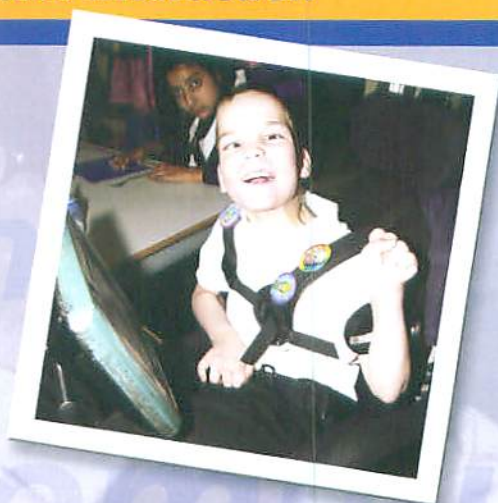


LANCASTERIAN PUPILS NEED YOUR SUPPORT!

*Please help us raise £20,000
for local pupils who
experience physical disabilities*

*We need your help in our bid for specialist status
in communication and interaction*



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LANCASTERIAN SCHOOL

Lancasterian School is a large special school in West Didsbury, Manchester, catering for children aged between 2-16 years old.

Our children experience a wide range of physical disabilities and/or have complex medical conditions. We provide the pupils with an individualised curriculum specific to suit their particular needs. Physiotherapy, Hydrotherapy, Occupational Therapy and Speech/Language Therapy are all provided on site. We also work closely with many other outside agencies ensuring that our pupils receive a high quality holistic approach to meeting and supporting their needs. Our school offers the pupils a wide range of opportunities to develop many additional skills, including a life skills curriculum. In May 2007 OFSTED judged us to be an **outstanding** school.



WHY WE NEED YOUR HELP?

Many of our pupils have very complex medical and physical conditions which often include communication difficulties, both in understanding how language works and in expressing themselves through speech. At Lancasterian we believe that every child has the right to be heard. Many of our pupils require specialised technology to express themselves. However this equipment costs up to £6,000 per child, and there is currently no statutory requirement to provide it.

WHAT IS SPECIALIST STATUS?

Our school has the opportunity to apply for specialist status in communication and interaction. Specialist status is a government initiative providing schools with additional funding to develop services for their pupils. In order to achieve specialist status, schools have to prove their expertise in a key area. At Lancasterian we have an established track record with supporting children in developing their communication skills particularly through the use of supportive technological aids. We need to raise £20,000 to enable us to pursue this opportunity. The government will then provide us with additional funding to develop our communication expertise and resources throughout our school. This will have a huge impact on the pupils' learning, their quality of life and their ability to contribute to society in future years.

PLEASE COME AND SUPPORT US AND HELP OUR CHILDREN BE HEARD!



If you would like to donate or think you can help, please contact Kira Bühler

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