

Across the Ponteland Partnership we believe that every child has an entitlement to learn, regardless of need. We aim to maximise potential, offering inclusion and equality at all stages of school life.

This leaflet has been produced so that parents and carers can easily understand the procedures involved in supporting Special Educational Needs

Many of the children we see in our partnership require special educational provision at some time during their school career; these needs can be long term or short term.

We work within the remit of the SEND Code of Practice and aim to liaise closely together as schools, and with parents, to offer a personalised curriculum and success for all. We believe that the most successful way to maximise potential of all children is through the successful partnership of staff, parents, children and support agencies.

SENDCOs across the partnership work very effectively together meeting regularly to share good practice, to plan and to discuss current research.

We rigorously assess and monitor the development of all children from their individual starting points to ensure they are making appropriate and expected progress. In instances where a child does not make expected progress, they benefit from a differentiated curriculum and where appropriate, an intervention strategy. Intervention strategies are reviewed termly and provided the measures used have achieved the targeted impact, they cease and monitoring will continue. In instances where the intervention strategy has not been effective, an alternative intervention may be introduced. In instances where intervention strategies do not achieve the desired impact, referral will be made to one or more external agency for guidance and support in constructing individualised learning programmes for the child. Monitoring and reviews from this point will include external agencies involved.

The SENCOs in each school are listed below.

First Schools

Ponteland is Mrs L Blain: 01661 822103

Stamfordham is Ms C McKinney: 01661 886358

Darras Hall is Ms V Parr: 01661 823857

Heddon on the Wall is Mr A Wheatley: 01661 853350

Whalton is Ms J Campbell: 01670 775216

Belsay is Mrs L Harris: 01661 881641

Middle Schools

Ponteland Community Middle

Mrs Blackburn: 01661 824853

Mrs Cafferty: 01661 824853

Richard Coates C of E Middle School

01661 823167

Ponteland High School

Mrs M Armstrong: 01661 824711

As a parent you have a vital role in supporting your child's school life; home and school working together has been proved to be crucial to success. For ideas or examples of how you can support your child in their education please see individual school information.