



NORTHWOOD RESOURCE BASE - PRIMARY

Resource Base - Special Educational Provision for children with Speech, Language and Communication (SLC) needs

What is a Resource Base?

Resource Bases are special educational provision for Children and Young People who will primarily have an Education Health and Care Plan. In exceptional circumstances a child/young person without an EHCP will be considered to access a Base.

Due to the Child/young person's Special Educational Needs, they will require:

- Daily access to an environment modified to their special educational needs;
- Daily access to specialist teachers and trained staff in the area of their special educational needs
- Opportunity to be included in the whole life of the school including daily teaching within mainstream classes (minimum 50% of time) with planned additional support;
- A mainstream peer group to act as appropriate models.

What is provided at Northwood Primary School Resource Base?

Northwood Primary School is commissioned by the Local Authority to provide a Resource Base for children with severe Speech, Language and Communication Needs (SLCN). This means that there will be evidence of a discrepancy between the pupil's speech and language skills and non-verbal cognitive abilities; evidence of significant difficulties participating as a speaker and listener in the school environment, inadequate progress in more than one area of the curriculum, evidence of significant difficulties with processing information or phonological awareness. It is not always possible in the early stages to say whether a child's language is delayed or disordered. Early delay may resolve itself – but it may turn out to be a disorder. Assessment by a speech and language therapist is required for the distinction to be made reliably.

Placement is for up to a maximum of 12 half terms however where a child's needs are profound and require specialist support an agreement will be made with the Local Authority for continuation of placement. At the end of the placement children can either stay at Northwood school or apply for a place in another mainstream Darlington school.



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Intervention planning and specialist intervention in liaison with parents/carers and other professionals, in the originating 'home' school prior to accessing the resource base would need to be evidenced including outreach support where appropriate.

What age groups are covered?

9 places are available in Reception, Key Stages 1 and 2 (ages 4-11)

Support at the Resource Base is in mainstream classes, in group sessions as well as on a one-to-one basis (for a minimum of 2 sessions per week)

What are the eligibility criteria?

A Speech and Language Therapist assessment will confirm that SLC is the primary area of special educational need (SEN).

More information

What is a SLC delay or disorder?

<http://www.afasic.org.uk/recognising-a-problem/glossarysheets/>

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