



Delamere School



Together we make a difference



“Leaders and governors have created a bespoke education that is personalised to meet the academic, personal, and social needs of every pupil.”

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# Mission Statement

Our mission statement is 'Together we make a difference'.

We understand that education is a partnership between school and home with the child being at the centre. We strive to build good relationships with all our parents and carers and encourage participation wherever possible.

Delamere School values are:

- Inclusion
- Respect
- Trust
- Enjoyment
- Collaboration
- Creativity
- Optimism
- Growth

## About Our School

We are a generic special school for children aged between 3 and 11 years. We are able to meet the needs of children with a wide range of communication and learning difficulties including complex needs such as autism, physical or sensory impairments.



We believe in providing the highest quality education to all our children regardless of need or ability. We devise a personalised curriculum and unique learning journey for every child. We are a Rights Respecting School.

Our website is a fantastic information tool with all the up to date information you will require such as the school calendar and events.

We have four departments within in our school:

1

### Early Years

For nursery and reception age children with a range of needs.

2

### Experiential Learners

For children with profound learning difficulties and co-existing conditions.

3

### Independent Learners

For children with moderate learning difficulties and language delay.

4

### Structured Learners

For those who have social communication difficulties, may have a diagnosis of autism and require a structured teaching approach.

Class sizes are kept small to ensure personal attention can be given to all. Each class is led by a Special Educational Needs (SEN) Teacher and team of SEN Teaching Assistants. Class Staff are then supported by Department Heads, The Deputy Head and the Head Teacher as well as the School Business Manager, Admin team and Family Liaison Officer.



Link to school departments on our website:

[www.delamere.trafford.sch.uk/delamere-departments/24.html](http://www.delamere.trafford.sch.uk/delamere-departments/24.html)

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# Our Facilities

Our specialist facilities which enhance learning include:

- Soft Play Room
- Hydrotherapy Pool
- Sensory Room
- Multi-use Games Area
- Trampoline for Rebound Therapy
- Expressive Arts Studio
- Outdoor Learning Classroom.



Have a look at our school tour on our website:  
[www.delamere.trafford.sch.uk](http://www.delamere.trafford.sch.uk)





# Child Protection Summary

**It is important to us at Delamere School that all children feel safe and supported in our setting.**

Safeguarding is our priority across all aspects of our work and our policy underpins the rigorous practice that takes place in the school to best protect our students. Robust systems have been established at Delamere for dealing with safeguarding concerns.

All new staff to the school have a comprehensive induction which includes making sure they understand our procedures for keeping children safe.



[www.delamere.trafford.sch.uk/policies/55.html](http://www.delamere.trafford.sch.uk/policies/55.html)

“Teachers create bespoke learning environments around school.”

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“Teaching, learning and assessment are outstanding.”

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# Multi-Professional Team

## Delamere School has a dedicated on-site Therapy Team who are:

- A team of Speech and Language Therapists including an Autism specialist
- Occupational Therapists
- Physiotherapists
- Trafford Sensory Impairment Service including specialists for children with Visual Impairments and Hearing Impairments
- A School Nurse.

## Delamere School also works closely with:

- Educational Psychologists
- Other Early Years professionals including the SENAS (Special Educational Needs Advisory Service) Team and TEDS (Trafford Early Development Service) team
- CAMHS (Children and Adults Mental Health Service) team
- Children's Services
- Play Therapists
- Sports Leaders
- Music and Arts Specialists.

# Community Links

## We have close links within the local community which enhances the quality of our provision.

Groups of children experience a range of educational visits including:

- Sports Competitions
- Cultural enrichment e.g. Art Galleries
- Well being enhancements e.g. nature walks
- Life skills development e.g. local shopping trips.

Delamere has longstanding inclusion links with neighbouring schools including Woodsend Primary, St Michaels Primary, Flixton Primary and Wellfield Infants School.

“Early years provision is outstanding.”

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# Curriculum

**At Delamere we offer a flexible curriculum model, with personalised learning pathways for every child.**

The Impact of this curriculum is clear by the strong progress made by all our pupils.

## School Hours

Nursery 9:00am - 12:00pm  
OR  
12:30pm - 3:30pm

Reception - Year 6 9:00am - 3:30pm

After School clubs are available to book on Mondays and Fridays till 5:00pm.



For more information about our curriculum please see our website:  
[www.delamere.trafford.sch.uk/curriculum/67.html](http://www.delamere.trafford.sch.uk/curriculum/67.html)

“Pupils benefit enormously from a curriculum that is lively and stimulating.”

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“Lessons are stimulating and motivate pupils to learn.”

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# Families as Partners

**We understand that education is a partnership between school and home with the child being at the centre. We strive to build good relationships with all our parents and carers and encourage participation wherever possible.**

We have a Family Liaison Officer who responds to family's needs whether it be helping to chase an appointment, offering advice with behaviour, referring to services or running short courses on a variety of subjects. The Family Liaison officer can be contacted through the school.

**We also offer a variety of ways for families to become involved in school life including:**

- Friends of Delamere
- Special Events e.g. Sportsweek
- Social Media - website/Twitter/Facebook
- Coffee Mornings/Parents Evenings
- Interactive Learning Diary/Target Tracker
- Parent Council
- Training Courses for Parents
- Parentmail
- Regular emails and phone calls with teachers
- Parent volunteers in school.

“Information from the parent and staff surveys show that the school community is confident that pupils are kept safe in school.”

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## First Aid

All our teaching assistants are trained in first aid. If your child has an accident we will inform you by telephone. Please ensure your contact details are kept up-to-date by letting a member of staff know.





## Getting Started

**Children usually begin in our nursery on a part time basis whilst they are undergoing assessment for an Education, Health and Care Plan. But admission to Delamere School is also possible when a child may be older. Specialist staff assess the children's learning needs and begin to devise a personalised learning programme in consultation with parents.**

Parents are provided with Class Timetables in the first week of every term to ensure they are up to date with children's activities.

We always liaise very closely with families and any previous setting to enable a smooth transition for the child.

This includes a home visit before your child starts. This is an ideal opportunity to ask any questions you have and to tell us about your child. We will give you information about our school and what to expect from us. We believe parents are the experts in their child and we are keen to learn everything we can about your child before they start attending Delamere.

We encourage parents/carers to bring their child into school themselves as much as they can in order to build closer relationships with school but we recognise that is not always possible if you live some distance away. Therefore you may wish to apply to the local authority for Home to School transport.



This link takes you to the application form\*  
[www.trafford.gov.uk/residents/schools/school-transport/secure/travel-assistance-request-application-form.aspx](http://www.trafford.gov.uk/residents/schools/school-transport/secure/travel-assistance-request-application-form.aspx)

\*Please note there is small cost for children in nursery

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# What Your Child Will Need



**The most important thing we ask is that your child arrives to school each day, on time and ready to learn with sufficient clothing to engage in learning both inside and outside on a daily basis. It is essential that young children get frequent and regular opportunities to explore and learn in the outdoor environment.**

The Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) Curriculum, which covers children aged from birth to the end of Reception year, became statutory in September 2008. It places a strong emphasis on the importance and value of daily outdoor experiences for children's learning and development. Because all our children at Delamere experience some degree of learning difficulty or delay, the value of learning outside goes way beyond their Reception Year.

Delamere School believes strongly in the value of these experiences. We are happy to talk to you about this in more detail if required.



[www.delamere.trafford.sch.uk/outdoor-learning/673.html](http://www.delamere.trafford.sch.uk/outdoor-learning/673.html)

## Our school uniform is:

- Blue Crew Neck Sweatshirt/V Neck Sweatshirt
- Blue Cardigan
- Yellow or blue Polo Shirts
- Grey trousers/skirts
- Blue or Yellow checked summer dresses Crew Neck PE T-Shirt
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You can buy these items at most local retailers, however if you wish to have the school emblem embroidered on, our supplier is School Trends. You can order and pay for school uniform online by following the link on our website. You can also purchase book bags and rucksacks as you wish.

We recognise that some of our children find wearing a uniform uncomfortable, if you are worried about this please speak to the teacher on the home visit. Uniform is optional for children in nursery.

Other items may be needed depending on your child's needs and activities. The teacher will speak to you about these but they may be:

- Personal care items e.g. nappies/pads, wipes, medication, suncream
- PE kit, swimming kit
- Spare clothes.

ALL clothing or personal items should be labelled with your child's name.

## Lunch and Snacks

All children in Key Stage One can receive a free school meal. If you would prefer to send a packed lunch, just let the school office know. If you are worried about your child's diet please speak to your teacher.

We ask parents to provide snacks for their child, your child's teacher will talk to you about this when they start.

# Who to Contact for What

Here are a few starting places for some queries you may have. Further referrals may be needed but these are good places to start:

My child is unwell and unable to come to school.

→ School Office

Where can I buy school uniform?

How is my child getting on in class?

How does my child behave at school, I'm struggling at home?

My child doesn't seem to be communicating well?

→ Class teacher, either email direct to teacher or phone school

What support services are out there?

Where can I take my child on a Saturday?

What should I be claiming financially?

Are there any parent support groups?

→ The Trafford Directory website or phone Family Information Service  
Contact Family Liaison Officer

I'd like to be more involved in the school.

→ Contact Friends of Delamere or ask Headteacher about Parent Council

I'm worried about my child's health?

Can you help me find a specialist dentist?

Will the school administer medication to my child?

→ School Nurse

I'm just really confused and don't know what to do?

My query isn't mentioned on this sheet?

My query seems too small to bother anyone.

→ Call Liz, the Family Liaison Officer at School

**The Family Liaison Officer will always direct any query to the right place if you are unsure who to speak to.**

# Contact Details

**Delamere School**

☎ 0161 747 5893

For school office, class teachers, Head Teacher, Family Liaison officer and School Nurse

**The Trafford Directory**

🌐 [www.trafforddirectory.co.uk/kb5/trafford/fsd/home.page](http://www.trafforddirectory.co.uk/kb5/trafford/fsd/home.page)

**Family Information Service**

☎ 0161 912 1053

**Friends of Delamere**

✉ [melisandrow@gmail.com](mailto:melisandrow@gmail.com)

“The school's work to promote pupils' personal development and welfare is outstanding.”

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“Teachers are innovative, creating ways of making learning accessible and interesting to pupils.”

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# Delamere School

“Leaders have developed exciting outdoor spaces for pupils to play and learn.”

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“It is particularly impressive that when pupils go to the dining hall, outside or into the pool their communication supports are waiting for pupils to use.”

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“Every aspect of school life is considered, analysed and reviewed to ensure that it is the best it can be to support individual pupils’ learning.”

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“Teachers and teaching assistants know pupils exceptionally well.”

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“Physical education is a strength of the school.”

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“Pupils make very strong progress.”

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## Contact Us

Please don't hesitate to contact us with any questions or comments you have. We're only too happy to talk to you.

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