

Helen Allison School has been awarded Beacon Status



We are a Beacon of excellence in the field and so proud of this recognition!

HAS submitted their report to Autism Accreditation which had to provide evidence of quality and consistent support to autistic people but also demonstrated outstanding and innovative practice in sharing expertise and knowledge. Beacon status is the highest award Accreditation can give and is a considerable achievement.

The award is given to provisions which have already achieved an advanced award and in particular describes exceptional work that has had a significant impact on how families, professionals and the local community understand and respond to autistic people.

A panel of independent experts in the field found that the application “provides evidence of how a positive learning environment is created for autistic young people in the school.”

The panel also noted the following as particular areas of strength and innovation:

- The sharing of practice with parents such as yoga sessions.
- Themed stalls at Parents evenings.
- Support for siblings.
- The involvement of autistic young people in their local community.
- Police and Taxi / escorts training.
- The application of the Quality-of-Life Framework.
- The contribution made to knowledge and understanding of autism through training activities, contribution to professional events and publication of articles and resources.

We are truly proud of this achievement which further evidences our mission statement:

Our mission is to provide opportunities for improving quality of life for all of our pupils. Ensuring a holistic approach will assist our pupils with building self-confidence, resilience and independence, whilst on their educational journey and beyond. Creating strong partnership working with parents, enables us to motivate pupils to reach their dreams, goals and aspirations. We will support them to become the best version of themselves.

In addition, this acclaimed award validates the continued commitment from our wonderful staff team in supporting autistic people and their families and sharing best practice with professionals and the local community.