

What is Alternative Provision?

AP refers to educational arrangements made for children and young people who cannot attend mainstream or special schools. This could be due to various reasons, such as behavioural challenges, medical conditions, or other specific needs that require tailored support.

What is happening in Telford?

Provision is developed, or planned for a September start, to enhance the offer to provide earlier help and support for young people. Tier 1 Outreach from AP settings into mainstream schools is not only supporting individual young people but helping to build capacity within the schools to better meet needs. Tier 2 Intervention places are being added to the offers

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young people reintegrating back into their mainstream settings and helping to reduce the numbers of permanent exclusions.

What is happening in Worcestershire?

We have been working alongside our AP Heads and school leaders to create capacity to test a model of earlier intervention for pupils at risk of suspension from their mainstream school.

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The beginning to see the impact of this on our rates of suspension and exclusion across the Local Authority and are working with leaders to refine this model of delivery for the next school year.

What is happening in Shropshire?

The new APST lead is now in post and has met virtually with several colleagues across schools, the council and varying provisions to explain the 12 month extension to the Change Programme which is focusing on creating a sustainable and inclusive education system. Within the APST team, we have appointed 3 of the nine new posts including an OT and 2 inclusion mentors.

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Visits with schools have been booked to offer support for students with identified, or potential, SEMH difficulties. Next steps for the Summer Term include developing the Shropshire Outreach offer and ensuring suitable Alternative Provision settings are available for the children and young people across the county

What is happening in Herefordshire?

From September, we are introducing a new AP Tier 2 intervention provision named the Harvest Project, as part of our commitment to delivering effective early support under the SEND and AP reforms. This provision offers targeted intervention for students requiring additional help beyond the mainstream classroom, with a strong emphasis on early intervention to prevent escalation to Tier 3.

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Operated by Herefordshire Pupil Referral Service, with students remaining on their mainstream school roll, the provision supports pupils with SEMH needs