South Ossett Infants Academy

Auxiliary Aids and Equipment

The Equality Act 2010 says that both schools and the Local Authority have a duty of care to provide auxiliary aids and equipment. Auxiliary aids and equipment can make education accessible for a child or young person at school.

In Wakefield, schools use their own money to buy equipment for children and young people that costs less than £1,000. If the total is more than £1,000 then the professional who thinks the child or young person needs the equipment submits a request to the Local Authority. A child or young person does not need to have a Statement or a new Educational Healthcare Plan to have equipment bought by the Local Authority.

If the school buys the equipment then it belongs to the school. When a child or young person moves to a different school or transfers to high school, then it is up to the new school to make sure they purchase the correct equipment. If the Local Authority purchases the equipment then it goes with the child or young person when he /she move school within the Local Authority.