

RCCS FAQs: The ASD Centre



What is the ASD Centre?

The Centre (formerly called the SRB) is fully integrated into the school, allowing a small number of pupils with ASD* to receive appropriate expert support and help from a dedicated team, as well as the opportunity to access mainstream education with knowledgeable and well-qualified subject teachers.

How is this achieved?

We ensure that the pupils always have access to a member of staff who understands their individual needs (a key worker). We support pupils in mainstream lessons, and provide an environment in the Centre (a suite of rooms in the school) where the pupils feel safe.

What does a typical day look like?

All of our pupils usually begin their day in registration with their form group, with support if necessary. This helps to reinforce the message that our pupils are full members of the school community. They will then attend lessons according to their individual timetables. Younger pupils will usually be supported in all lessons. With increased maturity and confidence, it may be possible for some pupils to attend lessons independently. This will only happen if the pupil is happy and confident to go to the lesson without support and will be viewed as a positive step towards independence. Pupils often get opportunities to go on out of school trips and visits, both as part of their programme in the Centre and as a member of the wider school community.

How about break and lunchtime?

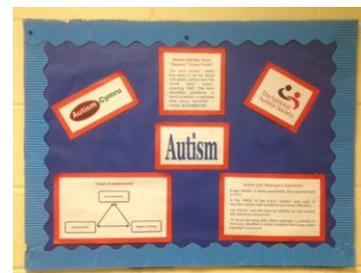
The Centre is available to our pupils, and their friends, before school, at break and lunch times and after school whilst waiting for their taxis. During these times the pupils are encouraged to socialise with each other, play board games, use construction toys etc. They also have access to ICT in the Centre for games on certain days.

Is there any other support?

We operate a Buddy System, and pupils not attached to the Centre are invited to join us for these informal periods. Buddies also provide additional support for our pupils during the school day, especially during break and lunch times.

Who is in charge of the base?

The Head Teacher of RCCS has overall responsibility, but the day to day running of the base, individual learning programmes, assessments, guidance etc is in the hands of Mrs Howells, who can be contacted at the school. Placements in the ASD Centre are decided by the Local Authority, Caerphilly, and new prospective parents should contact Inclusion Services in the first instance.



**See our FAQ on Autism for more information about ASD.*