

The Autism Hub for Secondary Schools at Nene Park Academy

What is a Hub?

Peterborough City Council values the expertise available within the cities schools and has developed a network of specialist Hubs. These Hubs are found within schools and Academies as 'centres of expertise', with the role of supporting other schools in raising the quality of their offer for those with SEND across Peterborough. Each Hub has a specialism; for example Autism at Nene Park Academy and is commissioned through robust links between the senior staff at the City Council and the linked school or academy.

As centres for in-reach support Hubs may be centres of excellence alone or as with Nene Park Academy Hub, centres of excellence combined with a small number of student places. 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 primary aim of the Nene Park Academy Hub is to share expertise with other local schools. This is done through training events, discussion groups and drop-in sessions over the year. The Hub at Nene Park Academy also caters for a small number of students who for various reasons may need a more bespoke school offer in the first instance, that cannot be provided by training and support offered to the mainstream school. By tailoring the school curriculum offer and supporting their individual needs, students transition into the Hub and are then supported to transition, from this smaller environment, into main school.

For further information, please see the Peterborough Local Offer:

www.peterborough.gov.uk/localoffer or contact the

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What do the Hubs offer to help?

The Hub for Autism at Nene Park Academy offers a bespoke provision based on individual need. Each student has a personalised timetable, comprising of a combination of Hub and whole school lessons. A variety of different Hub-based lessons are delivered depending upon the students' need and can include: emotional literacy, skills for independence, sensory support, numeracy and literacy. Over time the expectation is that students will become increasingly independent and transition out of the Hub into main school.



Improving support across Peterborough

The Hub plays a key role in modelling and assisting schools across Peterborough to develop and make improvements to their support for students with Autism.

It does this in a range of ways including:

- Drop in sessions for teachers;
- Modelling how approaches and resources can be used across whole schools to build inclusive culture and practice;
- Delivering training on Autism related topics

How do I get a place at the Hub?

To be considered for a place in the Hub students must have a diagnosis on the Autistic Spectrum **and** an Education, Health and Care (EHC) Plan.

Placements in the Hub are via an application for a Special School via Peterborough Local Authority SEND Panel.

The Hub is managed on a day to day basis by the Hub Lead. We have a range of Teaching Assistants with Autism training and teaching staff have completed the Autism Education Trust Level 1 qualification.

There is a Hub Form Group in Lennon House and pupils are encouraged and supported to be fully participating members of the whole school.



Hub at NPA
Logo designed
by the students



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