

Additional
Learning
Support

A Student's Guide to the ALS Assessment Process



The following will tell you what you need to know about the ALS Assessment Process, as well as where to go if you need further information.

Referral

There are a few different ways in which you can be referred for an initial support assessment, which will find an appropriate package of support for you if you need it, these are:

- When you apply for a course at College, tick the box on the application form which says that you have a learning difficulty or disability.
- Ask your tutor to refer you to us.
- Come in and talk to one of our team in room A153c at the Old Mill Lane campus, or you can phone us on ☎ **01226 216 769** or email ✉ **als@barnsley.ac.uk**.

Questionnaire

Once we receive a referral, we will send an ALS questionnaire to your home address.

The questionnaire is a short form which gives us more information about the kind of support needs you have, and how we may be able to help you at College. We will send you a stamped addressed envelope, so you can send it back to us easily.

Initial Support Assessment

Once we get your questionnaire back, we'll be in touch to invite you into College for an initial support assessment.

This is an informal meeting with one of the ALS Co-ordinators where we will ask you some questions about the things you think you will need support with at College. We may also ask you to do some writing for us, so we can see any strengths or weaknesses you have with your literacy.

We will also discuss any medical needs you may have and any equipment which may be useful to you. You are welcome to bring someone along to this appointment with you if you would like.



Support

Once your initial support assessment is complete, we will decide on an appropriate package of support for you.

This will include recommendations for support in or out of class time, equipment, exam concession information and details of any medical needs you may have. We pass all this information on to your tutors so that they know how they can best support you during your time at College.

We will then decide whether ALS or your curriculum team will provide you with the support you may need. We will send you a form through the post including your recommended support package, which is for you to keep as a reference.

We also send a copy of this form to your chosen curriculum area, to make them aware of your support needs and enable them to provide appropriate support.

Further Assessment

If you need exam concessions during your time at College (such as extra time, or a reader or scribe) then you may need to have further assessments.

A 'WRAT' is used to assess if you are entitled to support in your exams. If you have a medical condition or physical difficulty which means you may need additional support in exams, then we may ask you to get a form filled in by your GP to provide us with further information.



We work with students who have a range of additional learning support needs, including:

- A need for mobility assistance
- A temporary disability
- Autism and Asperger's Syndrome
- Dyslexia
- Dyspraxia
- Hearing impairments
- Learning difficulties and disabilities
- Literacy, numeracy and language support needs
- Mental health conditions
- Physical conditions
- Visual impairments

If you have a question, or just want a chat to find out more, you can find us at:

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