

# Opening in 2025

# Aurora Ryefields School

A specialist day school providing academic and therapeutic support for young people aged 5–19 with autism spectrum conditions with additional social, emotional, and mental health needs.



## Welcome to our school

Aurora Ryefields School is a specialist school in Derby, dedicated to providing exceptional education and support for children and young people with Autism Spectrum Condition (ASC) or additional social, emotional, and mental health needs. Our goal is to create a nurturing and structured environment where every student can achieve their full potential.

We cater to a wide range of needs across the ASC spectrum, including students with co-occurring conditions such as sensory processing difficulties and mild learning disabilities. Our mission is to empower students to develop skills, confidence, and independence, preparing them for fulfilling lives and active participation in their communities.

At Ryefields School, we believe every student deserves a personalised education that nurtures their potential and ensures success in the future. We are committed to creating a calm, structured learning environment that reduces anxiety and encourages positive behaviour.

## Our facilities and curriculum

Ryefields School is designed to meet the unique needs of students with ASC. We provide a variety of specialised facilities, including:

- **Sensory Rooms & Quiet Zones:** For self-regulation and relaxation.
- **Specialist Classrooms:** Including a drama stage, science laboratory, design and technology/art studio, and food technology room.
- **Assistive Technology:** To enhance communication and learning.



Our curriculum is bespoke to each student and designed to address their individual strengths, interests, and developmental needs. Alongside the core National Curriculum subjects of Maths, English and Science, we will offer our students the opportunity to explore, discover and enjoy a wide variety of other interests and skills.

## Supporting learning

At Ryefields School, we offer a holistic approach to learning, providing students with the support they need to thrive:

- **Specialist Therapies:** On-site speech and language therapy, occupational therapy, and other services.
- **Individualised Strategies:** Techniques such as Zones of Regulation and mindfulness to support emotional regulation and reduce anxiety.
- **Experienced Support Staff:** A dedicated team of educators trained in sensory integration and evidence-based strategies to meet every student's needs.



Our safeguarding policies ensure every student feels safe, supported, and valued.

## Contact Us

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ASC, SEMH



5-19



Mixed



38 Week Day

Caring

Ambitious

Collaborative

Trusted

Innovative