

# The SEMH Hub for Primary Schools at NeneGate School

## What is a Hub?

Peterborough City Council and a number of primary, secondary and special schools are working together to create a network of specialist hubs in schools across the city. These Hubs are developing to become 'centres of expertise' to help improve the support for all children with special educational needs and disabilities in all schools in the Peterborough area. The primary focus of a Hub is to equip themselves and other schools to support students with specific SEND. Some of these Hubs have a limited number of places for students.

You can find out more about the network of Hubs at

<https://www.peterborough.gov.uk/residents/special-educational-needs/local-offer/early-years-education-and-training/education/>



The Peterborough SEMH Primary Hub supports children with social, emotional and mental health (SEMH) issues and is based at NeneGate School – a special school for young people with SEMH. We have a small number of on-site placements for young people with EHC plans stating SEMH as their primary need. We provide a small specialised environment where developmental gaps are addressed using the principles of nurture. We also provide advice and training to primary schools on best practice in supporting young people with SEMH in their setting.

For further information, please see the Peterborough Local Offer:

[www.peterborough.gov.uk/localoffer](http://www.peterborough.gov.uk/localoffer) or contact the

SEMH Primary Hub Lead: [phil.pettener@nenegate.peterborough.sch.uk](mailto:phil.pettener@nenegate.peterborough.sch.uk)



## What do the Hub offer to help?

Young people based in the Hub follow a broad and balanced curriculum that is underpinned by the principles of nurture. Nurture is a psychosocial intervention with the aim of effectively replacing missing early nurturing experiences. This is achieved by immersing the young people in an accepting and warm environment in small groups where consistent adults give unconditional positive regard. The outcome leads to better relationships with adults and peers and improved well-being, achievements and behaviour.

NeneGate has an experienced staff with a wide range of qualifications specific to supporting young people with SEMH. Our offer is to share this experience with primary schools across Peterborough.



### Nurture Principles:

- Children's learning is understood developmentally
- The classroom offers a safe base
- The importance of nurture for the development of wellbeing
- Language is a vital means of communication
- All behaviour is communication
- The importance of transition in children's lives

## What difference does the Hub make?

Pupil and Parent voice has shown increased levels of resilience and emotional well-being. This is backed by attendance and progress towards overcoming developmental gaps.

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## Improving support across Peterborough

- Hub Hotline open 1st and 3rd Friday of every month between 14:00 – 15:00 : 01733 552403
- Observations in your setting
- Tailored advice, strategies and training
- Programme of Training surrounding behaviour as a language and nurture principles
- Open sessions held at the Hub to view resources, environment and to speak to staff

## How do I get a place at the Hub?

Admissions are via the SEND Panel. Students in the Hub must have an Education, Health and Care (EHC) Plan with their primary need being stated as SEMH to be considered for a place in the Hub.

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