

Parent:

“The school has a calming atmosphere and everything is totally suited to the children’s needs. As long as my child is happy and surrounded by people who understand him, that’s all any parent could ask for.”

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Kiora Hall

Prospectus



Welcome to **Kiora Hall**

“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 Kiora Hall, 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 Kiora Hall 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 Kiora Hall, please feel free to arrange a visit to meet our fantastic staff and students.”

Tracey Train
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 Kiora Hall, we are committed to helping our pupils fulfil their potential by preparing them for the next stage in their education, employment and lives.

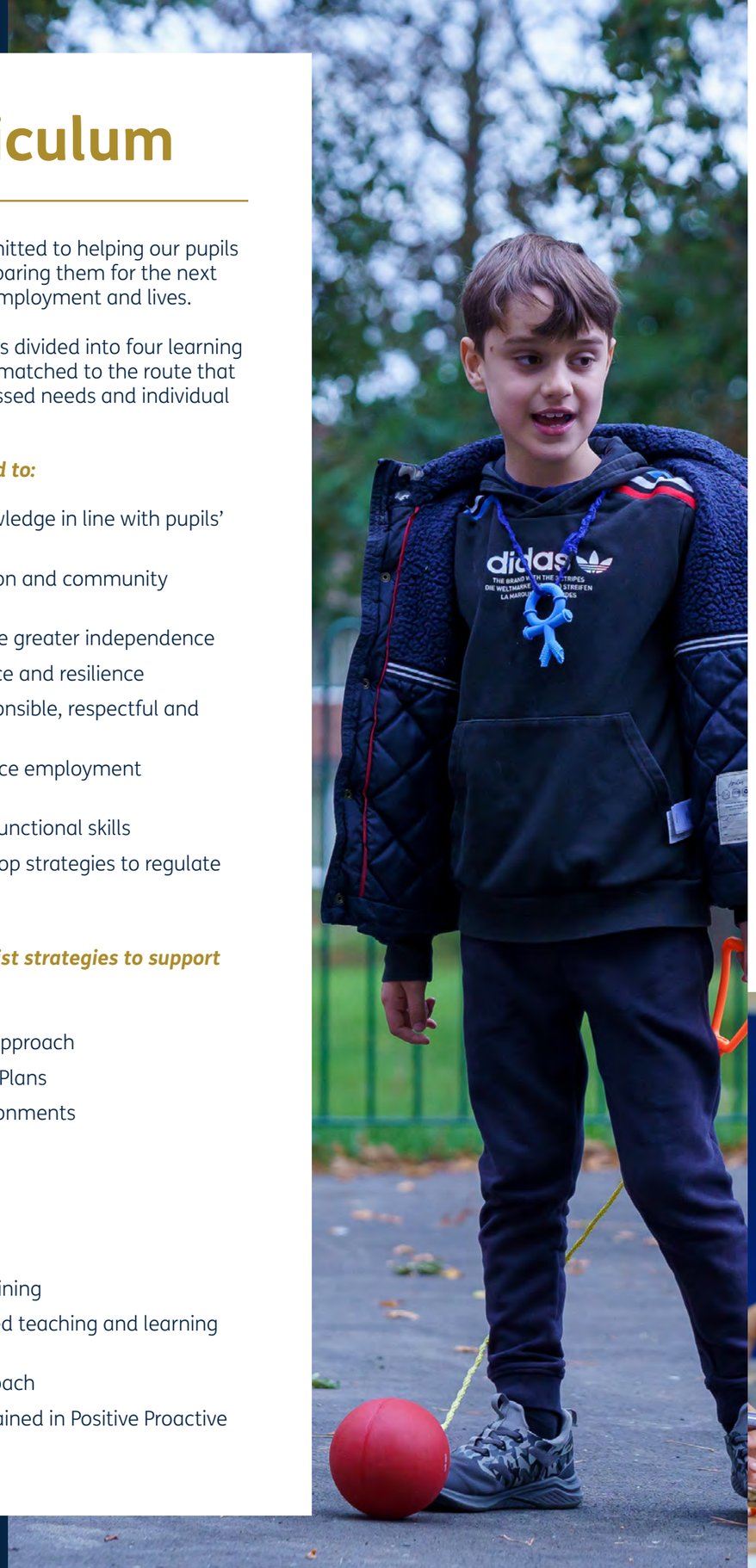
Our ambitious curriculum is divided into four learning pathways with each pupil matched to the route that is best suited to their assessed needs and individual aspirations.

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



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

"My daughter hasn't been fazed about starting a new school. The school has big rooms and a lot of outdoor space, which she loves, and the teaching staff are all really nice."

Teaching Assistant

"The pupils make the job what it is – they're fantastic."

Our **Admissions**

Kiora Hall 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, Kiora Hall 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 Kiora Hall 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.





Safeguarding

We place the highest priority on ensuring the safety of all pupils at Kiora Hall.

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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"My daughter has started sleeping better at home and can't wait to go into school in the morning. It's because she's getting everything she needs there. It's an absolute game changer."



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Kiora Hall 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 Northeast for more than 40 years.

For more information about Kiora Hall, visit our website or contact:

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