



Learning@Silverdale

Being ready for the next stage of education, training or employment

2022 – 2023

Family Feedback

Parent/Carer and Family Views about the Curriculum

I was always against specialist provisions and honestly didn't think my son would like it or settle here... how wrong I was... he settled in and enjoyed it, great support and communication through out to both him and myself, any issues, worries or concerns I had staff helped with, most of the staff do their job with a passion and go above and beyond to see the kids do the best and be the best they can be in life so IF my feedback is seen by anyone considering Silverdale for their child(ren) then from 1 parent to another... go for it!! Give Silverdale a chance to let our little people have a shot at an education like everyone else without being overwhelmed misunderstood etc but more importantly being happy and making memory's as any child should too ❤️ my son has now been accepted for a place in college 🙌

On rare occasions my link worker as not been available to help with my concerns

I think there should be more staff to support kids and each other. Restraining should be banned. Earlier intervention so children don't escalate into a punch up. As these children can be very challenging. School have everything in place and have been very patient with my Son. But, they need more staff and staff should have asvmuch training into asd as to know there triggers do avoid behaviour damage.

My child has made fantastic progress in a very short time. Staff encourage his wider interests, built his confidence and gained his trust. He struggled trusting any adult in education settings but has built lovely relationships with staff and responds really well to them. He has made good academic progress after not engaging in learning in his previous setting. The children are offered a very wide range of activities outside of the classroom and the use of a very fair reward system is an excellent incentive. He has not refused to attend school once since starting In September which is a complete turn around to how he has been in previous years. The staff communicate with me regularly with Any issues that arise but also to let me know when he has done something positive, they also make sure the kids know when they have done well and are very focused on positive metal well being. any issues that need dealt with around behaviour are done so in a fair manner and always with consideration of the best way forward for that child as an individual and without shaming the child. I have had no negative experiences at all with how my child has been treat and find all staff to be caring and fair. School have also offered support with some issues within our home life and ensured that my child was monitored for any signs of trauma etc. I think Silverdale is a wonderful school and my son is very happy here.

If every school was run like Silverdale then the would be no problems in the schooling system. I couldn't recommend this school anymore if I tried it has gave my son the opportunity and support he was lacking at main stream school to thrive and succeed.

Great support thank you.

I am actually saddened that this year is my sons last one. He has changed so much since attending Silverdale since year 5.

Debbie the link worker is fantastic.

My son tells me he hasn't had music lessons, I think music is very beneficial to mental health, could this be an option for the future?

Im happy with silverdale school as they have not only support for my son but also us as a family and i am very aware that they are there to help us due to their kindness they gave us in tough situations near xmas etc and would especially thank angela for all the help and support shes gave me and information shes shared about my son's behaviour etc thank you so much ☺

Excellent school, my child is very happy there

Amazing school amazing staff cannot fault anything

Silverdale has brought my child on more than we could have hoped for , they are doing great at this school !!

I was a little worried when my son 1st attended the arp but it most definitely is the best place for him , all teachers are amazing and he will be sad to leave the arp in September as he is going over to main sight

L staff are really helpful

My son has come on loads since being there. He loves the school and has settled in loads. Has made friends. He loves the staff too. Best school ever.

My son has gone from doing absolutely no school work (in mainstream school) to participating in most at silverdale. This school has been exactly what he needed and has also learned him how to manage emotions and deal with anger in better ways. Excellent staff and school.

All been absolutely amazing on the two times Tyler has attended this school... outstanding communication from the staff

Since my son had attended Silverdale he has thrived incredibly well! He is a totally different child and has turned his life around for the better. I can not thank the staff at this school enough for all their help and support throughout these last 2 years. He has really enjoyed coming to this school and admits that he will miss coming. Keep up the good work you all do and Thankyou! I have nothing but praise from this school. WELL DONE!

What can I say apart from a big thank you to all the staff at silverdale it's not just a good school it's a great one

Pupil Views about the Curriculum

Outdoor Education:

"It has increased my trust in others through activities like climbing. I have learnt lots of new skills including life skills and I have more confidence."

"It has improved my team work, I have learnt lots of new skills, increased my confidence. I also have more awareness of safety and how to use correct equipment."

"I wouldn't be as good on my mountain bike if it wasn't for the opportunity to improve my skills at school."

"It is great fun and I have learnt a lot of new skills. I love being outside the classroom."

"Biking and climbing keeps me fit and healthy as well as keeping my legs strong. Fishing has taught me patience."

"I wasn't going to come in today because I didn't feel well but then I remembered I had Outdoor Ed."

"I like climbing because it helps me to concentrate. Bike riding gives me an adrenaline rush!"

KS3/4 Maths:

"I like maths now, people used to just not bother trying to teach me before I came to Silverdale." Y10 student

"Maths is a good lesson. The teacher gets you to where you need to be." Y9 student

Careers/WoW:

"WoW lessons are helping us to make up our minds about college, apprenticeships and training." Y8 student

"I've only went and got an interview from the Apprenticeship Roadshow!" Y11 student

“I’m looking for an apprenticeship when I leave. Careers lessons, Newcastle UXL and meeting business people have helped me on my journey there.” Y10 student

Music:

“The reason I like it is because if you're angry and you play guitar, it just chills you out.”

“You're actually taught how to play things correctly.”

“You get a sensation from playing the drums where you just don't wanna stop!” Y11 student

“Music chills me out whenever I'm stressed. I love Music.”

“Students were bored before Music came along!” Y7 student

“I like Music because it's different from other lessons, like you don't have to sit at a desk with a pen.” Y8 student

KS3/4 English:

“I didn’t like English because of my Dyslexia, now they have helped me to succeed in English and so like it now.” Y7 student

“What I like about English is the work. It is a really important subject for when you’re older. I like the staff in English.” Y7 student

“At first, I thought I hated English until I put my head down and got it done then I realised it’s important in life so I just get on and get it done.” Y7 student

“I have hated English but now it is good.” Y8 student

“I enjoy the trips we go on in English. They always help our learning and match what we are doing in our lessons in class.” Y8 student

“I didn’t like English when I was younger but I get lots of support and now I like it because of this.” Y8 student

“I like English as we get ‘pushed’ and they don’t give up until we complete the work we are doing.” Y9 student

“I feel like the teachers push you and help you to be the best you can.” Y9 student

“I like reading the books then watching the films about the book.” Y9 student

“I like English. I love the residential and I think they push me in the right direction.” Y9 student

“English is really good because it’s entertaining and the residential are amazing. You get opportunities we might not get in home life.” Y9 student

“English helps you a lot. You’re always made to feel welcome and the teachers really support you.” Y7 student

KS4 English:

"I really hated English and had no confidence in the subject, but I've been given lots of support and my confidence is now growing."

Y11 student

"I always feel supported in English lessons, it's helped me to improve my writing skills and spellings and I'm now working towards achieving my KS4 qualifications." Y11 student

"English lessons are good because staff work with you and support you when you need it so you are prepared for living in the real world."

Y10 student

"The teacher works well with you and the learning and way I'm taught works for me so I can understand what I need to do in an easier way. I'm achieving so well in English, more than I ever have anywhere else."

Y10 student

ARP:

"The teacher helps me and makes all the lessons fun. I really like the welcome job of the day." Y4 student

"I like my maths lessons and the work is just right." Y1 student

"It is a nice place to me because there are people to help me and the lessons are always fun." Y4 student

"I like having some free time and playing games and when I am stuck the teachers always try to help me." Y4 student

"I like the teachers because they are kind and try to help me if I'm worried. I love writing and doing news articles." Y4 student

"I love going on outdoor learning and the staff are always fair." Y6 student

Primary:

"The teachers make all the subjects fun." Y6 student

"I love using the ball pool in the Oasis." Y4 student

"I like maths because it's fun with the games on the board and challenge." Y5 student

"My favourite lesson is P.E. because it is fun." Y6 student

"The teachers give me time to practice my artwork." Y6 student

"In a different school I would be sat out bored, here staff help me."

"Teachers always do what's best for us." Y6 student

Cookery:

"It prepares you for when you are older." Y7 student

"It's fun, you get to eat what you cook." Y11 student

"I like to impress my cookery teacher in my lessons as I want to do catering in year 10." Y8 student

"Sometimes I don't like the smell of things but I like cookery and the teacher helps me." Y8 student

"We make a lot of different recipes and I have learned loads of skills which I enjoy." Y9 student

"We learn independent skills which will help us when we live on our own." Y9 student

"I never knew how to cook till Kate showed me, I can make loads of things now." Y9 student

"It relaxes me and I enjoy it." Y11 student