

## **Autism Resource Base**

In our school we have a resource base to meet the needs of the children who have a diagnosis of Autism and have an Education Health Care Plan. The resource base accommodates twelve pupils and has one part time teacher, one full time Autism Instructor and one teaching assistant.

At Paget Primary School we recognise that some children with ASC can find the world confusing which can make school a challenge. Each child is an individual and it is our aim to equip them with specific strategies and support to promote their inclusion and reduce potential anxieties so they can have a fun and enjoyable time at school.

We follow the EYFS and National Curriculum which is broken down into small steps using a personalised approach, tailored to meet children's individual needs. We use teaching approaches that are tailored to the individual pupils including the TEACCH and structured teaching, social stories and visual support.

The curriculum is weighted to address the social, communication and sensory needs of the pupils. Our classroom provides an ASC friendly environment to ensure all pupils reach their full potential. All pupils are working towards integration into mainstream education when it is appropriate for them.

It is not intended to cater for children with a combination of Autism, severe learning difficulties and extremely challenging behaviours.

Admission of children into the resource base will be decided by The Special Education Needs Assessment Review (SENAR) taking account of individual children's needs, parental preference and consultation with the school.