



Admissions Policy

As Hillcrest is a maintained Special School we fall under the Local Authority admissions arrangements.

Please follow the link to view:

[Northumberland Admissions Information](#)

The SEND team also have specific information regarding learners with SEND:

[SEND Information, Advice and Support Service](#)

Pupils at Hillcrest will all have an Education and Health Care Plan (EHCP). All pupils will transition onto the new EHCP during their academic time at Hillcrest.

Learners that require a specialist provision in Northumberland are submitted through to the SEND team. The team will then allocate a SEN officer who will submit this to all schools/provisions within Northumberland. Receiving schools/provisions will then check capacity and consider if they can meet the learners needs. Parents/carers can then consider which school/provision suits their child best.

Hillcrest is a secondary provision and can accept learners from Year 7 through to Year 13. We are a non-specific specialist provision so any learner's needs will be considered.

Hillcrest will carefully consider:

- The age of the learner and suitability of peers
- The needs and interests of the learner
- The resources required for successful placement
- Parental choice

Northumberland County Council Admissions Statement

To attend a special school, a child or young person would need to have an EHC Plan or a Statement of SEN. The school would need to be appropriate for their age, ability, aptitude and special educational needs. The placement would also need to be compatible with the efficient education of the other children with whom the child or young person would be educated and with the efficient use of resources.

For further details, contact the SEND Information, Advice and Support Service on **01670 623555**. The service can provide leaflets on 'Visiting a School', and 'Starting a New School'. If your child has a EHC Plan or Statement of SEN and you think that they would benefit from being at a different school, you should ask their current school to hold a review of their Plan or Statement.

Hillcrest is a 101 place school with a 16-18 provision. Generally, schools cannot go over capacity unless additional places are agreed by the LA and Head collaboratively.