

Alternative Provision Policy Statement

Saint John Houghton Catholic Voluntary Academy

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At Saint John Houghton Catholic Voluntary Academy we have a clear and ambitious vision for providing high-quality education to all students. As a full-time mainstream education provider, we aim to ensure that all students successfully complete their programmes of study and attend well.

We only commission alternative provision in rare exceptional circumstances, as a last resort and after all other options have been exhausted. Alternative provision must enable students to achieve good educational attainment on a par with their peers and therefore any commissioned must have an academic focus and support the student in achieving their educational outcomes.

The ultimate aim of all alternative provision is to support the student to return to full-time mainstream education. Even those children with the highest levels of need should be moving to more on-site provision with peers and this needs to be part of the plan from the beginning.

Alternative provision would rarely be the only education the child participates in. If used, it will be alongside their attendance at school. Objectives will be clearly defined and facilitate reintegration into mainstream education full time. These objectives are regularly reviewed and progress against them monitored, to ensure that steps are being taken back towards full-time mainstream education.

We are required to ensure that any alternative provision commissioned is aspirational, suitable and safe and meets the needs of the individual student in question.