

Suffolk Special Schools Standardised One Page Profile

School Name – Thomas Wolsey Ormiston Academy

Number of places and age range

TWOA has 105 places ages 3-16

The primary need that the school / provision caters for

- A. Communication and interaction - Yes
- B. Cognition and Learning
 - i. MLD – Yes
 - ii. SLD – Yes
- C. PMLD – Yes
- D. Sensory and Physical – Yes
- E. Social, Emotional and Mental Health (SEMH) – No

Do students need to have “average” cognition?

No. We have a wide span of abilities but the majority are working significantly age-related expectations. All pupils have learning difficulties relating to their condition.

Average class size and staffing model

Class sizes are typically 8-10. Staffing numbers vary according to level of need but equate to approximately 1 staff to every 2 pupils, (including care team who work part days).

Brief description of the curriculum offer.

Pupils work on personalised learning goals delivered through a topic-based approach as well as individualised programmes of study. Topics follow a rolling programme and expose pupils to a variety of topic-based learning objectives and experiences. All pupils in the same phase (EYFS, Primary or Secondary) access the same topic despite their learning profile to allow for movement between classes which becomes a greater priority as pupils move up the school as we prepare them for the wider world and to be as independent as possible.

Whilst recognising that all pupils have a unique range of needs, the school group pupils into 1 of 3 learning profiles: Emerging, (those with the most complex learning needs and disabilities who are ‘learning to learn’) Early, (learners with severe learning difficulties

who are building early learning skills) and Established, (learners who have more moderate learning difficulties but still require a range of support).

Specialist spaces at the school / provision

- A. Swimming pool – Yes
- B. Sensory room (s) – Yes (multiple sensory spaces across school)
- C. other please give details.

Fully accessible site including disabled-access playground and single storey building. We have NHS Therapy teams, (SALT, PT & OT) and SCARC based on site, with clinics and therapy gyms based in school. We are co-located with a mainstream secondary school which offers the potential for children who are able, to access lessons with their mainstream peers.

The average number of places available each year

We aim for 8 but numbers in year groups are highly variable.

How can a school tour be booked.

Contact the school office on 01473 467600. A member of the office team will complete an initial form with you over the phone which is passed to a member of SLT who will contact you to arrange a tour for you if it is felt that our setting may be appropriate for your child.

Other Information and links

Thomas Wolsey Ormiston Academy SEND Information Report [Thomas Wolsey Ormiston Academy - SEND Information Report](#)

Thomas Wolsey Ormiston Academy website [Thomas Wolsey Ormiston Academy](#)

Ormiston Academy Trust [Ormiston Academies Trust – Achieving more together](#)