

West Bretton Junior and Infant School

Auxiliary Aids and Equipment

The Equality Act 2010 states that schools and the Local Authority have a duty of care to provide auxiliary aids and equipment for children who need them, in order for them to be able to access the curriculum, and not be disadvantaged compared with other pupils in the school.

In Wakefield, schools and academies use their own funding to buy equipment for children and young people, for equipment that costs less than £1,000. If the total is more than £1,000 then the professional who considers that the equipment is necessary for the child, submits a request in to the Local Authority. A child or young person does not need to have a statement or a new Education Health Care Plan 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, or transfers to high school, then it is up to the new school to make sure they purchase or provide the correct equipment. If the Local Authority buys the equipment then this will go with the child or young person whilst they are education.