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KIRKLEATHAM HALL SCHOOL

GENERAL INFORMATION

Kirkleatham Hall School is a very successful special school catering for approximately 150 children from the age of two to nineteen, with severe or profound learning difficulties and severe communication difficulties (many with Autistic Spectrum Conditions) some with challenging behaviours. The numbers of learners in school has grown over the last couple of years. The school is situated in a wooded conservation area in a small village on the outskirts of Redcar. It has undergone several building projects over the years and the accommodation is generally good. Accommodation includes a swimming pool, a soft play/ball room, a sound and light room, two halls, and a library. In January 2014 a new FE Unit (Oakwood Building) was opened for students 16-19 years affording them vocational learning, independent skills and other exciting learning opportunities.

We have had three very successful Ofsted inspections, the last one in February 2013. Ofsted describe our school as a Good school that "Buzzes with a positive and vibrant ethos". The early year's department (EYFS), Behaviour and Safety and, the progress of pupils who find it hardest to learn, were all recognised as Outstanding.

The school is divided into four areas covering Early Years, Primary, Secondary and FE departments. Specialist provision is also available for pupils with profound and multiple learning difficulties and complex health needs. A large skilled team of teaching assistants work closely with teachers and other multi-disciplinary support staff in educating pupils as well as caring for their personal and pastoral needs. Team-work is an extremely important element of this school and experience of working in a team situation would be invaluable.

The pupils in school follow a modified curriculum to suit their individual needs, but retaining all the elements of the National Curriculum. Work is both differentiated and often personalised to meet those needs. Our curriculum was also recognised as outstanding in our last two inspections.