



The Grange  
Learning Centre

# School Prospectus **2023 - 2024**

## Proprietor details

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## School ethos/mission statement

The Grange Learning Centre is a unique Integrated Therapeutic Provision and provides a safe, caring and learning environment within which personal growth and development is promoted. We place learning at the centre of everything we do offering an individualised structured curriculum, differentiated and relevant to student need.

Our most recent Ofsted Inspection rated The Grange Learning Centre as 'Outstanding' in All Areas.

Our Integrated Therapeutic Provision provides a highly personalised curriculum with structured learning programmes tailored to individual need.

Within The Grange Learning Centre, we raise the standard of achievement for all, enabling students to develop into socially and emotionally responsible citizens by providing outstanding high quality education, care and therapy.

At The Grange Learning Centre our highest endeavour is to develop creative and responsible students who are able to deal with diverse situations and to direct their lives with purpose.

We therefore gradually, and through a carefully planned development, merge the creativity, with a highly structured approach to learning to create an innovative, exciting and creative outstanding learning environment.

## Aims of The Grange Learning Centre

Our collective aim within The Grange Learning Centre is to equip all our students with the skills they need to access education where they will continue to develop and leave full time education as well rounded human beings who are resourceful, creative, responsible and curious with the skills necessary to meet the challenges of the 21st century and with the problem solving skills required for a sustainable future.

The Grange Learning Centre is an outstanding provision and has:

- A strong and distinctive sense of purpose that responds to individual students' and results in outstanding progress.
- The capacity and willingness to innovate by providing a pathway to positive educational and social outcomes for students who join the centre with challenging behaviour and educational underachievement.
- A powerful collective ethos that is shared by all staff to develop creative and responsible students who are able to deal with diverse situations and to direct their lives with purpose.
- A stubborn refusal to allow the socio-economic background of any student to become an obstacle to progress
- Continue to engage with and keep abreast of innovative approaches to education and therapeutic intervention whilst maintaining careful evaluation of individual progress.
- Through therapeutic intervention engaging with students to manage their emotions so they are able to develop the skills they need to deal with frustration, anger or conflict in a responsible manner, acknowledging their feelings but also the feelings of other people who are involved and identifying ways of repairing any damage to relationships.

Within The Grange Learning Centre, we only employ staff who are highly skilled and have a desire to work in this Integrated Approach to Learning. Hence, our staff team are trained to a high level with annual appraisal targets, which aid their future development and develop their experience and skills to ensure they deliver the highest level of education. Staff are encouraged to take advantage of the extensive CPD programme within the Witherslack Group and beyond. All staff access training where possible that is specific to this specialist field of education through both internal and external professionals.

As The Grange Learning Centre grows into its mature state there is a clear ambition to develop this Integrated Approach with our dedicated Speech and Language Therapy, Occupational therapist and Mental Health practitioners working seamlessly alongside education staff creating a genuine therapeutic milieu supporting development

### Details regarding admission process

The Grange Integrated Therapeutic Provision is a co-educational, specialist 52 week fully integrated, therapeutic, education and care facility situated on a large site near Durham.

The provision meets the needs of young people aged 8-19 exhibiting a diverse range of social, emotional and behavioural difficulties, alongside other associated conditions.

Applications are considered by our admissions panel and a non-prejudicial visit will then be arranged. Following this visit a place may be offered to pupils whose needs can be fully addressed by the school. Fees and NASS approved contracts will then be agreed with local authorities.

Referrals can be made throughout the Academic Year

If you wish to discuss making a referral, please contact Witherslack Group Placement Team.

## Details for consideration of pupils/ parents whose first language is not English:

On admission a child's need for additional support is identified. Appropriate provision is then established prior to the pupils start date. One to one support from a bi-lingual support assistant will be provided if this is an identified requirement.

## Details of complaints procedure

In accordance with the Children's Act 1989, all students at The Grange Learning Centre have access to a Complaints Procedure.

Informal complaints or concerns will be initially addressed by the Centres Pastoral Manager. Formal complaints directly from the child or via a parent/carer or member of staff should be reported directly to the Head Teacher.

Complaints or concerns arising from adults also follow set procedures. Firstly, the concern should be addressed informally with the school. We have had 0 complaints within the last year, but any future action would be taken extremely seriously.

Copies of these policies and procedures are available on request.

Statement regarding accessing exam results.

Exam results are accessed in accordance with to the Awarding Body Policies and Procedures.

Dates are published annually by Awarding bodies and we are compliant with their processes.

## Safeguarding Mission Statement

The Grange Learning Centre is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of our students. We believe in the importance of working with partner agencies to ensure that students are kept safe, happy and healthy. All staff working here are made aware of the need of protection and how to respond to these concerns.

Where we suspect that a child has been abused or neglected, we have a statutory duty to make a referral to relevant agencies. Where local procedures allow, we will inform the parent[s] of the referral. The school will share any information relevant to the referral with those agencies and will contribute to any assessments being undertaken.

We have a 'Safeguarding Policy' and all staff are supported by our designated Safeguarding Leads:-

Pastoral Manager (DSL): Emily Byrne

Deputy Head (DDSL): Adele Shield

If you require further support on safeguarding matters you can contact:

Sharon Lewis - Durham LADO: 03000 268835

Emergency Duty Team Durham: 03000 261570

## Promoting General Welfare

### Anti-Bullying

We pride ourselves on our warm and caring atmosphere. All members of our community are entitled to safety and protection and therefore bullying will not be tolerated. We have clear policies and guidelines raising awareness in staff, children and young people to signs of bullying. During the last 12 months there were 8 reported incidents of bullying or perceived bullying, all were actioned swiftly, with positive outcome. Our relationship with the young people themselves allows a bespoke therapeutic and nurturing response to any such incident.

### Health and Safety

At The Grange Learning Centre, the Health and Safety is coordinated by Eric Richardson. The whole site has internal health and safety checks in place for the maintenance staff to complete, with an action plan put in place to rectify any faults. The Witherslack Group's Management and Risk Assessment Teams visits and audits the school each term.

### First Aid/Medical Care

All staff, as part of their induction training, complete a one-day Basic First Aid course for children's services. All First Aid training is followed up with refresher training every three years.

The on-site Children's Homes administer prescribed medication to students. All medication is recorded and kept in a locked medical cupboard.



## Details regarding staffing and recruitment

The Grange Learning Centre follows a rigorous recruitment process in order that we recruit high quality staff and ensure that children and young people are kept safe. Senior Leaders involved in the recruitment process undertake safer recruitment training and all staff employed within the school are subject to an enhanced DBS check.

Within The Learning Centre we have a Head Teacher, Deputy Head, 7 full time Teachers and 8 Full time Teaching Assistants with a Pastoral Manager and an Assistant.

## Attendance Data:

Attendance at The Grange Learning Centre was 93% for the academic Year Sept 2022-23.



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