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"The staff at Aycliffe are so special. They have belief in the students and look for ways to help them achieve their potential. They are very caring and patient and they concentrate on abilities, not limitations."

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Prospectus



Welcome to Aycliffe School

I am delighted to introduce you to our school, which offers a broad and balanced responsive curriculum, designed to meet the assessed needs and abilities of all our pupils. Our highly personalised approach offers pupils aged three to 19 years, who are autistic, neurodivergent or have additional needs, the opportunity to achieve the outcomes needed for the next stage of their education and into adulthood.

At Aycliffe School, we've created an environment for everyone to feel safe and appreciated for their individual contributions. We take great pride in the progress and development of our pupils, ensuring they are equipped with the confidence and skills to live their lives safely and successfully and to go on to take their place within the local community and beyond. Placing pupils at the heart of everything we do, we address any barriers through holistic approaches, involving a range of specialist staff and other support agencies.

Our enthusiastic and professional staff team ensure that learning at Aycliffe is fun, engaging and relevant, taking into account pupils' individual needs and building positive and trusting relationships.

If you would like to learn more about Aycliffe School, please feel free to arrange a visit to meet our fantastic staff and students.

Tracey Clements
School Principal



Our Vision

'Working together to inspire, support, celebrate and equip autistic and neurodivergent people to fulfil their potential in life'

Our Core Values

To help us achieve our mission statement we have four core values underpinning our practice:

- to have our pupils and those accessing our services at the heart of the organisation
- To operate a fair, respectful and honest culture
- To strive for the highest quality
- To operate with integrity



The Curriculum

At Aycliffe School, we are committed to helping our pupils fulfil their potential by preparing them for the next stage in their education, employment and lives.

Our ambitious curriculum is divided into four learning pathways with each pupil matched to the route that is best suited to their assessed needs and individual aspirations.

Our curriculum is designed to:

- Develop skills and knowledge in line with pupils' planned destinations
- Promote communication and community engagement
- Empower pupils to have greater independence
- Increase self-confidence and resilience
- Equip pupils to be responsible, respectful and active citizens
- Develop skills to enhance employment opportunities
- Develop transferrable functional skills
- Support pupils to develop strategies to regulate their own well-being

We use a range of specialist strategies to support our pupils:

- Total communication approach
- Individualised Support Plans
- Bespoke learning environments
- Hierarchy of Cues
- Zones of Regulation
- Visual support systems
- Sensory profiles
- Staff with specialist training
- A range of differentiated teaching and learning strategies
- Multi-disciplinary approach
- Staff are extensively trained in Positive Proactive Support



EYFS (Early Years Foundation Stage)

- Communication and language development
- Physical development
- Personal, social and emotional development
- Literacy
- Mathematics
- Understanding the world
- Expressive arts and design



Educational Pathway

- English
- Mathematics
- ICT
- Science
- Education/Employment
- Independent Living
- Community Inclusion
- Health and Well-being



Communication and Sensory

- Literacy
- Numeracy
- Communication
- Personal, social & emotional development
- Independent Living
- Community Inclusion
- Health and Well-being



Pathway to Continuing Education and/or employment

- Functional Skills English
- Functional Skills Maths
- Functional Skills ICT
- Independent Living
- Community Inclusion
- Health and Well-being



Pathway to Independent Living

- Literacy
- Numeracy
- Independent Living
- Community Inclusion
- Health and Well-being
- Personal, social & emotional development



Parent _____

“As soon as I went in and met the staff, I knew my son was going to be happy at Aycliffe School.”

Teaching Assistant _____

“The pupils make the job what it is – they’re fantastic.”

Our Admissions

Aycliffe School accepts referrals from Local Authorities (LA) and the majority of our pupils have an Education Health and Care Plan (EHCP) or Special Educational Needs support plan.

Before a place is offered, Aycliffe School will strive to ensure that all special educational needs outlined in the child or young person's EHCP are able to be met within the setting, as well as the provision of any additional resources.

If you feel Aycliffe School could be the right fit for your child, please contact us to arrange a visit to the school or to discuss our [Admissions Policy](#) in more detail.



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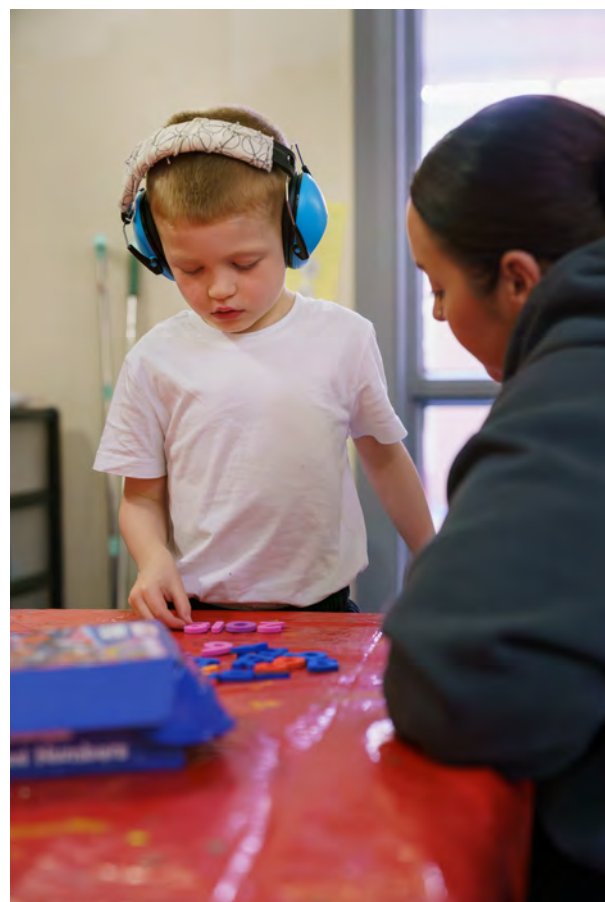
“The curriculum is broad and ambitious...staff have good knowledge of the subjects they teach. They use creative approaches to help pupils to engage in lessons and to understand. ”

Safeguarding

We place the highest priority on ensuring the safety of all pupils at Aycliffe School.

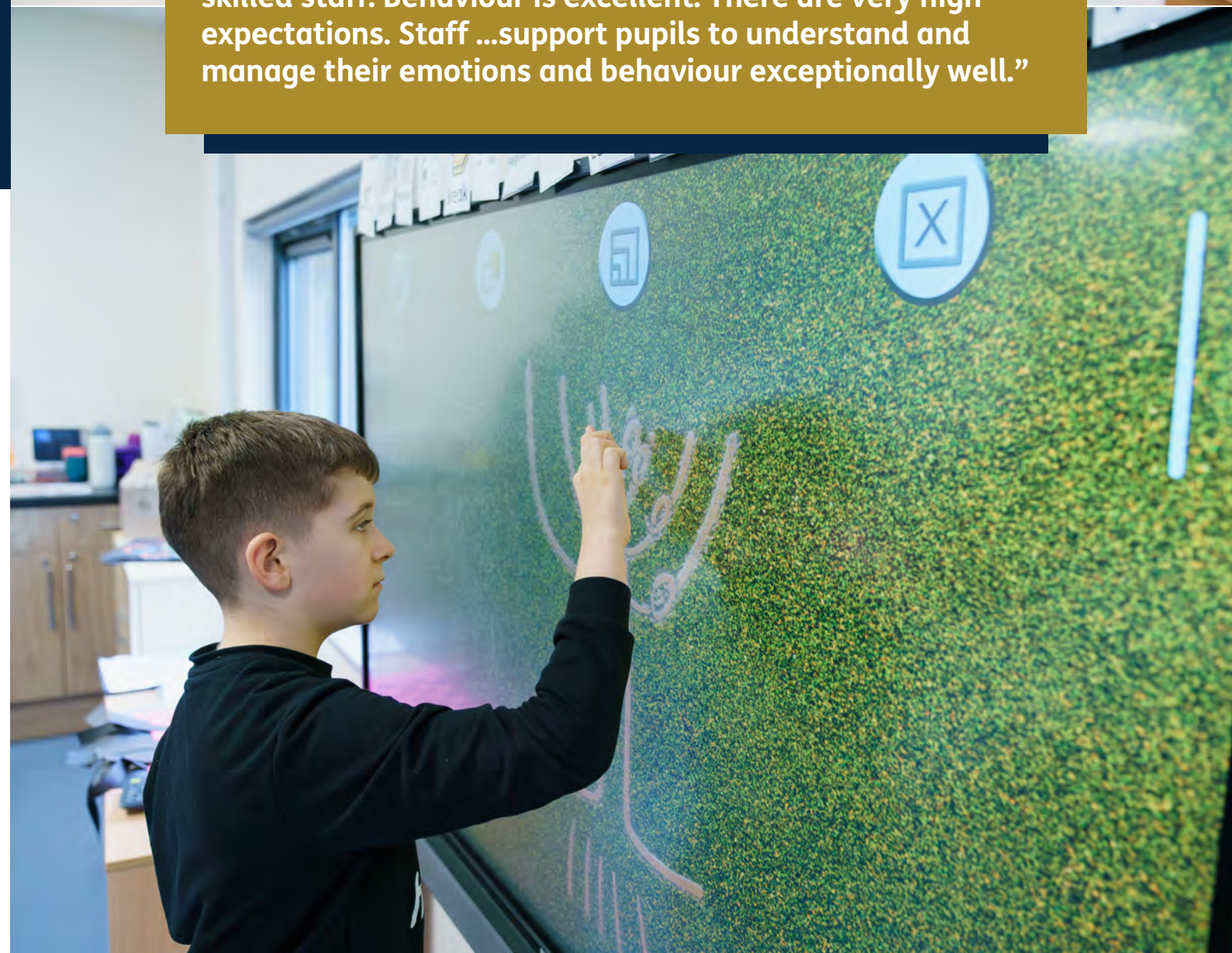
We have a number of policies and procedures in place that contribute to our safeguarding commitment, including our [Child Protection and Safeguarding Policy](#) which can be found in the policies section on our website.

Safeguarding is also embedded throughout the school curriculum, providing pupils with the knowledge and skills to keep themselves safe in all aspects of life.



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“Pupils are closely supervised and supported well by highly skilled staff. Behaviour is excellent. There are very high expectations. Staff ...support pupils to understand and manage their emotions and behaviour exceptionally well.”



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Aycliffe School is part of the North East Autism Society, a registered charity which has led the way in providing autism-specific care and education for children, young people and adults across the North-east for more than 40 years.

For more information about Aycliffe School, visit our website or contact:

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