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Nursery School and Nursery Units attached to Primary Schools

The Authority has established outreach facilities at 17 Nurseries to ensure that a child with special educational needs can be supported at their local Nursery School, Nursery Unit or Early Years Setting. This support will be provided by either the school or staff from the Outreach Nursery.

Nursery Schools and mainstream primary schools and with nursery units are shown in the Primary Education Brochure.

A child with identified special educational needs will not require an Education, Health and Care assessment to be considered for some additional support in a Nursery school, Nursery Unit or Early Years setting.

2) Mainstream Schools

All of the mainstream schools in County Durham are able to support children with special educational needs and you can ask to see their policies or local offer information so that you know what they provide.

Details of all maintained mainstream and special schools; and Academies in the area of the authority are listed on the Local Offer website at [www.countydurhamfamilies.info/localoffer](http://www.countydurhamfamilies.info/localoffer)
We have a number of mainstream schools with enhanced mainstream provision for children and young people with particular special educational needs such as hearing impairments, visual impairments, speech and language difficulties, physical difficulties, autism spectrum disorders and behaviour. Information about these schools is available below and on our Local Offer website at www.countydurhamfamilies.info/localoffer

**Hearing impairment**

There are two enhanced mainstream provisions to meet the needs of those children with a hearing impairment, children who are profoundly deaf and children with cochlear implants who require a high level of specialist support and/ or smaller groups to achieve curriculum entitlement.

**Not all children will require an Education, Health and Care assessment to access a place in an enhanced mainstream school. This will depend on the needs of the child or young person.**

Enhanced mainstream provision is available for children of both primary and secondary school age. Children who are admitted become full members of the school and are included on the roll.

Individual teaching programmes are constructed on the basis of need and entitlement, taking account of the requirement for all children to have a broad, balanced and relevant curriculum suitably differentiated to meet their identified special educational needs.

Children will generally be expected to spend most of their time working alongside their peers in ordinary classes but will have access to specialist teaching, support or appropriate specialist resources.

Provision is located at:

**Durham Gilesgate Primary School**  
Kepier Crescent, Gilesgate, Durham DH1 1PH  
📞 (0191) 384 7284

**Belmont Community School**  
Buckinghamshire Road, Belmont, Durham DH1 2QP  
📞 (0191) 386 5715

**Visual Impairment**

There are three enhanced mainstream provisions to meet the needs of those children with a visual impairment who require a high level of specialist support and/ or smaller groups to achieve curriculum entitlement.
Not all children will require an Education, Health and Care assessment to access a place in an enhanced mainstream school. This will depend on the needs of the child or young person.

Enhanced mainstream provision is available for children of both primary and secondary school age. Children who are admitted become full members of the school and are included on the roll.

Individual teaching programmes are constructed on the basis of need and entitlement, taking account of the requirement for all children to have a broad, balanced and relevant curriculum suitably differentiated to meet their identified special educational needs.

Children will generally be expected to spend most of their time working alongside their peers in ordinary classes but will have access to specialist teaching, support or appropriate specialist resources.

Provision is located at:

- **Belmont Infant School**
  Buckinghamshire Road, Belmont, Durham DH1 2QP
  📞 (0191) 384 3714

- **Belmont C.E. Junior School**
  Buckinghamshire Road, Belmont, Durham DH1 2QP
  📞 (0191) 384 4178

- **Belmont Community School**
  Buckinghamshire Road, Belmont, Durham DH1 2QP
  📞 (0191) 386 5715

**Speech and Language Difficulties**

There are five enhanced mainstream provisions to meet the needs of children with significant speech and language difficulties who require a high level of specialist support and/or smaller groups to achieve curriculum entitlement.

**Not all children will require an Education, Health and Care assessment to access a place in an enhanced mainstream school. This will depend on the needs of the child or young person.**

Children admitted become full members of the school and are included on the roll. Speech therapy is provided in these schools by the Health Authority. For primary aged pupils the aim is to provide intensive specialist teaching and therapy with a view to returning the children to their local schools through the Statutory Annual Review procedures. Such placements are therefore viewed as relatively short-term. Placement at a Secondary Language Resource Base may be for the duration of the pupil’s compulsory schooling.

Individual teaching programmes are constructed on the basis of need and entitlement, taking account of the requirement for all children to have a broad,
balanced and relevant curriculum suitably differentiated to meet their identified special educational needs.

Children will generally be expected to spend most of their time working alongside their peers in ordinary classes but will have access to specialist teaching, support or appropriate specialist resources.

Provision is located at:

**PRIMARY**
- **Belmont Cheveley Park Primary School**
  Scardale Way, Belmont, Durham DH1 2TX
  ☏ (0191) 386 9494

- **Timothy Hackworth Primary School**
  Byerley Road, Shildon, Durham DL4 1HN
  ☏ (01388) 772 959

- **Wheatley Hill Community Primary School**
  Wheatley Hill, Durham DH6 3QR
  ☏ (01429) 820 594

**SECONDARY**
- **North Durham Academy**
  High Street, Stanley, County Durham, DH9 0TW
  ☏ (01207) 292 180

- **Whitworth Park School**
  Whitworth Terrace, Spennymoor, County Durham DL16 7LN
  ☏ (01388) 824800

**Physical Difficulties**

There is one enhanced mainstream provision to meet the needs of those children with physical difficulties who require a high level of specialist support and who may have particular requirements concerning access to teaching accommodation.

Not all children will require an Education, Health and Care assessment to access a place in an enhanced mainstream school. This will depend on the needs of the child or young person.

Provision is located at:

- **Howletch Lane Primary School**
  Pennine Drive, Peterlee SR8 2NQ
  ☏ (0191) 586 2765

**Autism Spectrum Disorders**

There are three enhanced mainstream provisions to meet the needs of children with Autism who require a high level of specialist support. Consideration of placement is needs focused rather than based on described difficulty. The child will be experiencing significant needs relating to their autism, and will not be progressing as expected within a mainstream
environment. It would be expected that children/young people accessing the provision would usually have a diagnosis of autism/autism spectrum. Children and young people are likely to have a complex presentation which includes an ability to make progress with the national curriculum within the broad range expected for a pupil of their age. However, their wellbeing, participation and progress in school is impacted on significantly as a consequence of their autism related sensory /social/communication/anxiety needs.

**Children will have an SEN Support Plan and there should be evidence of person centred reviews from 2014. An EHC Plan is not a requirement to access this provision.**

**Secondary**

Wellfield Community School – Specialist Maths & Computing College  
North Road East, Wingate TS28 5AX  
☎️ (01429) 838 413

Bishop Barrington School  
Woodhouse Lane  
Bishop Auckland  DL 14 6LA  
☎️ 01388 603307

**Primary**

Easington Colliery Primary  
Whickham St Easington Colliery Peterlee SR83DJ  
☎️ 01915270293

**Social Emotional and Mental Health**

There is one enhanced mainstream provision to meet the needs of children with social emotional and mental health difficulties. Consideration of placement is needs focused rather than based on described difficulty. The child will be experiencing significant medium to longer term SEMH needs, and will not be progressing as expected within a mainstream environment.

Children referred for consideration are likely to have some resilience factors which may include their potential for learning or underlying social and emotional skills, and these should be profiled in addition to the difficulties and needs. There should be a stated family commitment to work with the provision to address identified needs through home support.

**Children will have an SEN Support Plan and there should be evidence of person centred reviews from 2014. An EHC Plan is not a requirement to access this provision.**

**Primary**

Seascape Primary  
Ellison Road, Peterlee SR8 5NJ  
☎️ 0191 587 0886
4) Special Schools

There are 10 special schools in County Durham.

The Local Authority arranges placement at these schools through the Education, Health and Care assessment and review procedures.

The curriculum is designed to meet individual needs. A broad, balanced and relevant curriculum is provided which maximises the opportunities for children to access the National Curriculum within the whole school curriculum.

Head Teachers are always pleased to receive enquiries from parents, to arrange visits to their school and to provide further information.

The Local Authority has a duty to regularly review its special educational provision. Special school provision has been re-organised in each division.

**North Durham**

**Consett Villa Real School**
Villa Real, Consett DH8 6BH  
📞 (01207) 503 651

This school provides for the needs of pupils with severe learning difficulties, autism and profound and multiple learning difficulties from 2 to 19 years of age. Conductive education is also provided at the school.

**Croft Community School**
Greencroft Lane End, Annfield Plain, Stanley DH9 8PR  
📞 (01207) 234 547

The school provides for the needs of pupils with moderate learning difficulties, severe learning difficulties and autism from 5 to 16 years of age.
South West Durham

**Evergreen School**
Warwick Road, Bishop Auckland DL14 6LS
☎ (01388) 459 721

The school provides for the needs of children with a range of special educational needs, including moderate learning difficulties, severe learning difficulties, autism and profound and multiple learning difficulties from 2 to 11 years of age.

**The Oaks School**
Rock Road, Spennymoor DL16 7DB
☎ (01388) 827 380

The school provides for the needs of children with a range of special educational needs, including moderate learning difficulties, severe learning difficulties, autism and profound and multiple learning difficulties from 11 to 19 years of age.

Central Durham

**Durham Trinity School**
Aykley Heads, Durham DH1 5TS
☎ (0191) 386 4612

This school provides for the needs of children with a range of special educational needs, including moderate learning difficulties, severe learning difficulties, autism and profound and multiple learning difficulties from 2 to 19 years of age.

South East Durham

**Glendene Academy**
Crawlaw Road, Easington Colliery, Peterlee SR8 3BQ
☎ (0191) 527 0304

This school provides for the needs of children with a range of special educational needs, including moderate learning difficulties, severe learning difficulties, autism and profound and multiple learning difficulties from 2 to 19 years of age.
The Local Authority provides four schools for pupils with Social, Emotional and Mental Health Needs.

**Elemore Hall School**  
Littletown, Sherburn, Durham DH6 1QD  
☎ (0191) 372 0275

This school provides for the needs of pupils between the ages of 11-16 years who have an underlying emotional basis to their behavioural and learning difficulties.

Provision is on a day or residential basis.

**The Meadows School**  
Whitworth Lane, Spennymoor DL16 7QW  
☎ (01388) 811 178

This school provides for pupils aged 11-16 with emotional and behavioural difficulties on a day and extended day basis. The aim of the school is to give each pupil the support and educational environment they require to achieve their potential.

**Windlestone School**  
Blue House Farm, Chilton, Ferryhill DL17 0HP  
☎ (01388) 720 337

This school provides for the needs of pupils between the ages of 11-16 years who have an underlying emotional basis to their behavioural and learning difficulties.

Provision is on a day or residential basis.

**Newton Aycliffe Walworth School**  
Bluebell Way, Newton Aycliffe DH5 7LP  
☎ (01325) 300194

This school provides for the needs of children with emotional and behavioural difficulties from 5-11 years of age. Whilst most children attend on a daily basis this school provides an additional five day, (four nights), residential facility for primary aged children only.

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