At Humshaugh First School we are proud to provide a safe, stimulating and inclusive learning environment where every member of our community is valued and respected.

Our broad, balanced, creative curriculum and enrichment activities provide opportunities for everyone to achieve and succeed.

We celebrate our achievements, gifts and cultural diversity, irrespective of individual differences within the protected categories of the Equality Act of 2010.

Our vision is 'Being Good Soil' to enable all children to grow and flourish. We take pride in making a positive contribution to lives of children and the wider community.

How does the setting/school/college know if children/young people need extra help and what should I do if I think my child/young person may have special educational needs?

We identify children with SEND by:

We have Community Powers and therefore our Nursery is part of school. We have some part-time places for 2 year olds and full time places for 3-4 year olds. As a result, early help and intervention is a strength of the school.

Having good communication with feeder establishments e.g. Private nurseries.

We receive information (both verbal and paper documents) about children from previous schools/settings that identify any child with SEND or concerns they have about a child, prior to them joining our school.

Having good links and communication with other professionals e.g. Health Visitors share information about children and their needs.

Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) staffs carrying out home visits to all new Nursery children prior to them entering our Nursery. At these visits we discuss any concerns parents may have about their child.

We ensure good teaching. The progress of all children is monitored and tracked regularly by the class teacher and the SENCO, so that when a child is not making expected progress for them in a particular area of learning the school can quickly identify the need for additional support.

EYFS staff have Key children so they can reliably track the progress of individual pupils and identifies areas in which expected progress is not made.

Teachers regularly share any concerns they may have about a child with the SENCO

	Teachers/Parents/SENCO share concerns they have about their child.
How will parents/carers be able to raise any concerns they may have?	Humshaugh First school offers the following: Parent partnership is actively encouraged and parents are encouraged to raise concerns if they are worried about their child's progress. If parents do have a concern about their child's progress they can arrange to speak to the class teacher or the SENCO (Mrs Karen Blythe). Parents are encouraged to talk to outside agencies such as GP's and Health professionals.
Who will oversee and plan the education programme?	Mrs Blythe is the school's SENCO She is responsible for creating PEPs which identify individual's needs. Additional intervention is then provided to enable a child to make continued progress. When the school identifies the need for additional intervention the parents/carers will be informed of the planned support and are invited to a meeting at the school to discuss this further and agree specific, personalised targets.
Who will be working with the child/young person and how often?	Humshaugh First school have a highly qualified and experienced staff. All teachers deliver good quality teaching. Differentiation is clearly planned for and implemented. We have four TAs offering additional support All of these members of staff are trained to deliver Paediatric First Aid. Our Early Years Lead is a trained Speech Therapist
Who will explain this to the parent/carer?	The school's SENCO will explain the type of intervention and support a child is receiving. A review of this intervention will take place on a termly basis with parents/carers.
How are governors involved and what are their responsibilities?	Governors are responsible for monitoring the effectiveness of the provision in place for children identified with SEND and they will receive a report from the SENCO on the progress of children with SEND during Governors meetings.

How will the curriculum be	All teachers and TAs will have the highest possible expectations for all children in their class.
matched to my child's/young person's	All teaching is planned to build on what children already know, can do and can understand.
needs?	Staff plan and implement differentiated activities and learning opportunities across the
What is the school's approach to	curriculum to meet individual's needs, ensuring progress. This may include a variety of teaching
differentiation?	methods being deployed so that your child is fully involved in learning. This may involve using
	more practical learning or providing different resources adapted for your child.
	If good quality teaching, with clear differentiation is not meeting the needs of your child, then
	intervention plans are written. Intervention plans clearly identify specific needs and how they
	will be addressed.
	A graduated approach is used in school to plan for progression; details of which can be found in
	our Special Needs Policy.
How will I know how my child/young	It is important to us that you and your child know what their targets are and how they are
person is doing and how will you help me to	doing. Therefore, regular review meetings to identify your child's progress towards
support my child's/young person's learning?	personalised targets are scheduled termly. This is an opportunity for parents/carers to
In addition to normal reporting	celebrate achievement and contribute towards their child's next set of targets.
arrangements what opportunities will there	EYFS have shared learning journals online which identify progress.
be for parent/carers to discuss their	Annual reports and Parents' Evenings give all parents and carers regular feedback on their
child/young person's progress with staff?	child's up to date academic progress and achievement and any behavioural, emotional or social difficulties.
	If a child (family) has an Early Help Assessment then regular review meetings are held according to need.
	If a child has an Education Health Care Plan then review meetings will be held at appropriate
	times depending on the nature and the length of the intervention. A detailed timetable of
	intervention will be shared with parents/carers.
	We want you to feel part of our school community and there are many opportunities for you to
	visit and participate.
How does the school know how well	Staff make termly teacher assessments for all children identifying progress towards the age
children/young people are progressing?	related expectations (ARE).
	The senior leadership team analyse this data for different groups of children including those
	with SEND. Any child not making expected progress is then identified and interventions

	reviewed.
What opportunities are available for regular	There is opportunity on a daily basis for parents/carers to communicate with school staff.
contact e.g. home school book	Reading Records and Homework via Google Classroom provide a daily link with parents/carers.
	Parents/carers are also encouraged to use email as another method of contacting staff and
	communicating any issues.
How can parents/carers support their	All parents/carers of all children including children with SEND are encouraged to engage with
child/young	their child's differentiated homework.
person	Intervention plans are shared with Parents/carers and how they can support their child's needs
	are identified on the plan. Parents/carers are asked to sign and comment on the plan. At the
	end of the intervention plan, objectives are reviewed and this is shared with parents/carers.
	Families who have an Early Help Assessment (EHA) are encouraged to carry out any actions
	identified on the plan.
	Parents are encouraged to follow any recommendations for support identified by outside
	agencies.
Does setting/school/college offer any	Humshaugh First School provides information and support events in the form of: Phonics
parent training or learning events?	&Reading Evening (Y1); E-safety Information sessions (Staff/Parents/Governors); In the event
	of a partial or full 'lockdown' these will take place via Google Meet.
What support will there be for my	The well-being of all of our children is our primary concern at Humshaugh First school. They are
child/young person's overall well-being?	supported with their social and emotional development throughout the school day, through
What pastoral, medical and social support is	the curriculum, extra-curricular activities and targeted playtime staff. Humshaugh First School
available in the setting/school/college for	is part of the Mental Health Trailblazer, providing specialist support for children with Social and
children/young people with SEND?	emotional needs.
	Personal, Social and Health Education (PSHE) and Social and Emotional Aspects of Learning are
	integral to our curriculum.
	Additional support from specialist staff is arranged as needed for individual pupils, both in and
	out of the classroom; a tailored personal plan may be put in place for pupils with the highest
	need.
	The majority of staff have a paediatric first aid qualification

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All staff have had training in how to use an epi-pen and diabetes management.
If a child needs prescribed medication then parents have to complete a medication form. A first
aid trained member of staff will administer the prescribed medication at the appropriate times
and this will be recorded on a personal 'Record of Medication'.
In school, if a child with SEND has a toileting issue then staff follow the intimate care policy.
Our Behaviour Policy; which includes guidance on expectations, rewards and sanctions, is fully
understood by all staff.
A range of strategies are in-place to avoid persistent inappropriate behaviour.
We regularly monitor attendance, support pupils returning to school after absence and take
the necessary actions to prevent prolonged unauthorised absence.
Humshaugh First School works closely with the EWO to ensure persistent absence is avoided.
If a child with SEND is absent due to medical reasons then Humshaugh First school will work
with outside agencies to support the family.
All children complete questionnaires about school and school life.
School Council actively work with all children to ensure their views are shared.
The SENCo works consults with children to ascertain their views on school and their learning
prior to Early Help Assessments and Education Health Care Plan meetings where appropriate.
Children are invited to participate during parts of meetings regarding their views and needs if it
is deemed appropriate.
See above for school based staff experience
School also work closely with:
Children's Services
NHS
Health Visitors
CYPS (Children's and young peoples services)
GPs (who can also access OT's and Physio's)
PRU (pupil referral unit)
EWO (Education Welfare Officer)
EOTAS (Education other than school)
Dictated by the changing needs of pupils.

supporting children and young	SENCo attends termly network meetings for all SENCos in the Hexham Partnership of schools.
people with SEND having or have had?	SENCo annual conference.
	Liaison with specialist staff at Middle & High Schools
How will my child/young person be	We provide learning and enriching experiences to inspire, motivate and meet the needs of all
included in activities outside the classroom	learners.
including school trips?	All children have access to all activities and all trips, adaptations may be made with certain
Will all pupils be able to access all activities	activities and lessons where appropriate. If safety is an issue then risk assessments are carried
of the school and how will they be assisted	out in order to ensure everyone's safety.
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How accessible is the	Wheelchair access is partial.
school environment?	Humshaugh First school has ramps to its Reception classroom and to the front corridor. EYFS
Is the building fully wheelchair accessible?	and Class 2 are accessible through the hall and exits to the playground.
Have there been improvements in the	There is a disabled toilet facility.
auditory and visual environment? Are there	
disabled changing and toilet facilities?	
What preparations will be put in place	Nursery staff carry out home visits prior to children joining the Nursery so parents can share
before child moves on to the next stage of	any concerns or worries and provision can be put into place to meet individual needs before
education and life? What information will	they start Nursery.
be provided?	There are opportunities to prepare for effective transition scheduled across the academic year.
	These occur within school and between schools.
	Opportunities for children with SEND to spend time with their new Teacher and other staff
	who will be working with them are available the term before they move classes.
	A partnership transition programme is planned and co-ordinated by the Heads of all Hexham
	Schools. This includes a variety of visits across Key Stage 2. A liaison meeting is also scheduled
	to provide an opportunity for staff to discuss the needs of individual children.
	Middle school staff and children visit Humshaugh to answer children's questions.
How are the school's resources allocated	The SENDCo creates an Intervention Timetable according to individual needs. Having identified
and matched to children/young people's	individual needs, TA skills and resources are allocated accordingly. This provision is delivered
special educational needs?	using the Notional Funding allocated to all schools in their budget. In certain cases where

How is the school's special educational	individual needs exceed the 16 hours (£6000) of their allocated notional funding, additional
needs budget allocated?	funding is then requested from NCC.
	Our finances are monitored and audited regularly and we utilise resources to support the
	strategic aims of our setting as well as individual learner's needs. Our governors oversee the
	SEND budget.
	We seek to ensure a 'value for money' service, therefore all interventions are costed and
	evaluated.
How is the decision made about the type	Quality First Teaching is an expectation of all staff working in our setting.
and amount of support my child/young	If a child requires additional support, this will be discussed with the SLT, parents/carers,
person will receive?	outside agencies and the child. All interventions are monitored for impact and outcomes are
	defined at the start of any intervention. The SENDCo evaluates all additional support and
	regularly shares updates with the SEN Governor, parents/carers, outside agencies and the child
	(where appropriate).
Who can I contact for further information?	Initially, parents/carers are encouraged to talk to their child's class teacher. For children with
	SEND, further information and support can be obtained from the school SENCO.
	For additional information regarding SEND, please use the Northumberland County Council
	SEND offer.
	www.northumberland.gov.uk.