



Auxiliary Aids and Equipment

The equality Act 2010 states that both schools and Local Authorities have a duty to provide auxiliary aids and equipment.

Auxiliary aids refer to equipment that helps a child or young person at school. It is only for equipment to be used in a child or young person's school, which needs to be provided in order to make education accessible.

In Wakefield, schools use their own money to buy equipment for children when the cost is less than £1000. Where resources exceeding £1000 are required, then a request to the Local Authority can be made, by the person who has identified that need.

A child or young person does not need to have a statement or a new Education Health and Care Plan to have equipment bought by the authority.

If the school purchase the equipment from their own budget the aid belongs to the school. When a child moves to a different school it is the new school's responsibility to make sure they acquire the correct equipment.

In the cases where the Local Authority purchase the aid, the equipment will go with the child whilst they are in education in this authority.