



Moore House Group, Dunkeld Campus, awarded prestigious ADHD Friendly School Award by the ADHD Foundation.

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Daniel Johnson MSP unveiled a plaque for the ADHD School Friendly Award at the Moore House Group, Dunkeld Campus.

Daniel Johnson, MSP, Scottish Labour said *“It was fantastic to be invited by Tracey Ford-McNicol, Head of Education, to unveil the plaque for the ADHD School Friendly Award at the Moore House Group, Dunkeld Campus. I enjoyed having the opportunity to talk about my own journey with ADHD with the young people, meet with the staff and students at Moore House and learn about their exciting plans for the future of the picturesque site. I look forward to keeping in touch and doing what I can do to be a big supporter of the life-changing work that is being done here.”*



From ADHD Foundation

Moore House Group, Dunkeld – a great place for learners, whatever their needs

Moore House Group in Dunkeld has been awarded the prestigious ADHD Friendly School Award by the ADHD Foundation for their work with children with ADHD this academic year. Moore House is proudly committed to supporting all children within their schools, whatever their particular needs, and are schools that place inclusion at the centre of their ethos and culture.

Moore House Group Dunkeld has considered all the main barriers to learning for children with ADHD and has sought to address them in their everyday practice. This ranges from increasing physical activity across the curriculum to their tool-kits full of tactile resources in every classroom.

Helping children with ADHD to regulate their emotions was a key feature of the submission for the award with a whole-school approach to emotional regulation. The schools utilise their fantastic outdoor space to aid this, with students having access to calm spaces such as the duck pond and music garden. These spaces allow students to have some quiet time and self-soothe if necessary. There is also an impressive games room in which students can have some much-needed downtime as a break from the busyness of school life.

Moore House has also recognised the need for movement in children with ADHD and the children have benefited greatly from having this need met. All pupils have access to the outdoor games area, climbing equipment and woodland area to allow them to give their brains a break and return to their work feeling refreshed and ready to learn. If the students want to take their exercise up a level, they can use the indoor equipment which includes weighted resources, punching-bags and a cross-trainer. Furthermore, pupils at Moore House with ADHD and other additional needs have the option of using wobble boards, spinning chairs, fidget resources or other tools to provide movement and sensory feedback when

working, aiding concentration and attentional regulation.

Moore House Group, Dunkeld has also done a great job of celebrating neurodiversity through their displays and assemblies, which showcase and promote the positives of ADHD and other conditions, using successful neurodiverse people as role-models for the children. The school really embraces the range of needs across their pupil population and seeks to embrace the positives of the variety of conditions.

Craig Martin, Deputy Head of Education from Moore House said, *“It was a fantastic experience with the ADHD Foundation, they provided our staff with first class training and practical support, knowledge and Ideas to up-skill our staff, in order that we can provide our children and young people with the best support possible. Our school's Aspiration is to provide the best education and pastoral care to neurodiverse children and young people. This award/ Training is a step closer to achieving that aspirations.”*

Arron Hutchinson, the Education Training Director of the ADHD Foundation said, *“It has been a pleasure to work with Moore House Group, Dunkeld. All of the staff have gone above and beyond to make their lessons and their school environment enjoyable, supportive and safe spaces for their students with ADHD and they truly deserve this award which recognises all of the hard work they are doing.”*

Tracey Ford-McNicol, Head of Education from Moore House said, *“I am delighted that all the hard work, dedication and commitment from our staff team has resulted in this award from the ADHD Foundation. Moore House Group, Dunkeld Campus offers sector leading education within a safe and nurturing environment. We specialise in providing education and residential services for neurodiverse children and young people (5 to 18 Years) from all corners of the UK. The school's motto is: **Acceptance, Aspiration, Attainment and Achievement.** To find out more about our provision please see our website <https://moorehousegroup.org.uk/the-jane-moore-trust/> or contact our Administrative team dunkeld_admin@moorehouse.org.uk or call 01350 724395 to arrange to talk to us and/or a visit.”*

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