

# Trimdon Hill School

Trimdon Hill School is an independent specialist school for autistic children between four and eleven years of age.



## At a glance



Co-educational



4-11 Years



Day School



Trimdon Hill School,  
Salters Lane, Trimdon,  
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Developing the whole child:  
A nurturing and supportive  
environment that supports  
communication, interaction  
and curiosity.

Trimdon Hill School is a brand-new school meeting the needs of 40 young people aged 4 -11, with a diagnosis of autism and who may also have a range of complex learning needs, communication and sensory difficulties. Situated in Trimdon Grange, County Durham, our school building has been refurbished and re-designed to the highest standard to meet the needs of our amazing young people.

The aim of the education provided at Trimdon Hill school is to develop social **interaction** and **communication** skills to allow young people to express their needs and to stimulate **curiosity** in the world around them.

At Trimdon School we are dedicated to creating a therapeutic and nurturing learning environment which enables all students to make progress. By providing a broad and rich curriculum focusing on the holistic growth of our students, we focus on developing core life skills such as communication and social interaction, sensory processing and emotional regulation. We develop young people's skills to ensure that they can access the world around them and prepare them for the next stages of their education. This is achieved by offering a broad and exciting curriculum which is supported by a variety of professionals who liaise with families to support young people's broader development.



# Welcome from the headteacher, Victoria Muir

I'm delighted to offer a warm welcome to Trimdon Hill School, a nurturing and exciting environment that offers opportunities to young people with a diagnosis of autism and who may also have a range of complex learning needs, communication and sensory difficulties. The environment and curriculum are designed to provide a holistic approach to education where the focus is on developing young people's confidence and helps young people to make sense of the world around them.

With 22 years of experience of working in education serving the young people and families of County Durham and the surrounding areas, I am passionate about building a school which engages and supports the whole child and enables them and their families to access high quality education that allows young people to make progress against their individual start points and breaks down barriers to learning.

We work alongside families and our clinical team to support communication development and acquisition of language and communication skills so that young people can express their themselves and are able to interact with others whilst developing crucial social interaction skills that are appropriate to their needs. This is developed through the thoughtful and individualised planning of activities that stimulate curiosity and support regulation so that young people can access the curriculum which in turn allows them to make progress.

We understand that allowing us to work with your young person may feel daunting which is why we strive to engage families as partners in their child's education through clear and consistent communication and reviewing progress regularly.

Many of our young people will have sensory processing difficulties which is why our school focusses on ensuring that sensory needs are met by working alongside our clinical team to develop individualised programmes that allow young people to build confidence in a safe and nurturing environment where play and interaction help deliver outcomes for all.

Young people are at the centre of everything we do here at Trimdon Hill school and with the support of our colleagues and families we aim to allow our young people to access education, community and the wider world around them.

## Clinical Offer

As well as delivering the best possible education, we also have a clinical team who provide care and therapy to benefit the children and young people in our school.

Our clinical team includes:

- Speech and Language Therapists
- Occupational Therapists
- Access to other types of therapy as required

**To make a referral please contact [harveen.basra@ofgl.uk](mailto:harveen.basra@ofgl.uk)**

