aurora Wilden View School is set across 3 floors with specialist classrooms and dedicated areas for therapy, art and design, nurture provision and a redesigned catering area.

The site also boasts a brand new Science and Technology building which enables us to provide dedicated education in these specialist subjects.

All of our rooms are bright, modern and sensitively designed for students who struggle in larger mainstream environments.

Facilities include:

- Specialist classrooms
- Regulation stations and dedicated one to one spaces
- Clinical and therapeutic integrated working.
- Sensory quiet spaces to help with self-regulation
- Outdoor multi-use game area
- Extensive grounds with areas dedicated to sport and outdoor education



## Our curriculum

At Aurora Wilden View, we follow a personalised curriculum for each of our students. We look to identify their strengths, areas for development and interests, to help devise a broad, balanced curriculum that provides engagement and challenge, to enable our students to reach their potential. Our curriculum offer broadly follows the national curriculum, enabling our students to thrive and make the best progress possible in a supportive, therapeutic environment.

In Key Stage 1 and 2 students will have access to play, kinaesthetic and outdoor resources to access the curriculum and develop skills in a holistic way. Students will start to develop their core skills in English, Phonics, Maths, Science and Foundation subjects, including Art, Music and Humanities through bespoke and personalised lessons. Students will be able to access off-site activities to enhance their learning and develop their sense of the world around them. Life skills and developing a sense of self will also be a focus to prepare them for their next stage of education.

Students in Key Stage 3 will develop their learning through accessing a range of topics including the core subjects English, Maths and Science, alongside a bespoke package of foundation subjects including Technology, Design, Art and Life Skills. This sits alongside a large amount of outdoor and off-site opportunities that enable our students to regain a love of learning. Within Key Stages 4 and 5 our students are provided with a personalised pathway of qualifications (whether vocational or academic). Our overriding aim is that all our students will leave us with the qualifications they need to progress to employment or life beyond school.

At Aurora Wilden View, the thrive approach underpins our curriculum offer. Thrive is the dynamic, developmental approach to support children with their emotional and social well-being. The programme was created by a multi-agency team and draws on the latest research into neuroscience, attachment theory and child-development. This enables us to teach our students to develop emotional resilience and to overcome the challenges they face.

## Your experience with us

When your child joins Aurora Wilden View, they become part of our school community. They will have access to the right type of support, both academically, pastorally and therapeutically to enable them to fulfil their potential. Through a range of integrated therapeutic services, we help each student to develop their academic ability, self-confidence, life skills and independence.

At Aurora Wilden View, every student is allocated a 'Key Worker' who supports a number of students and provides a bespoke mentoring package of support linked to the students' strengths and areas for development, as outlined in their EHCP. There are significant opportunities throughout a school day for their key worker to meet with their students and to provide intervention and support. In addition, each student forms a part of our everyday school life.

In the Primary Classes, students will be taught as part of a class with around 8 students in each group and key members of staff working with them. The class teacher will teach the students in the classroom with bespoke and kinaesthetic resources to support high-quality education for each individual student. In the Secondary classes, students will be part of a tutor group, consisting of around 8 students with key members of staff to work alongside. They will be taught by subject specialist teachers throughout the week, to enable them to access a high-quality education.

In addition, the onsite therapy team will work with students providing targeted support and interventions. We also offer a significant amount of additional opportunities, to broaden the horizons of our students beyond the curriculum. By the time our students leave us, they will be ready to take on the challenges of adulthood – whether they choose to pursue further education, training or the world of work.



# What you need to know

## Meals

Healthy school meals are provided and we can offer a choice of where students eat depending on their needs, this could be with others or 1:1. Special dietary requirements are catered for (due to allergies, intolerance, religious and other beliefs).

## Uniform

At Aurora Wilden View, our students are not required to wear uniform but the clothing worn needs to be appropriate for completing an education which will involve a significant amount of outdoor learning.

## Term dates

Our term dates are published annually and are available on our school website.

# Our commitment to you

## Quality statement

At Aurora Wilden View we strive to provide the highest quality service to young people, parents/carers and local authorities. We believe that all these groups have the right to comment on the service we provide and to understand the complaints procedure.

We aim to build mutually supportive relationships with our parents and carers, where we can resolve any concerns directly, informally and swiftly. However if this is not possible please ask the School office for a copy of our complaints procedure if you would like to know more. We like to know when we are getting things right too, so please feel free to also send us any compliments – our staff are always happy to hear them!

## Safeguarding statement

Aurora Wilden View is wholly committed to safeguarding and promoting the wellbeing of our students, and we expect all staff and visitors to share this commitment. Safer recruitment practices are followed and all staff have an Enhanced DBS check.

## Contact Us

For more information please contact us at:

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