



CARE – Prepare – Believe
'I can do all things through Him who strengthens me'
Philippians 4:13

Auxiliary Aids and Equipment September 2026

We have a duty under the Equality Act 2010 to provide auxiliary aids and equipment where it is deemed necessary, to ensure we are providing equality of opportunity for all children in accessing education. Auxiliary aids and equipment will be deemed necessary if, without them, a child is considered to be at a disadvantage due to a disability or SEN. Auxiliary aids can take different forms depending on the needs of the child. This may include the use of a teaching assistant to support them, learning resources, hearing or visual aids, low stimulation areas, high stimulation equipment or specialist furniture.

In Wakefield, when a piece of equipment costs less than £1000 then schools use their own money to buy the equipment for children and young people. If it costs more than £1000 then a request can be put in to the Local Authority for additional funding. The request can be made by any professional who is recommending the use of the equipment, such as a physiotherapist, an occupational therapist or a specialist teacher such as a teacher of the deaf. A child or young person does not need to have a statement of SEN, or a new Education, Health and Care Plan (EHCP) to have equipment bought by the Local Authority.

If the school buys the equipment then it belongs to the school. When a child moves to a different school then it is up to the new school to ensure they get the right equipment to meet the needs of the child. If the Local Authority buys the equipment, then the equipment will remain with the child whilst they are still in education.

Sometimes a child might need a system of equipment such as an FM system if they are deaf, or a specialist seating / wheelchair system if they have a physical disability. This is considered by the Local Authority in the same way as a single piece of equipment, therefore if it costs more than £1000 the Local Authority would buy the equipment on behalf of the child.



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