

High Incidence Needs Team (HINT)

Parent/Carer Information



Who are we and how can we help you?

Our team of professionals has extensive experience of working with children and young people from nursery/pre-school to age 25 and has up-to-date knowledge of developments in education and in Special Educational Needs and Disabilities, at local, regional, and national level.

Staff in the High Incidence Needs Team (HINT) also have specialist qualifications in one or more areas of SEND, and have knowledge and experience of supporting children and young people with:

- speech, language, and communication needs (SLCN)
- complex social communication needs, including Autism (CSC/ASC)
- specific learning difficulties, including Dyslexia (SpLD)
- social, emotional and mental health (SEMH)

What is our role?

Our role is to support staff to include your child/young person in the opportunities and experiences on offer in school in order to meet their needs.

We do this by working with school staff as they:

- identify strengths and needs
- plan and implement appropriate practice and adjustments in the classroom
- deliver appropriate interventions
- review and adapt practice in response to progress
- identify next steps

Please note our role is **not** to provide a diagnosis.



What does your consent mean?

Your consent allows us to:

- contact the school to discuss the needs of your child/young person
- provide recommendations to staff
- liaise with other professionals who may have been involved with your child/young person

The advice is individualised to each child/young person and school that we work with. This **could** include:

- consultation with staff
- observations in school
- assessment
- verbal recommendations to staff
- written recommendations to staff
- signposting to other services

The school SENCo is our point of contact for arranging visits and meetings for children/young people we are involved with.

Contact information

If you have any questions or queries, please do not hesitate to contact the team by emailing us at:
hintenquiries@gateshead.gov.uk

If you wish to withdraw your consent at any time, please email: **hintenquiries@gateshead.gov.uk**

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